



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes - November 12, 2024

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 October 30, 2024.

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, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy were present. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. PRESENT – 28. ABSENT – 1 .

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Supervisors Bostwick and Peer moved to approve the agenda. APPROVED by acclamation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sandy Johnson, Stephanie Delong, and Roy Meyer spoke in favor of funding for CASA. Sheila Williams spoke on alternate funding for CASA, support of resolution to reduce tax levy and cutting nonessential items. Dennis Hilgendorf spoke against tax increase. Kelsey Hood-Christenson spoke in support of funding for Family Services. Heidi Deininger spoke in support of funding for YWCA. Jason Tyler spoke on concerns about tax levy and rate.

Supervisor Gorman spoke on a budget document he passed out. Supervisor Mawhinney thanked the County Clerk and staff for their work done for the election. County Clerk Tollefson thanked all the municipal clerks and their staff, poll workers and county departments supporting elections.

REPORTS:

Annual Report by County Clerk per Wis. Stats. 59.23(2)(o): Report given by County Clerk Tollefson.

Recommendations by Finance Committee for Revisions to the 2025 Recommended Budget: Report given by Supervisor Mawhinney.

The committee approved keeping the Administrative Professional I position and deleting the vacant Conservation Specialist I position from Land Conservation.
The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.

- The committee approved adding \$50,000 to expand the Real Time Operations Center infrastructure by purchasing additional license plate readers, close-circuit television cameras, and corresponding technology. The funding for this would come from Sheriff wages, Emergency Management contracted services, and funds from the sale of the Job Center. The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.
- The committee approved reclassifying the Veterans Benefit Specialist to an Assistant County Veterans Service Officer in the amount of \$6,749. Funding for this would come from the Veterans Relief funds.
The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.
- The committee approved increasing a part-time Environmental Health position from .5 FTE to .7 FTE in the amount of \$16,947. Funding would come from decreasing temporary wages, increasing permit fees, and increasing grant chargebacks.
The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.
- The committee approved modifying staffing classifications and increasing staffing wages in the Public Works department for the Account Specialists, Administrative Professional II, the Accounting Supervisor, and the Sign Maker (Lead). Funding in the amount of \$23,413 would come from additional General Transportation Aids.
The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.
- The committee approved decreasing the debt service tax levy by \$1,900,000. Funding would come from additional investment income received during 2024 and transferred to the Debt Service Fund.
The committee approved this amendment on a vote of 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

Resolution for a Budget Amendment to Transfer Excess Interest Earned to the Debt Service Fund for Future Purposes:

Resolution No. R-2024-506

Supervisors Schwarz and Towns moved the resolution. ADOPTED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Gorman, Schulz and Sutterlin voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT - 1.

Resolution to Amend the 2024 Budget to Include the Courtroom AV Capital Project and Corresponding Budget Amendment:

Resolution No. R-2024-507

Supervisors Schwarz and Tillman moved the resolution. ADOPTED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted infavor. Supervisor Schulz voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 27. NOES - 1. ABSENT - 1.

Consideration and Adoption of Recommended 2025 Annual County Budget:

Supervisors Bostwick and Homan moved the budget.

Amendment 1 - Supervisors Mawhinney and Gorman moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to fund the Administrative Professional I position and delete the vacant Conservation Specialist I position from Land Conservation. Amendment 1 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 2 - Supervisors Mawhinney and Wilson moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to add \$50,000 to expand the RTOC infrastructure in the Sheriff's budget to be funded by reducing Sheriff wages, reducing Emergency Management contracted services, and using funds from the sale of the Job Center property.

**PS & J Committee -
Sheriff**

Account No.	Description	Committee Request	Inc(Dec)
21-2100-0000-61100	Wages	Reduce LES Regular Wages	(16,411)
26-2540-0000-62119	EM Other Contracted Svc	Reduce Other Contracted Services	(4,000)
21-2100-0000-46400	Fund Balance	Increase Fund Balance Applied from JC Sale	29,589
21-2100-0000-67125	Capital Assets \$25,000 or more	Increase Capital Assets	50,000

Amendment 2 APPROVED by acclamation

Amendment 3 - Supervisors Mawhinney and Woodman moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to reclassify the Veterans Benefit Specialist to an Assistant County Veterans Service Officer in the amount of \$6,749 which will be funded by the Veterans Relief fund.

**Education and
Veterans Committee -
Veterans**

38-3810-0000-46400	Fund Balance	Increase Veterans Relief Fund Balance Applied	6,749
38-3800-0000-61100	Regular Wages	Increase Veterans Regular Wages	5,890
38-3800-0000-61400	FICA	Increase Veterans FICA	450
38-3800-0000-61510	Retirement	Increase Veterans Retirement	409

Amendment 3 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 4 - Supervisors Mawhinney and Peer moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget by increasing a part-time Environmental Health position from .5 FTE to .7 FTE. The \$16,947 will be funded with a decrease to temporary wages, increase in permit fee revenue, and an increase in grant chargebacks.

**Board of Health -
Public Health**

Account No.	Description	Committee Request	Inc(Dec)
31-3340-0000-61108	Temporary Wages	Reduce Temporary Wages	(7,547)
31-3341-0000-43203	Public Facility Permits	Increase Public Facility permit revenue	1,000
31-3346-0200-68000	Cost Allocations	Childcare Lead Testing Grant allocation	8,400
31-3341-0000-61100	Regular Wages	Increase Licensed Facilities Regular Wages	6,649
31-3341-0000-61400	FICA	Increase Licensed Facilities Retirement	190
31-3341-0000-61510	Retirement	Increase Licensed Facilities Retirement	1,512
31-3346-0200-61100	Regular Wages	Increase EH Lead Prevention Reg. Wages	6,843
31-3346-0200-61400	FICA	Increase EH Lead Prevention FICA	196
31-3346-0200-61510	Retirement	Increase EH Lead Prevention Retirement	1,557

Amendment 4 APPROVED by acclamation

Amendment 5 - Supervisors Mawhinney and Wilson moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to reclass the two DPW Account Specialists to Accountants- DPW Range I, reclass the DPW Administrative Professional II to Administrative Professional III Range G, reclass the DPW Accounting Supervisor to Business Supervisor Range N, and the DPW Sign Maker (Lead) to Highway Tech II – Sign Maker (Lead Worker) Range H with a \$1.00/hr Lead Worker pay. The funding for this would come from additional General Transportation Aids.

**Non-Committee
Appeals - Public Works**

41-4300-4320-42226	State Aid - GTA	Increase General Transportation Aids	23,413
41-4300-4110-61100	Regular Wages	Increase Highway Maint. Wages	20,116
41-4551-4110-61100	Regular Wages	Increase Co. Parks - Admin Wages	917
41-4350-4285-61174	Production Wages	Increase Sign Production Wages	2,380

Amendment 5 APPROVED by acclamation.

Amendment 6 - Supervisors Mawhinney and Wilson moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget by increasing the Debt Service fund balance applied by \$1,900,000 and decreasing the debt service tax

levy by the same amount.

Finance

75-7000-0000-46400	Fund Balance	Increase Fund Balance Applied	1,900,000
00-0000-0030-41000	Property Taxes	Decrease Debt Service Property Taxes	(1,900,000)

Amendment 6 APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stevens, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Homan, Schulz, Sutterlin and Stone voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 24. NOES - 4. ABSENT - 1.

Amendment 14 - Supervisors Fugelseth and Schwartz moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to reduce cultural competency training and reallocate to DPW training.

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01-1320-0000-64216	Cultural Competency	Decrease Cultural Competency Training Funds	(19,000)
41-4300-4321-64200	Training	Increase Co. Routine Maintenance Training	9,500
41-4300-4328-64200	Training	Increase Co. Road Const. Training	9,500

Amendment 14 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Cullen, Fugelseth, Marshall, Pennycook, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bostwick, Brien, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Mawhinney, Peer, Ringhand, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 13. NOES - 15. ABSENT - 1.

Amendment 13- Supervisors Schwarz and Towns moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to reduce spending on Community Initiatives for all organizations except Health Net and direct the tax levy dollars to Highway Maintenance.

Finance

19-1960-0000-69513	Heritage Rock County	Decrease Community Initiative	(22,546)
19-1960-0000-69514	RSVP-Intergenerational	Decrease Community Initiative	(26,094)
19-1960-0000-69515	RSVP-SVS	Decrease Community Initiative	(42,000)
19-1960-0000-69516	YWCA-Care House	Decrease Community Initiative	(10,000)
19-1960-0000-69517	YWCA-Domestic Violence Shelter	Decrease Community Initiative	(10,000)

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19-1960-0000-69518	Family Services	Decrease Community Initiative	(10,000)
19-1960-0000-69519	CASA	Decrease Community Initiative	(28,125)
19-1960-0000-69520	Tourism Council	Decrease Community Initiative	(5,500)
19-1960-0000-69523	Fair Board	Decrease Community Initiative	(1,500)
19-1960-0000-69527	Family Services/Sex Assault	Decrease Community Initiative	(10,000)
00-0000-0001-41000	Property Taxes	Decrease Property Taxes	(165,765)
41-4300-4328-47500	Transfer - PY Sales Tax	Decrease Prior Year Sales Tax	(165,765)
00-0000-0060-41000	Property Taxes	Increase Highway Fund Property Taxes	165,765

Supervisors Homan and Stevens called the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Stevens, Stone, Sutterlin, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Fugelseth, Schwarz, Sutter, Tillman and Woodman voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 23. NOES - 5. ABSENT - 1.

Amendment 13 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Fugelseth, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Towns and Whitledge voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Schulz, Stevens, Sutterlin, Tillman, Wilson, Woodman, and Leavy voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES – 8. NOES - 20 ABSENT – 1.

Amendment 9 - Supervisors Schwartz and Towns moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to use Debt Service Fund balance to reduce the Debt Service levy.

Finance

00-0000-0030-46400	Fund Balance	Increase Debt Service Fund Balance Applied	1,900,000
00-0000-0030-41000	Property Taxes	Decrease Debt Service Property Taxes	(1,900,000)

Amendment 9 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Boehlke, Fugelseth, Knudson, Marshall, Pennycook, Ryan, Schneider, Schwarz, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge and Woodman voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Gorman, Homan, Mawhinney, Peer, Ringhand, Schulz, Sutterlin, Stevens, Stone, Wilson and Leavy voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES – 13. NOES – 15. ABSENT - 1.

Amendment 11 - Supervisors Gorman and Stevens moved to amend the 2025 recommended budget to increase the Debt Service levy by 1% to increase the COLA for County employees from 3.0% to 3.75%.

Finance

00-0000-0030-41000	Property Taxes	Increase Debt Service levy	755,000
75-7000-0000-41500	County Sales Tax	Decrease Sales Tax in the Debt Service Fund	(755,000)
41-4300-4328-41500	County Sales Tax	Increase Sales Tax in the Highway Fund	755,000
00-0000-0060-41000	Property Taxes	Decrease Highway Fund Property Taxes	(755,000)
xx-xxxx-xxxx-61100	Regular Wages	Increase Regular Wages- all non-union staff	658,813
xx-xxxx-xxxx-61400	FICA	Increase FICA- all non- union staff	50,399
xx-xxxx-xxxx-61510	Retirement	Increase Retirement- all non-union staff	45,788
00-0000-00xx-41000	Property Taxes	Increase Property Taxes	755,000

Supervisors Gorman and Sutterlin call the question to end debate. Debate ended on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Cullen, Fugelseth, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schulz, Stone, Sutterlin, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Brien, Gorman, Schneider, Schwarz, Stevens, Sutter and Tillman, voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES – 21 . NOES - 7. ABSENT – 1. Amendment 11 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Gorman, Homan and Sutterlin voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted against. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 3. NOES - 25. ABSENT – 1.

Recommended Budget as Amended APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES – 28. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 1.

The board went into recess for the Finance Committee to convene to set the tax rate at 8:24 p.m. The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

Setting the Tax Levy and Tax Rate for 2024 (The Finance Committee will complete the resolution upon adoption of the 2025 Budget.):

Resolution No. R-2024-505

Supervisors Mawhinney and Schwarz moved to approve the resolution. APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 28. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 1.

Cancellation of Check Over Two Years Old:

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Resolution No. R-2024-516

Supervisors Wilson and Knudson moved the resolution. APPROVED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Knudson, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Ryan, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stevens, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisor Rashkin was absent. AYES - 28. NOES - 0. ABSENT – 1.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Woodman and Pennycook moved to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. to Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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