



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes - March 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met at 6:02 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin, pursuant to adjournment on February 26, 2026.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Leavy called the meeting to order. Supervisor Fugelseth gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy were present. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. PRESENT – 27. ABSENT – 2.

CONSENT AGENDA: Supervisors Bostwick and Mawhinney moved the consent agenda. Chair Leavy asked for objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. Consent agenda approved by acclamation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2026:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointments to the 911 Communications Commission:

New Appointment: Mark Ruosch, Chief-Clinton Fire Protection District, Jason Rowland, Chief-Town of Turtle Fire Department.

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Appointments to the Committee on Employee Health Insurance :

New Appointment: Supervisor Debi Towns- 2-year term, Supervisor Barb Tillman- 2-year term, Supervisor Erica Boehlke- 2-year term, Ryan Ooms- 1 year ending July 31, 2027, Luke DuCharme- 2 year ending July 31, 2028, Brandon Sime- 3 year ending July 31, 2029, Destinee Lehrmann- 3 year ending July 31, 2029, Shannon Mawhinney- 1 year ending July 31, 2027, Michelle Stowe- 2 year ending July 31, 2028, Amy Sather- 1 year ending July 31, 2027, Greg Holcomb- 2 year ending July 31, 2028, Rick Ellis- 2 year ending July 31, 2028, Lamista Ahlstrom- 3 year ending July 31, 2029, Kristin Vanderkooi- 2 year ending July 31, 2028, Dan Fuerstenberg- 3 year ending July 31, 2029, Faith Quilan- 3 year ending July 31, 2029, Stephanie Mills- 3 year ending July 31, 2029, Carl McNutt- 1 year ending July 31, 2027, Fida Sous- 1 year ending July 31, 2027.

Effective Date: March 9, 2026

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Jennifer Venable:

Resolution No. R-2026-35

Recognizing Jon Moldenhauer:

Resolution No. R-2026-34

***Recognizing Neil Pierce:**

Recognizing Kris Pehl:

Resolution No. R-2026-40

Recognizing Philip Aurit for Service to Rock Haven:

Resolution No. R-2026-43

OTHER:

Accepting Trees Forever Alliant Energy Community Tree Planting Funds and Amending the Land Conservation Department Budget:

Resolution No. R-2026-36

Designating Public Works Employees as First Responders and Authorizing the use of the Public Works First Responder Symbol as Adopted by the American Public Works Association (APWA):

Resolution No. R-2026-39

Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds:

Resolution No. R-2026-38

***Creating a Registered Dietitian Pool Position:**

***Authorizing Changes to the Human Services Department Administrative Staffing Structure:**

Authorizing Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement:

Resolution No. R-2026-45

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ty Bollerud spoke on railroads and parks. Dean Paynter spoke in support of the resolution:

Authorizing the Allocation of Sales tax to the Parks Capital Improvements Fund.

Supervisor Bostwick gave information on "Break the Silence" event. Supervisor Sutter congratulated Evansville's State Wrestling Division 2 Championship. Administrator Light read the list of committee vacancies.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION: None

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

***Recognizing Neil Pierce:**

Resolution No. R-2026-37

Supervisors Mawhinney and Woodman moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE: None

REPORTS:

Use of ARPA Funds - Family Services of Wisconsin, Kelsey Hood-Christenson:

Report given by: Kelsey Hood Christenson

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Resolution approving the Carryover of 2025 Budget Appropriations to 2026:

Resolution No. R-2026-44

Supervisors Mawhinney and Wilson moved the resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. AYES – 27. NOES-0. ABSENT – 2.

***Authorizing the Use Allocation of Sales Tax to Create a the Parks Capital Improvements Fund:**

Resolution # R-2026-32

Supervisors Woodman and Sutterlin moved the resolution. Supervisors Schwarz and Whitledge moved to postpone the item to the May 14th meeting. Postponement FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Fugelseth, Marshall, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stone, Tillman and Whitledge voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schulz, Stevens, Sutter, Sutterlin, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. AYES – 8. NOES- 19. ABSENT – 2.

Supervisors Schwarz and Tillman moved to amend (1) the resolution as follows (Items underlined are added. Items struck through are deleted.) Line 34–36: "...approve the allocation of Sales Tax Revenues to allocate ~~\$500,000~~ \$350,000 in each of the fiscal years 2027, 2028, 2029 ~~and \$300,000 thereafter on an annual basis~~ to create ..."

Supervisors Fugelseth and Ryan moved to amend (2) the amendment as follows. (Items underlined are added. Items struck through are deleted.) Line 34-36 "... approve the allocation of 1.7% of Sales Tax Revenues ~~to allocate \$500,000 \$350,000~~ in each of the fiscal years 2027, 2028, 2029 ~~and \$300,000 thereafter on an annual basis to create ...~~". Amendment (2) to the amendment FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Fugelseth, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz and Tillman voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schulz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Whitledge Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. AYES – 5. NOES- 22. ABSENT – 2.

Amendment (1) FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Fugelseth, Knudson, Marshall, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stone, Tillman and Whitledge voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bostwick, Brien, Gorman, Homan, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schulz, Stevens, Sutter, Sutterlin, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. AYES – 10. NOES- 17. ABSENT – 2.

Supervisors Woodman and Suterlin moved to call the question to end debate. Debate ended by acclamation.

The resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Ryan, Schulz, Stevens, Sutter, Sutterlin, Wilson and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Brien, Knudson, Marshall, Schneider, Schwarz, Stone, Tillman, Whitledge and Leavy voted against. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. AYES – 18. NOES- 9. ABSENT – 2.

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Amending Subpart 2, of Chapter 2 of The Rock County Code of Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 0-2026-4

Supervisors Wilson and Woodman moved the ordinance. ADOPTED by acclamation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (County Administrator Performance Evaluation).:

Supervisors Bostwick and Wilson moved to go into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen and Towns were absent. AYES – 27. NOES- 0. ABSENT – 2.

Supervisor Knudson left the meeting.

***Immediately following the Executive Session, the County Board may reconvene in open session to exercise any powers subject to deliberation in the Executive Session.:**

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Supervisors Woodman and Boehlke moved to go out of Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

Supervisors Ringhand and Fugelseth moved to accept the composite evaluation (without comments) and the goals. APPROVED by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Sutter and Woodman moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. to Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk and Jaymee Stephens, Deputy County Clerk.

