



Minutes - February 23, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid County Board Staff Committee meeting to order at 4:32 P.M. in Conference Room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Mawhinney, Tillman, Leavy, Towns, Peer, Brien, Wilson; Youth in Governance Member Max Olson

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Gorman.

Staff Members Present: Rich Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Fell; John Light, County Administrator; Amy Spoden, Human Resources Director; Shanna Sanders, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Kristin Vander Kooi, Finance Director; Amanda Nelson, Clerk of Court; Andrew Baker, Planning, Development, & Land Conservation Director; Kate Luster, Human Services Director.

Others Present: Supervisors Boehlke, Bobzien, Schwarz, Fugelseth, Whitledge; Sheila Williams; Dennis Hilgendorf; Doug Coulter.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Wilson.

Item 6.A. was removed from the agenda.

ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Amanda Nelson shared information related to agenda item 6.C. on the Clerk of Court's salary.

Sheriff Fell shared information related to agenda item 6.C. on the wages for the Sheriff.

Sheila Williams shared additional items the committee should consider when comparing wages.

Approval of Minutes:

February 12, 2026 Minutes: Supervisor Peer moved to approve February 12, 2026 minutes, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

February 9, 2026 Minutes: Supervisor Towns moved to approve February 9, 2026 minutes, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Appointment to the 911 Communications Commission: This item was removed from the agenda.

Discussion and Possible Action on Appointments to the Employee Health Insurance Advisory Committee: Amy Spoden provided the committee information on the Employee Health Insurance Committee needs based on previous committee make-up. The appointments will come to the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Setting Elected Officials' Salaries: Amy Spoden provided information on elected officials' salaries.

In regards to the Sheriff's salary, Supervisor Towns suggested a lump-sum payment in the first year and then cost-of-living increases for the following years. The committee expressed interest in getting the Sheriff to earn more than the Chief Deputy by the end of the term in 2031 including one lump-sum payment with multiple options of this played out included.

In regards to the Clerk of Court's salary, the committee was interested in seeing costing for 3.5% increase over 4 years.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Reallocating The Position of Administrative Professional III to Executive Assistant: This resolution was postponed from the previous meeting. A motion to approve was made at the meeting on Monday, February 9.

By request of Supervisor Tillman, Rich Greenlee reminded the committee that there was not a second at the Finance Committee appeals meeting. This was brought to the County Board floor at the Budget Appeals meeting despite the lack of action from the Finance Committee.

The committee discussed the impacts of passing this resolution. Supervisor Wilson proposed saying no to this resolution and doing a mini-comprehensive study of the administrative positions.

Supervisor Bobzien provided information on changes to the pay grid since its adoption.

Motion to approve the resolution FAILED by voice vote with one yes vote noted from Supervisor Bostwick.

FAILED.

Next meeting date and time: March 9 at 4:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion,

compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (County Administrator Performance Evaluation).: Supervisor Mawhinney moved to enter into executive session at 5:48 P.M., second by Supervisor Tillman. ADOPTED.

Adjournment: Supervisor Mawhinney moved to exit executive session and adjourn at 7:47 P.M., second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Executive Assistant

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