



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes - May 14, 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 21, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL:

At roll call, Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Brown, Buchanan, Cantwell, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, O' Leary, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Smith, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Welch, Woodman and Leavy were present. Supervisors Pennycook and Wallis were absent. PRESENT- 27. ABSENT –2.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2026 & April 21, 2026:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation of Chair's Appointments to Committees, Commissions, and Boards:

Standing Committees			
Name	Board Name	Term End Date	Notes:
Bryce O'Leary	Agriculture & Extension Education	04/18/2028	
Leanne Cantwell	Agriculture & Extension Education	04/18/2028	
Sandy Welch	Agriculture & Extension Education	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	Agriculture & Extension Education	04/18/2028	
Richard Bostwick	Agriculture & Extension Education	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Christine Fugelseth	Board of Health	04/18/2028	
Kathy Schulz	Board of Health	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	Board of Health	04/18/2028	
Louis Peer	Board of Health	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR

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Barbara Tillman	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Mike Schwarz	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Louis Peer	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Mark Bobzien	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Philip Gorman	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Richard Bostwick	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Tom Brien	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Nikita Ford	County Board Staff Committee	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Finance Committee	04/18/2028	
Barbara Tillman	Finance Committee	04/18/2028	
Ron Woodman	Finance Committee	04/18/2028	
Mike Schwarz	Finance Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Mark Bobzien	Finance Committee	04/18/2028	
Nikita Ford	General Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Garrik Harwick	General Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Patricia Fleming	General Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Tom Brien	General Services Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Brandon Buchanan	General Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Christine Fugelseth	Health Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Kathy Schulz	Health Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Kevin Leavy	Health Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Patricia Fleming	Health Services Committee	04/18/2028	
Tom Brien	Health Services Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Willow Wallis	Human Services Board	04/30/2029	
Barbara Tillman	Human Services Board	04/30/2027	
Brian Knudson	Human Services Board	04/30/2029	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Kim Schneider	Human Services Board	04/30/2027	
Kathy Schulz	Human Services Board	04/30/2028	
Ron Woodman	Human Services Board	04/30/2029	
Bryce O'Leary	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	
Willow Wallis	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	
Madeline Heise	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	
Steven Brown	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	
Philip Gorman	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	
Richard Bostwick	Land Conservation Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Rodolfo Abarca	Planning & Development Committee	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Planning & Development Committee	04/18/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	Planning & Development Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Madeline Heise	Planning & Development Committee	04/18/2028	
Ken Smith	Planning & Development Committee	04/18/2028	

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Garrik Harwick	Public Safety & Justice Committee	04/18/2028	
Barbara Tillman	Public Safety & Justice Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Brian Knudson	Public Safety & Justice Committee	04/18/2028	
Mike Schwarz	Public Safety & Justice Committee	04/18/2028	
Lori Pennycook	Public Safety & Justice Committee	04/18/2028	
Steven Brown	Public Works Highway Committee	04/18/2028	
Doug Sutter	Public Works Highway Committee	04/18/2028	
Lori Pennycook	Public Works Highway Committee	04/18/2028	
Patricia Fleming	Public Works Highway Committee	04/18/2028	
Ron Woodman	Public Works Highway Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Lori Pennycook	Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Board	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Board	04/18/2028	
Mark Bobzien	Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Board	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Christine Fugelseth	Veterans Service Committee	04/18/2028	
Doug Sutter	Veterans Service Committee	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	Veterans Service Committee	04/18/2028	
Louis Peer	Veterans Service Committee	04/18/2028	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Willow Wallis	Veterans Service Committee	04/18/2028	

Other Committees, Commissions, & Boards

Name	Board Name	Term End Date	Notes:
Rich Bostwick	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	
Leanne Cantwell	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	
Steven Brown	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	
Bryce O'Leary	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	
Ron Woodman	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	
RJ Sutterlin	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Christine Fugelseth	Ad Hoc Broadband Committee	12/31/2026	
Brandon Buchanan	Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development	12/31/2026	
RJ Sutterlin	Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development	12/31/2026	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Tom Brien	Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Rail Development	12/31/2026	

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Rich Bostwick	Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Committee	Indefinite	New Committee as of October 2025
Kim Schneider	Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Committee	Indefinite	New Committee as of October 2025
Ron Woodman	Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Committee	Indefinite	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Rich Bostwick	Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee	06/01/2026	Committee Expiring June 2026
Kim Schneider	Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee	06/01/2026	Committee Expiring June 2026
Ron Woodman	Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee	06/01/2026	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Nikita Ford	Aging and Disability Resources Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee	04/18/2028	
Sandy Welch	ADRC Nutrition Advisory Committee	04/18/2028	
Mary Mawhinney	Board of Adjustment	07/01/2029	
Kathy Schulz	Community Action	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Community Action	04/18/2028	
Barbara Tillman	COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Loan Fund Committee (Grant)	04/18/2028	
Kevin Leavy	COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Loan Fund Committee (Grant)	04/18/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Loan Fund Committee (Grant)	04/18/2028	
Lori Pennycook	COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Loan Fund Committee (Grant)	04/18/2028	
Barbara Tillman	COVID-19 Small Business Loan Fund Subcommittee	04/18/2028	
Kevin Leavy	COVID-19 Small Business Loan Fund Subcommittee	04/18/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	COVID-19 Small Business Loan Fund Subcommittee	04/18/2028	
Lori Pennycook	COVID-19 Small Business Loan Fund Subcommittee	04/18/2028	
Mike Schwarz	COVID-19 Small Business Loan Fund Subcommittee	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee	04/18/2028	ALTERNATE: KEN SMITH

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Barbara Tillman	Employee Health Insurance Advisory Committee	04/18/2028	
Sandy Welch	Employee Health Insurance Advisory Committee	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Employee Health Insurance Advisory Committee	04/18/2028	
Madeline Heise	Environmental Management System	04/18/2028	
Philip Gorman	Environmental Management System	04/18/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	Environmental Management System	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup	04/18/2028	
Louis Peer	Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup	04/18/2028	
Richard Bostwick	Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup	04/18/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup	04/18/2028	
Brandon Buchanan	Groundwater Nitrate Workgroup	04/18/2028	
Kevin Leavy	Heritage Rock County	04/18/2028	
Kathy Schulz	Housing Authority	10/14/2027	
William Wilson	Housing Authority	10/15/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (JAMPO)	04/18/2028	
Bryce O'Leary	Lake Leota	04/18/2028	
RJ Sutterlin	Land Information Council	08/31/2027	
Barbara Tillman	Local Emergency Planning Committee	07/31/2027	
Ron Woodman	Local Emergency Planning Committee	07/31/2027	
Christine Fugelseth	Marsh County Health Alliance Commission	04/18/2028	
Rodolfo Abarca	Mississippi Valley Health Services, Inc.	04/18/2028	
Brandon Buchanan	Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission (PRTC)	04/30/2028	
Alan Sweeney	Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission (PRTC)	04/30/2029	
Tom Brien	Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission (PRTC)	04/30/2027	
Ken Smith	Prairie Lakes Library System	01/01/2027	
Brandon Buchanan	Rail Transit Commission	04/30/2028	
Alan Sweeney	Rail Transit Commission	04/30/2029	
Tom Brien	Rail Transit Commission	04/30/2027	TEMPORARY CHAIR
Alan Sweeney	Rock-Koshkonong Lake District	04/18/2028	
Kim Schneider	Rock Valley Community Programs	04/18/2028	
Philip Gorman	Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) Committee	04/18/2028	
Philip Gorman	Tourism Council	04/18/2028	
Erica Boehlke	Traffic Safety Commission	08/31/2027	

Doug Sutter	Transportation Coordinating Committee	04/18/2028	
Chris Cullen	Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association	04/18/2028	
Brandon Buchanan	Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC)	04/20/2028	
Alan Sweeney	Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC)	04/19/2029	
Tom Brien	Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC)	04/30/2027	
Garrik Harwick	Woodland Enhanced Health Service (WEHS) Commission	04/18/2028	

OTHER:

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim Cullen, Sue Fugate, Lynda Wallis, Judy Robson, Julie Bradley and Coleen Wag spoke about concerns with the data centers. Mike Mulligan gave thanks to the Public Works Department, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management for all their hard work during the storms in April. Supervisor Gorman spoke about concerns with the data centers. Supervisor Woodman thanked County employees that helped with the cleanup from the April storm. Supervisor Sutter thanked DPW for their hard work after the April storm. Supervisor Schneider thanked the IT Department and Armando Lara.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Kevin Stone:

Resolution No. R-2026-65

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

Recognizing Sue Ryan:

Resolution No. R-2026- 66

Supervisors Knudson and Fugelseth moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Recognizing Lori Marshall:

Resolution No. R-2026-67

Supervisors Buchanan and Peer moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Recognizing Debi Towns:

Resolution No. R-2026-68

Supervisors Bostwick and Ford moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Recognizing April Whitedge:

Resolution No. R-2026-69

Supervisors Wood and Sutter moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

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

REPORTS: None

***Flood Response Update:**

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Ratifying the Declared Local State of Emergency:

Resolution No. R-2026-64

Supervisors Schwarz and Woodman moved the resolution. Supervisors Schwarz and Tillman moved to amend the resolution as follows: (Items underlined are added. Items struck through are deleted.)

Line 9: WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(a) (b) 2 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the proclamation is “...subject. Line 12: proclamation...;”² and. Line 25: ~~24~~-assembled this ____ day of _____, 2026, does hereby ratify Proclamation Declaring a. Amendment APPROVED by acclamation.

The resolution ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Brown, Buchanan, Cantwell, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, O’Leary, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Smith, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Welch, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook and Wallis were absent. AYES- 27. NOES- 0. ABSENT –2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per section 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate the setting of bargaining parameters for 2026 negotiated collective bargaining agreements.:

Supervisors Bostwick and Schneider moved to go into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. Approved by

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the following roll call vote. Supervisors Abarca, Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Brown, Buchanan, Cantwell, Fleming, Ford, Fugelseth, Gorman, Harwick, Heise, Knudson, O' Leary, Peer, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Smith, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Welch, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Pennycook and Wallis were absent. AYES- 27. NOES -0. ABSENT –2.

Supervisors Bostwick and Sutter moved to exit Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

~~**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Wis. Stats. § 19.85(g), to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Ashley Sue Collicott):**~~ Removed from the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisors Woodman and Gorman moved to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 7:03 p.m. to Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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