



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - April 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Rock County Board of Supervisors met at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin, pursuant to adjournment on April 9, 2026.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Clerk Tollefson called the meeting to order. Supervisor Bostwick gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SWEARING IN - OATH OF OFFICE OF ENTIRE BOARD: Clerk Tollefson recognized the new County Board Supervisors Rodolfo Abarca, Steven Brown, Brandon Buchanan, Leanne Cantwell, Patricia Fleming, Nikita Ford, Garrik Harwick, Madeline Heise, Willow Wallis, and Sandy Welch. Clerk Tollefson gave the oath of office to all Supervisors present.

ROLL CALL:

At roll call, Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Brown, Buchanan, Cantwell, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Wallis, Welch, Woodman, and Leavy were present. Supervisor Smith was absent. PRESENT – 27. ABSENT – 1. VACANT - 1.

SPECIAL REORGANIZATION ITEMS:

Election of County Board Chair: Clerk Tollefson asked for nominations for County Board Chair. Supervisor Sutterlin nominated Supervisor Leavy. Supervisor Brien nominated Supervisor Bostwick. Nominations were closed. Both candidates addressed the board. Supervisor Leavy was elected by paper ballot on the following vote. Supervisor Leavy - 15. Supervisor Bostwick - 12.

Election of County Board Vice Chair: Chair Leavy asked for nominations for County Board Vice Chair. Supervisor Brien nominated Supervisor Bostwick. Supervisor Woodman nominated Supervisor Tillman. Nominations closed. Both candidates addressed the board. Supervisor Tillman was elected as County Board Vice Chair by paper ballot on the following vote. Supervisor Tillman - 14. Supervisor Bostwick - 13.

Election of County Board Second Vice Chair: Chair Leavy asked for nominations for County Board Second Vice Chair. Supervisor Cantwell nominated Supervisor Gorman. Supervisor Schwartz nominated Supervisor Woodman. Nominations closed. Both candidates addressed the board. Supervisor Woodman was elected as Second County Board Vice Chair by paper ballot on the

following vote. Supervisor Woodman - 14. Supervisor Gorman - 13.

Review, Discussion and Adoption of Rules of the Board for 2026-2028:

Supervisors Schwarz and Sutterlin moved to adopt the new Rules of Procedure. (In all cases new language is underscored and language that is deleted is struck through.)

Amendment 1 — Supervisors Knudson and Wallis motioned to amend the rules as follows:

Rule IV.C.(4)(j)vi.

vi. Future Allocation. Any resolution that makes a Future Allocation of monies in any budget year that is not the current budget year shall be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members-elect. A Future Allocation is a commitment of any source of funds for a particular purpose in a future budget year. However, a Future Allocation does not include a resolution authorizing an expenditure in the current budget year where the term of that expenditure would extend into a future budget year including but not limited to, multiple year purchase of service agreements, real estate leases, or receipt of multiyear federal or state grant programs.

Amendment 1 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 2 — Supervisors Schwarz and Sutterlin motioned to amend the rules as follows:

IV. D.(6)(c) After all recommended Budget Appeals from the Finance Committee have been considered by the Board, the Chairperson shall call for any other proposed amendments to the Proposed Budget, at which time any Supervisor may make a motion to amend the Proposed Budget. Notwithstanding the above, no amendment to the proposed budget shall be in order for the Board's consideration unless such amendment has first been ~~voted on by~~ submitted to the Finance Committee during consideration of the Budget Appeals under par. (5) *supra*.

Amendment 2 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 3 — Supervisors Peer and Tillman motioned to amend the rules as follows:

Change the name of the Education & Veterans Committee to Veterans Service Committee.

Amendment 3 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 4 — Supervisors Schwarz and Bostwick motioned to amend the rules as follows:

III. A.(10) ...At the sole discretion of the committee chairperson, any committee may convene by, or use in its meeting, interactive electronic audio-visual media to allow members of the committee, members of the public or both, to participate in the Committee's meetings. Any member participating in a meeting by audio-visual must do so with their camera on.

Supervisors Wallis and Gorman motioned to amend Amendment 4 to add "to the best of their ability at the discretion of the chair." Amendment to Amendment 4 APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Bostwick, Brien, Brown, Buchanan, Cantwell, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, Peer, Schulz, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman,

Wallis, Welch, Woodman, and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Boehlke, Pennycook and Schneider voted against. Supervisor Smith was absent. AYES – 24. NOES – 3. ABSENT – 0. VACANT - 1.

Amendment 4 as Amended APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brown, Buchanan, Cantwell, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Wallis, Welch, Woodman, and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Brien and Schulz voted against. Supervisor Smith was absent. AYES – 25. NOES – 2. ABSENT – 0. VACANT - 1.

Final version as follows:

III. A.(10) ...At the sole discretion of the committee chairperson, any committee may convene by, or use in its meeting, interactive electronic audio-visual media to allow members of the committee, members of the public or both, to participate in the Committee's meetings. Any member participating in a meeting by audio-visual must do so with their camera on to the best of their ability at the discretion of the chair.

Amendment 5 - Supervisors Schwarz and Bostwick motioned to amend the rules as follows:

I.V. B.(7) ...The presiding officer may limit the time of each speaker to no less than three minutes and select the speaking order.

Supervisors Bostwick and Welch motioned to add the following amendment to the Amendment 5:

The presiding officer may limit the time of each speaker to no less than three minutes and all comments must pertain to items on the agenda and select the speaking order.

The amendment to Amendment 4 FAILED on the following roll call vote: Supervisors Bostwick, Brien, Cantwell, Peer and Schulz voted in favor. Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Boehlke, Brown, Buchanan, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, Pennycook, Schneider, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Wallis, Welch, Woodman, and Leavy voted against. Supervisor Smith was absent. AYES – 5 . NOES – 22 . ABSENT – 1. VACANT - 1.

Amendment 5 as first proposed APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Brown, Buchanan, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Knudson, Peer, Pennycook, Schneider, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Wallis, and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Abarca, Bostwick, Brien, Cantwell, Gorman, Harwick, Schulz, Heise Welch and Woodman voted against. Supervisor Smith was absent. AYES – 17. NOES – 10. ABSENT – 1. VACANT - 1.

The Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure as amended APPROVED by acclamation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Bostwick gave information on the retirement party for former Supervisor Mawhinney. Supervisor Tillman saluted the group working together in the Emergency Operation Center. Chair Leavy gave instructions on committee selections and invocations.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Sutterlin and Sutter moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. to Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

*Proceedings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 21, 2026*

Prepared by Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk.

