

(Draft Proceedings, not approved by Board)
PROCEEDINGS – JUNE 19, 2025
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

County Board Chair, Al Sleeter, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. the County Board Room #3041, located at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI by stating “This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same, as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk.” County Clerk, Kim Pytleski, recorded the attendance, with 25 members present: Supervisors Barkhaus, Behrend, Beyer, Christianson, Gooding, Heise, Holman, Kaczrowski, Kobylarczyk, Kroll, Lavarda, Matravers, Meier, Ondik, Parmentier, Pillsbury, Scanlan, Schindel, Schneider, Schreiber, Sleeter, Winkler, Wittkopf, Wolf, VanZeeland; 6 absent; Bartels Jr., Bitters, Cole, Dhuey, Willems, Ragen.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation was given by Supervisor Holman.

4. Statement of Oconto County Mission and Vision

Richard Heath, County Administrator, recited the Oconto County Mission and Vision statement.

5. Presentation of Awards and Recognition

- Chair Sleeter took a moment to remember Bev Ragen, wife of Supervisor Elmer Ragen, who passed away June 11, 2025.
- Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Dale Mohr in appreciation of 22 years of service with Oconto County, round of applause followed.

6. Presentation of Communications and Petition

There were three communications:

- Kim Pytleski, County Clerk, reminded supervisors of the memo received regarding the county board pictures taken by MK Photography, supervisors have until the end of the month to purchase individual or group pictures; treated as information to the board.
- Newest edition of Forward Analytics was placed on supervisors desks; treated as information to the board.
- A Thank You received from Courtney Olson, Rainbow House Executive Director, thanking Oconto County supervisors for the support to improve safety for clients; treated as information to the board.

Supervisor Willems arrived at 9:09 a.m.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda - None.

7.2. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 7.2.1. **A2025-06-01** Zoning Change – Town of Abrams (Konitzer) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.2. **A2025-06-02** Zoning Change – Town of Breed (Rice) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.3. **A2025-06-03** Zoning Change – Town of Doty (Christianson) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.4. **A2025-06-04** Zoning Change – Town of How (St. John’s Church & St. John’s Cemetery) – L&W Com.
- 7.2.5. **A2025-06-05** Zoning Change – Town of Little Suamico (Platten & Willison) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.6. **A2025-06-06** Zoning Change – Town of Pensaukee (Laes) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.7. **A2025-06-07** Zoning Change – Town of Stiles (Oconto County) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.8. **A2025-06-08** Zoning Change – Town of Townsend (CR Investment Properties LLC) – L&W Resources Com.
- 7.2.9. **R2025-06-02** Designation of Oconto County Aging Advisory Council – H&HS Board
- 7.2.10. **Appoint.** Northwood’s Community Development Block Grant Housing Consortium (Detrick) – Co. Admin.
- 7.2.11. **Re-Appointment** Farnsworth Public Library – County Appointment (Schroeder) – Co. Admin.

Motion by Barkhaus/Heise to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion to approve carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1. Change in Sequence – None.

8.2. Removal of Items – None.

8.3. Approval of Regular Agenda

Motion by Wolf/Behrend to approve agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

9. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings

Motion by Meier/Van Zeeland to approve the proceedings of the May 22, 2025, meeting. The motion was voted on and carried.

10. Committee and Departmental Reports

10.1. Report – Health & Human Services

Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director, presented the Health & Human Services report.

10.2. Report – Human Resources

Richard Heath, County Administrator, presented the Human Resources report.

10.3. Report – TEDCOR (Tourism & Economic Development Corporation of the Oconto Region)

Jayme Sellen, TEDCOR Director, presented the Tourism & Economic Development Corporation of the Oconto Region report.

11. R2025-06-01 Approval of Additional Department of Health and Human Services Supervisor – Children’s Long Term Support (CLTS)/Coordinated Services Team (CST) Position – H&HS Board

Motion by Lavarda/Van Zeeland to adopt R2025-06-01 Approval of Additional Department of Health and Human Services Supervisor – Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS)/Coordinated Services Team (CST) Position. Following an explanation by Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director, and discussion, motion by Parmentier/Barkhouse to amend line 41 to read “WHEREAS, the amount of any increase ~~can~~ **will** be funded through an annual allocation from DHS to” and line 46 to read “WHEREAS, the position ~~can~~ **will** be funded through State funding from DHS and Oconto County would”. The motion to amend was voted on and carried. The motion to adopt R2025-06-01, as amended, carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

12. R2025-06-03 Approval of a Full-time Water Resource Specialist – L&W Resources Com.

Motion by Scanlan/Schneider to adopt R2025-06-03 Approval of a Full-time Water Resource Specialist. Following an explanation by County Conservationist, Ken Dolata, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

13. R2025-06-04 Approval to Order Two (2) Quad-Axle Vehicles with Plow Equipment for the Highway Department – Highway Com.

Motion by Kaczrowski/Wolf to adopt R2025-06-04 Approval to Order Two (2) Quad-Axle Vehicles with Plow Equipment for the Highway Department. Following an explanation by Highway Commissioner, Brandon Hytinen, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by an electronic vote, 25 ayes, 1 nay (Holman).

14. R2025-06-05 Approval to Proceed to Next Steps on New Highway Facility – Highway Com

Motion by Lavarda/Schneider to adopt R2025-06-05 Approval to Proceed to Next Steps on New Highway Facility. Following an explanation by Highway Commissioner, Brandon Hytinen, and County Administrator, Richard Heath, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by an electronic vote 24 ayes, 2 nays (Wittkopf, Beyer).

15. R2025-06-06 Approval of Natural Gas Agreement with Constellation, LLC – Property and Technology Com.

Motion by Gooding/Kobylarczyk to adopt R2025-06-06 Approval of Natural Gas Agreement with Constellation, LLC. Following an explanation by Richard Heath, County Administrator, and Maintenance Engineer, Scott Krueger, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

16. R2025-06-07 Approve Proposal from Select Plastering Corporation to Remove Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) – Property and Technology Com.

Motion by Lavarda/Pillsbury to adopt R2025-06-07 Approve Proposal from Select Plastering Corporation to Remove Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS). Following an explanation by Maintenance Engineer, Scott Krueger, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

17. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)

- Microphones should be installed in the County Board room for the July meeting.
- A tax-exempt form will be provided to the supervisors at the August County board meeting for the Wisconsin Counties Association conference.
- County Clerk, Kim Pytleski, announced she will be on the Democracy Defense Project Panel in Fox Valley Technical College Friday, June 20, 2025, and at the Wisconsin County Clerk’s Conference June 22-25, 2025.

18. Adjournment

Chair Sleeter declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. Supervisors were invited to the Beyer Home for the Annual Ice Cream Social.

The next meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors will be on July 24, 2025.

Proceedings of County Board meeting may be viewed in its entirety at www.ocontocountywi.gov

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

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