

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at the Heritage Center, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 12th day of November 2024, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Martell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Falkowski gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 24 members were present: Lillibridge-1, Jadowski-2, Metzger-3, Brey-4, Martell-5, Hansen-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Zimmer-10, R. Phipps-11, Behnke-12, Neils-13, Bonde-14, Hammel-15, Naidl-16, Maresh-17, Muench-18, Falkowski-19, Engelbrecht-20, M. Phipps-21, Grambow-22, Klein-23, Weiss-24.
Supervisor Shimulunas-25 was excused.

PROCLAMATION

County Executive Ziegelbauer and Chairman Martell presented a Proclamation Declaring Manitowoc County America Recycles Day 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairman Martell declared public comment open at 6:06 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Martell closed public input at 6:06 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Martell called the consent agenda and questioned if any supervisor wished to withdraw any items. Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B1, B2, B3, C1a, C1b, C1c, C1d, and C2a. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve October 28, 2024 County Board Minutes.

B1. Appointments of Patrick “PJ” Albert, Stephanie Binversie, Jeremy Hawig, Kris Kohlmann, Nancy Newberg, Mike Plate, Rob Voss, Russel Zipperer to the Expo Ice Center Board for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

B2. Appointment of Jason Freiboth to the Joint Dispatch Board for a two-year term expiring December 2026.

B3. Appointment of Tom Hoffman to the Veterans Service Commission for a three-year term expiring December 2027.

C1a. Ordinance 2024/2025-52 Amending Zoning Map (David and Claire Petersen).

C1b. Ordinance 2024/2025-53 Amending Zoning Map (David and Claire Petersen).

C1c. Resolution 2024/2025-54 Authorizing County Conservation Aids Grant Application.

C1d. Resolution 2024/2025-55 Adopting Manitowoc County Planning and Park Commission Fee Schedule.

C2a. Ordinance 2024/2025-56 Repealing and Recreating Manitowoc County Code s. 4.12 (Maintenance and Sale of Tax-Deeded Land).

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Behnke gave a brief report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen gave a brief report.

Supervisor Hansen moved, second by Supervisor Brey to adopt Resolution 2024/2025-57 Adopting 2025 Budget and Property Levy. Discussion followed.

Amendment 1: Supervisor Hammel moved, seconded by Supervisor Schiesl to amend the budget on Line 25 change 2% to 1% and include a wage study to be funded in the amount of \$30,000.

Supervisor Brey called the question. Upon vote, call the question carried 16 ayes and 8 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge-1, Schiesl-7, Zimmer-10, R. Phipps-11, Bonde-14, Hammel-15, Naidl-16, and M. Phipps-21 voted no; all other supervisors voted aye.

Upon discussion and vote, the motion to amend the budget on Line 25 change 2% to 1% and include a wage study to be funded in the amount of \$30,000 failed 6 ayes and 18 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge-1, Metzger-3, Brey-4, Hansen-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Zimmer-10, R. Phipps-11, Behnke-12, Neils-13, Bonde-14, Maresh-17, Muench-18, Falkowski-19, Engelbrecht-20, Grambow-22, and Weiss-24; all other supervisor voted aye.

Amendment 2: Supervisor Hammel moved, seconded by Supervisor Schiesl to amend the budget to increase Sales Tax Line Item \$7,560,000 and adding a line item in the budget under Personnel of \$60,000 to include a wage study. Upon discussion and vote, the motion failed 6 ayes and 18 noes. Supervisors Jadowski-2, Metzger-3, Brey-4, Hansen-6, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Zimmer-10, R. Phipps-11, Behnke-12, Neils-13, Bonde-14, Naidl-16, Maresh-17, Muench-18, Falkowski-19, Engelbrecht-20, Grambow-22, Klein-23 voted no; all other supervisors voted aye.

Amendment 3: Supervisor Matthew Phipps moved, seconded by Supervisor Hammel to amend the budget by reducing the borrowing line item under Highway from \$3,250,000 to \$2,200,000 and remove the revenue pertaining to the Brine Facility. Upon discussion and vote, the motion to amend failed 6 ayes, 17 noes, 1 abstain. Supervisors Metzger-3, Brey-4, Hansen-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Zimmer-10, R. Phipps-11, Behnke-12, Neils-13, Bonde-14, Maresh-17, Muench-18, Falkowski-19, Engelbrecht-20, Grambow-22, and Weiss-24 voted no; Supervisor Lillibridge-1 abstained; all other supervisors voted yes.

Amendment 4: Supervisor Ryan Phipps moved, seconded by Supervisor Naidl to amend the budget by reducing the Human Services Department Budget by four FTEs. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Brey called the question. Upon vote, call the question failed 15 ayes and 9 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge-1, Martell-5, Schiesl-7, R. Phipps-11, Bonde-14, Hammel-15, Naidl-16, M. Phipps-21, and Klein-23 voted no; all other supervisors voted aye.

Upon further discussion and vote, the motion to amend the budget by reducing the Human Services Department Budget by four FTEs failed 8 ayes and 16 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge-1, Metzger-3, Brey-4, Martell-5, Hansen-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Behnke-12, Neils-13, Bonde-14, Maresh-17, Muench-18, Falkowski-19, Engelbrecht-20, and Weiss-24 voted no; all other supervisors voted yes.

The original motion by Supervisor Hansen, seconded by Supervisor Brey to adopt Resolution 2024/2025-57 Adopting 2025 Budget and Property Levy was reintroduced for discussion. Upon vote, the motion carried 15 ayes and 9 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge-1, Jadowski-2, Martell-5, Schiesl-7, R. Phipps-11, Hammel-15, Naidl-16, M. Phipps-21, and Klein-23 voted no; all other supervisors voted aye.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke gave a brief report.

Land Conservation Committee: Supervisor Ryan Phipps gave a brief report.

Planning and Park Commission: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Martell announced the next County Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 at 6pm. The location will be at the Office Complex, 4319 Expo Dr, Room 300 due to elevator maintenance at the Heritage Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Brey moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Hacker, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk