



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes - May 28, 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 May 14, 2026.

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

ROLL CALL:

At roll call, Supervisors Abarca, 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 Bobzien, Boehlke, Pennycook and Wallis were absent. PRESENT – 25. ABSENT – 4.

CONSENT AGENDA: Supervisors Bostwick and Abarca moved the consent agenda. Item 5.A. Creating Section 2.106 of the Rock County Ordinances—Supervisors to Serve Staggered Terms (First Reading) was removed from the agenda. Supervisor Schulz asked for item E.2. Authorizing Discontinuation of Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fraud Housing Program be removed from the consent agenda. Supervisor Schneider asked for item 4.C.1. Appointments to the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Committee be removed from the consent agenda. Chair Leavy asked for any other objections and questions about the items on the consent agenda. The remaining items on the Consent agenda were approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2026:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointment to the ADRC Advisory Committee:

New Appointment: Terry Thomas
Effective Date: May 28, 2026

Appointments to the ADRC Nutrition Advisory Committee:

New Appointments: Jamie Austin and Pat Burhans
Effective Date: May 28, 2026

*** Appointments to Community Action:**

New Appointments: Nikita Ford and Rodolfo Abarca

Effective Date: May 28, 2026

*** Appointment to the Planning & Development Committee:**

New Appointment: Garrik Harwick

Effective Date: May 28, 2026

*** Appointment to Public Safety & Justice Committee:**

New Appointment: Ken Smith

Effective Date: May 28, 2026

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

OTHER:

Amending the 2026 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Keeping Kids Safe and Putting Families First Funds:

Resolution No. R-2026-63

Approving Payment to Integrity Insurance for Auto Physical Damage Vehicle Insurance:

Resolution No. R-2026-71

Approving Payment to Municipal Property Insurance Company for Property Insurance Policy:

Resolution No. R-2026-72

Authorizing Acceptance of the 2025-2026 Highway Safety Grant and Amending the 2026 Sheriff's Office Budget:

Resolution No. R-2026-73

Accepting the Janesville Morning Rotary Club Foundation Grant Funding and Amending the Sheriff's Office 2026 Budget:

Resolution No. R-2026-74

PUBLIC HEARING:

Creating Section 2.106 of the Rock County Ordinances – Supervisors to Serve Staggered Terms (First Reading):

Item was removed from the agenda.

Amending 2.224 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Public Works Projects) (First Reading):

Public Hearing opened at 6:06 p.m. No public comment. Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Gut, Sheryl Avery, Bill Wilson, Derek Henze, Teri Olson and Max Olson spoke in favor of appointing Max Olson to the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Committee.

Supervisor Bostwick gave information about the WCA Conference. Supervisor Sutter requested a presentation from the Administrator or the Planning and Development department at a County Board meeting about the Data Center.

John Light gave a list of open committee vacancies.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointments to the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Committee:

Supervisors Buchanan and Bostwick moved the appointment. Appointment ADOPTED by acclamation.

New Appointment: Bill Wilson, Mary Gut, Max Olson and Mark Dykstra

Effective Date: May 28, 2026

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS: None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE:

Supervisor Sutter introduced a resolution: *Imposing a Moratorium on Processing of Applications and Permits for Data Center Development in Rock County, Wisconsin.*

REPORTS:

Flood Response:

Report given by: Rock County Sheriff Curt Fell, Emergency Management Director Kevin Wernet and Public Works Director Duane Jorgenson.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Amending the 2026 Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management Budgets for the Development of a Mobile App and Purchase of Sandbagging Machines:

Resolution No. R-2026-75

Supervisors Woodman and Knudson moved the resolution. ADOPTED by the following roll call vote.

Supervisors Abarca, 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 Bobzien, Boehlke, Pennycook and Wallis were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT –4.

**Authorizing Discontinuation of Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund
Housing Program:**

Resolution No. R-2026-70

Supervisors Sutterlin and Smith moved the resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

**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):**

Supervisors Bostwick and Schneider moved to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Approved by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Abarca, 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 Bobzien, Boehlke, Pennycook and Wallis were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

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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. (Larry Buckley):**

Supervisors Schwarz and Abarca moved to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Approved by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Abarca, 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 Bobzien, Boehlke, Pennycook and Wallis were absent. AYES – 25. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 4.

Supervisors Woodman and Abarca moved to exit Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisors Sutter and Peer moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. to Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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