

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

5:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at the Heritage Building, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 18th day of February 2025, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Martell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Roll call: 20 members were present: Lillibridge-1, Jadowski-2, Metzger-3, Brey-4, Martell-5, 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, Klein-23, Weiss-24, and Shimulunas-25. Supervisor Hansen-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, and Grambow-22 were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Michelle Haese, Director of Substance Use Initiatives for Wisconsin DHS gave an Opioid Settlement presentation.

Chairman Martell declared public comment open at 5:32 p.m.

Mark Rohrer, Circuit Court Judge, was opposed to an opioid task force.

Robert Dewane, Circuit Court Judge, was opposed to an opioid task force.

Carrie Reno, City of Two Rivers, believed the County should continue with the current programs in place regarding drug recovery.

Anthony Lambrecht, Circuit Court Judge, was opposed to an opioid task force.

Kristy Havel, City of Manitowoc, believed the drug recovery programs currently in place where a strong support system and helped her with her recovery.

Jason Latva, Lighthouse Recovery Center Director, was opposed to an opioid task force and believed what the community needed was more sober living facilities.

Andrea Everett, City of Two Rivers, credited the current drug recovery programs in place with turning her life around.

Jonathan Neeb, City of Manitowoc, believed the current drug recovery program in place was working and was grateful for the help he received in the past from the program. He was opposed to the opioid task force.

Dena Grundl, Town of Schleswig, was opposed to the opioid task force.

Andrea Kier, Comcast Representative, requested Manitowoc County endorsing Comcast Cable Company for the BEAD Program.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Martell closed public input at 6:07 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve January 21, 2025 County Board Minutes.

B1. Appointment of Gary Shavlik to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a two-year term expiring March 2027.

B2. Appointment of Todd Cummings and Alternate) Kyle Stotzheim to the Traffic Safety Commission.

C1a. Ordinance 2024/2025-70 Amending Manitowoc County Code S. 7.21(1M) (Permit & License Requirements.).

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

Aging and Disability Board: Chairman Martell gave a brief report.

Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger gave a brief report.

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

Executive Committee: Chairman Martell gave a brief report.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Weiss to enact Ordinance 2024/2025-71 Repealing and Recreating Manitowoc County Code S. 4.05 (Budget Development, Adoption, and Amendment).

Supervisor Brey moved, seconded by Supervisor R. Phipps to amend Ordinance 2024/2025-71 Repealing & Recreating MCC S. 4.05 (Budget Development, Adoption, & Amendment) by deleting subsection (g) and replacing it with: (g) any amendment proposed by a supervisor can be presented to the appropriate oversight committee. If either the oversight committee or the Finance Committee does not adopt the proposed amendment, the supervisor may present the amendment to the full county board when the county board deliberates on the annual budget. Upon vote the motion to amend passed 21 ayes and 1 no. Supervisor Zimmer voted no.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Weiss to enact Ordinance 2024/2025-71 Repealing and Recreating Manitowoc County Code S. 4.05 (Budget Development, Adoption, and Amendment) as amended. Upon vote, the motion carried 20 ayes and 1 no. Supervisor Shimulunas voted no.

Chairman Martell moved, seconded by Supervisor R. Phipps to adopt Resolution 2024/2025-72 Creating Manitowoc County Opioid Task Force. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Falkowski moved, seconded by Supervisor Behnke to postponed indefinitely Resolution 2024/2025-72 Creating Manitowoc County Opioid Task Force. Upon discussion and vote, the motion passed 11 ayes and 10 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge-1, Metzger-3, Martell-5, R. Phipps-11, Bonde-14, Hammel-15, Naidl-16, Muench-18, M. Phipps-21, and Klein-23.

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

Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke gave a brief report.

Human Service Board: Supervisor Brey gave a brief report.

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

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a brief report.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Falkowski gave a brief report.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Sitkiewitz gave a brief report.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Falkowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Maresh, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk