



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes - December 11, 2025**

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 November 13, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL: At roll call, Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy were present. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. PRESENT – 26. ABSENT – 3.

CONSENT AGENDA: Supervisors Tillman and Mawhinney moved the consent agenda. Items 4.E.1. In Support of State Investment for Income Maintenance Administration, 11.E. Ethical Conduct and Civic Virtue in Rock County Public Service and 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION per section 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate the setting of bargaining parameters for 2026 negotiated collective bargaining agreements were removed from the agenda.

Supervisor Schwarz requested item 4.E.7. Support of Senate Bill 556/Assembly Bill 559 Providing Utility Aid Payments for Energy Storage Facilities from the consent agenda. Supervisor Sutter requested item 4.E.5 Approving 2026 Human Services Department Provider Contracts be removed from the consent agenda. Chair Leavy asked for objections and questions about the remaining items on the consent agenda. Consent agenda approved by acclamation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 30, 2025, November 12, 2025, and November 13, 2025:

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION:

Appointment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council:

New Appointment: Ben Searls (Alternate Sara Leidholdt)

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Minda Trappe for Service to Rock Haven:

Resolution No. R-2025-142

OTHER:

~~In Support of State Investment for Income Maintenance Administration:~~

Authorizing the Purchase of Rock County Specialized Transit Vehicle:

Resolution No. R-2025-141

Authorization to Procure Replacement Infrastructure for End-of-Life HyperFlex System:

Resolution No. R-2025-143

Authorizing Purchase of Axon Justice DEMS from Axon Enterprise, Inc.:

Resolution No. R-2025-145

Authorizing Acceptance of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Funds:

Resolution No. R-2025-147

Awarding CTH D Peace Trail Connector Design Project:

Resolution No. R-2025-149

Authorization for Rhyme 5-Year Contract Renewal:

Resolution No. R-2025-150

Authorization to Purchase Equipment for 2026 PC Refresh:

Resolution No. R-2025-151

Authorizing Restructuring the Current Flock Safety Inc. Contract:

Resolution No. R-2025-153

Authorizing Purchase of Approved Sheriff's Office Patrol Squads and Fleet Vehicles:

Resolution No. R-2025-154

Authorizing Purchase of Approved Sheriff's Office Squad Radio Replacements:

Resolution No. R-2025-155

Authorizing Initiating the Financing of the Lenco BearCat:

Resolution No. R-2025-156

PUBLIC HEARING:

Amending Chapter 18 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Personnel Ordinance) (First Reading):

The public hearing opened at 6:07 p.m.

Sheila Williams and Ty Bollerud spoke about concerns regarding the changes to Chapter 18 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (Personnel Ordinance).

The public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ty Bollerud spoke about computer satellites and the railroads.

Supervisor Mawhinney recognized all the snowplow drivers.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION: None

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS:

Recognizing Geraldine McCaa:

Resolution No. R-2025-139

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

Resolution Recognizing David Tinker:

Resolution No. R-2025-144

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

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

REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES - ROLL CALL:

CONTRACTS – ROLL CALL:

Approving 2026 Human Services Department Provider Contracts:

Resolution No. R-2025-146

Supervisors Bostwick and Towns moved the resolution. Supervisors Peer and Sutterlin called the question to end debate. Debate ended by acclamation. Resolution Approved by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisor Sutter voted against. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. AYES– 25. NOES -1. ABSENT – 3.

Condemning Political Violence and Calling on All Elected Officials to Refrain from Inflammatory Rhetoric:

Resolution No. R-2025-138

Supervisors Sutter and Schneider moved the resolution.

Supervisors Gorman and Mawhinney motioned to amend line 30 as follows (added items underlined): "the President of the United States, Governor of Wisconsin, Wisconsin's two US Senators, the two US Congress Members representing". Amendment 1 APPROVED on the following roll call vote.

Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Cullen, Marshall, Stone and Towns voted against. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. AYES – 22. NOES - 4. ABSENT – 3.

Supervisors Peer and Sutterlin motioned to amend line 30 as follows (added items underlined, removed items struckthrough): "the Governor of Wisconsin, ~~all Wisconsin's two~~ US Senators, ~~all the two~~ US Congress Members representing". Amendment 2 FAILED on the following roll call vote.

Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Gorman, Homan, Peer, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schulz, Sutterlin and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Marshall, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Schneider, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson and Woodman voted against. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. AYES – 11. NOES - 15. ABSENT – 3.

Supervisors Schwarz and Sutter motioned to amend line 23 as follows (added items underlined): "incite hostility or violence, and to set an example of civil, respectful discourse; and." Amendment 3 FAILED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Brien, Fugelseth, Homan, Rashkin, Schwarz, Sutter, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Cullen, Gorman, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Ringhand, Schneider, Schulz, Stone, Sutterlin and Towns voted against. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. AYES – 11. NOES - 15. ABSENT – 3.

The Resolution as amended ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Bostwick, Brien, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Marshall, Pennycook, Rashkin, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Boehlke, Cullen, Mawhinney, Peer, Ringhand, Stone and Towns voted against. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. AYES – 19. NOES- 7. ABSENT – 3.

Resolution For Approving the 2026 Base Wage Rates For All Employees Except Represented Law Enforcement Employees and Amending The Wage Grid.:

Resolution No. R-2025-152

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

Ethical Conduct and Civic Virtue in Rock County Public Service:

Support of Senate Bill 556/Assembly Bill 559 Providing Utility Aid Payments for Energy Storage Facilities:

Resolution No. R-2025-148

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

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

Item removed from the agenda.

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. (TDS Telecom):

Supervisors Bostwick and Woodman moved to go into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. APPROVED by the following roll call vote. Supervisors Bobzien, Boehlke, Bostwick, Brien, Cullen, Fugelseth, Gorman, Homan, Marshall, Mawhinney, Peer, Pennycook, Rashkin, Ringhand, Schneider, Schulz, Schwarz, Stone, Sutter, Sutterlin, Tillman, Towns, Whitledge, Wilson, Woodman and Leavy voted in favor. Supervisors Knudson, Ryan and Stevens were absent. AYES – 26. NOES -0. ABSENT – 3.

Debi Towns left the meeting after the vote to go into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisors Bostwick and Woodman moved to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 6:58 p.m. to Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. APPROVED by acclamation.

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

