

MINUTES

SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OCTOBER 21, 2025

WEST SQUARE BUILDING, 505 BROADWAY, ROOM 326, BARABOO, WI

REGULAR MEETING: SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. Call to Order and Certify Compliance with Open Meeting Law: 6:00 P.M.

- 2. Roll Call:** PRESENT: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon.

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, County Administrator; Nick O'Connor, Interim Corporation Counsel; Becky Evert, Sauk County Clerk; and Cora McDonnell, Deputy County Clerk.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation given by Supervisor Klitzke.

4. Adopt Agenda: MOTION (T. Spencer/Lohr) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried **unanimously**.
(Voice Vote)

5. Adopt Minutes: MOTION (Evert/Burchill) to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried **unanimously**. (Voice Vote)

6. General Consent Agenda Items:

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE:

Resolution 57-2025 To Honor Susan Blodgett For Over Ten (10) Years Of Service To Sauk County.

MOTION (Polivka/Rego) to approve Consent Agenda item(s). Motion carried **unanimously**. (Voice Vote)

7. Scheduled Appearances: None.

8. Public Comment:

- a. Eleanor Vita, re: Resolution 63-2025. (*Handout on File*)
- b. Judy Brey, re: in favor of Proposed 2026-2028 budget.
- c. John Miller, re: in favor of Keeping Health Care Center.
- d. Marilyn Kinsman-Kharbush, re: in favor of Fully Funding SCHCC in next years budget.
- e. Muhammed Kharbush, re: in favor of perpetual funding of County H. care center. (didn't speak).

9. Communications:

- a. Letter from WI Department of Children & Families, re: The 2024 Certificate of Excellence Award (Received 9/17/2025).
- b. Letter from Village of Loganville, re: Support for the Sale of the Former Loganville Elementary School (Received 9/19/2025).
- c. Letter from WI Department of Natural Resources, re: Notification of Proposed Revocation of Air Pollution Control Permit(s) (Received 10/8/2025).
- d. Letter from Western Technical College, re: Notification of a Member Vacancy on the Western Technical College District Board (Received 10/8/2025).
- e. Letter from La Crosse County, re: Notification of the Western Technical College District Board's Appointment Committee Meeting (Received 10/8/2025).

10. **Appointments:**

a. **SAUK COUNTY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:**

- i. Stephanie Beardsley, Finance Director

b. **FAMILIES COME FIRST/COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE:**

- i. Isaiah Bostic, New Appointment, Citizen Member
2-Year Term: 10/21/2025 to 10/19/2027

MOTION (Klitzke/Rego) to approve all appointments. Motion carried **unanimously**. (*Voice Vote*).

11. **Bills:** None.

12. **Claims:** None.

13. **Elections:** None.

14. **Proclamations:**

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

Resolution 58-2025 Crash Responder Safety Week Proclamation.

MOTION (Klitzke/Kinsman). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

15. **Reports – informational, no action required:**

- a. Rebecca C. Evert, County Clerk – Rezoning petitions filed with the office of the Sauk County Clerk as a requirement of Wisconsin State Statutes 59.69(5)(e): none.
- b. Lisa Wilson, Sauk County Administrator
- i. Administrator's Report.
- c. Tim McCumber, County Board Chair
- i. Board Chair Update.
- ii. Reminder: November 11th, 2025 – Annual Budget Meeting.

16. **Unfinished Business:** None.

17. **New Business:**

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Resolution 59-2025 To Amend The Sauk County Rules Of The Board. *2/3 Vote Required.

MOTION (Klitzke/Carver).

MOTION TO AMEND (Fordham/Burchill) To Remove Change #1.

Current Rule – Chair receives salary of \$650/month.

Proposed Rule – **\$900 per month.**

VOTE: AYES: (11) Harris, Johnson, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, Polivka, Burchill, Lohr, Alexander, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (18). Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Deitrich, Krueger, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, R. Spencer, Carver, Peper, Detter, and Evert.

ABSTAIN: (1) McCumber. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion failed.

MOTION TO AMEND (Burchill/Stehling) To Remove Change #10.

Current Rule – No Supervisor may be elected as Chair for more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Proposed Rule – ~~No Supervisor may be elected as Chair for more than three (3) consecutive terms.~~

VOTE: AYES: (12) T. Spencer, Harris, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Cross, Fordham, Pocernich, R. Spencer, Burchill, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (17). Roxen, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Deitrich, Prosser, Lombard, Dorner, Hazard, Carver, Polivka, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, and Evert. ABSTAIN: (1) McCumber. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion failed.

MOTION TO AMEND (Harris/Burchill) To Remove Change #8.

Current Rule – Unless conducting non-County Board business, Supervisors wishing to confer with a Department Head shall schedule an appointment in advance with the Department Head and a Supervisor shall not contact staff (non-department head) without first seeking permission from the Administrator or Department Head.

Proposed Rule – **The County Board serves as the legislative body in County government. As such, the County Board's role is to enact policy. To implement the policy, the County Board shall appoint a person as the County Administrator according to Wis. Stat. 59.18(1). The County Administrator shall perform all duties and have such authority as specified in Wis. Stat. 59.18, the job description, Chapter 33 of the Sauk County Code of Ordinances, the Board Rules and as otherwise may be authorized and directed by the County Board from time to time. Department heads are responsible and shall report to the County Administrator. County Board members requesting information or a report from a Department Head or other County staff shall request such information or report either in the context of a County Board or Committee meeting or from the County Administrator.** Unless conducting non-County Board business, Supervisors wishing to confer with a Department Head shall schedule an appointment in advance with the Department Head. A Supervisor shall not contact staff (non-department head) without first seeking permission from the Administrator or Department Head.

VOTE: AYES: (6) Rego, Harris, Johnson, Clemens, McCumber, and Lohr. NAYS: (24) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Kinsman, Klitzke, Deitrich, Krueger, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion failed.

MOTION (Klitzke/Carver) TO VOTE ON ORIGINAL RESOLUTION. **VOTE:** AYES: (25) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Kinsman, Klitzke, Deitrich, Krueger, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (5) Rego, Harris, Johnson, Pocernich, and Burchill. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried.

Resolution 60-2025 To Appoint Interim Corporation Counsel And Approve Engagement Letter.

MOTION (Polivka/Lohr). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, & INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Resolution 61-2025 Authorizing Changes To The Sauk County Offered Vision Insurance.

MOTION (Lohr/Burchill). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Resolution 62-2025 Authorizing The Acquisition Of A Safety Management Suite Subscription From J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

MOTION (Evert/Lohr). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Resolution 63-2025 Requesting Support Of State Investment For Income Maintenance Administration For Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - Foodshare) Program.

MOTION (Fordham/Rego). **VOTE:** AYES: (29) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSTAIN: (1) Klitzke. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried.

LAND RESOURCES & EXTENSION COMMITTEE:

Resolution 64-2025 Authorizing Sauk County To Submit One Application To The Wisconsin Department Of Transportation For The 2026-2030 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle.

MOTION (Krueger/Lohr). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Resolution 65-2025 Approving The Memorandum Of Understanding Between The UW-Madison Of Extension And Sauk County As A Companion Document To The Contract Between Extension And The County.

MOTION (Polivka/R. Spencer). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Resolution 66-2025 Authorizing Submission Of The Lake Monitoring And Protection Network Grant Application.

MOTION (Kinsman/Lohr). **VOTE:** AYES: (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Resolution 67-2025 Authorizing Sauk County To Submit An Application To The Wisconsin Department Of Administration For The Grants For Local Projects (Non-State Grant Program).

MOTION (Kinsman/Polivka). **VOTE:** AYES: (29) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (1) Peper. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried.

Resolution 68-2025 Authorizing The Application And Implementation Of The Healthy Lakes And Rivers Program.

MOTION (Kinsman/R. Spencer). **VOTE:** AYES: (29) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (1) Peper. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried.

Resolution 69-2025 Approving the Amended Sauk County Farmland Preservation Plan.

MOTION (Krueger/Kinsman). **VOTE:** (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Resolution 70-2025 Approving An Amendment To The Town Of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance Concerning Vacation Rental Establishments.

MOTION (Polivka/Lohr). **VOTE:** AYES: (26) T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (3) Roxen, Harris, and Peper. ABSTAIN (1): McCumber. ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried.

Resolution 71-2025 Authorizing The County Administrator To Submit Multi-Discharger Variance Application To The Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources.

MOTION (Kinsman/Polivka). **VOTE:** (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe. NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND FINANCE, PERSONNEL, & INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Resolution 72-2025 Amending The 2025 Budget And Authorizing The Acceptance Of A State & Local Cybersecurity Grant From The Wisconsin Department Of Emergency Management And The Implementation Of A Managed Cyber Security Threat Detection And Response Solution.

**2/3 Vote Required.*

MOTION (Lohr/Peper). **VOTE:** (30) Roxen, T. Spencer, Eberl, Rego, Kinsman, Klitzke, Harris, Deitrich, Krueger, Johnson, Clemens, Prosser, Lombard, Cross, Dorner, Fordham, Pocernich, Hazard, McCumber, R. Spencer, Carver, Polivka, Burchill, Peper, Lohr, Alexander, Detter, Evert, Stehling, and McAuliffe.

NAYS: (0). ABSENT & EXCUSED: (1) Waldon. Motion carried **unanimously**.

18. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2026 ANNUAL SAUK COUNTY BUDGET

Lisa Wilson, Sauk County Administrator; and Lynn Horkan, Finance Director. Currently, it is appropriate and customary for the Chair to entertain a motion certifying the proposed 2026 Sauk County Budget for publication, and to set the time and date for the Public Hearing on the proposed Budget: November 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. This begins the budget review process for the County as a whole.

MOTION (Eberl/Lohr) to approve the proposed 2026 Sauk County Budget *for publication* and to set the time and date for the public hearing on the Proposed Budget for Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Motion carried **unanimously**. (*Voice Vote*)

19. **Referrals:** None.
20. **New Agenda items (no discussion).** Submit in writing or by e-mail new business items to the County Administrator as soon as possible for Rule III.A. referral.
21. **Adjournment to a date certain:** 7:54 P.M. MOTION (Klitzke/Rego) to adjourn until Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried **unanimously**. (*Voice Vote*)

Respectfully submitted,



Cora McDonnell
Deputy County Clerk

Minutes Approved: November 11, 2025

State of Wisconsin, County of Sauk: I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the October 21, 2025. Proceedings of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors. /s/Rebecca C. Evert, Sauk County Clerk.

Original documents on file @ Office of the Sauk County Clerk West Square Building, 505 Broadway, Room #144, Baraboo, WI 53913. 608-355-3286.

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