

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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 7th day of October 2025, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

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

Chairman Martell gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

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

REPORTS

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer presented the proposed 2026 annual budget. The 2026 priorities fall into three main categories of investment in our employees by raising up 1% in all cells on the pay scale and proceeding with a 20% increase in the health insurance premiums; continued concentration on law enforcement modernization and the expenses of Human Services department to make progress on mental health, family, and child welfare, and the opioid crisis; and the final category of continuing with an aggressive highway maintenance program for 16.6 miles of road resurfacing and projects of more than \$5,366,820. He acknowledged this is a conservative budget that is holding the line on taxes, continues our low debt profile, has an aggressive highway maintenance plan, and has a robust capital spending program. He will spend the taxpayers' money as efficiently as possible.

Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad presented the budget review process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Martell announced the Annual County Board meeting and Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget will be Monday, October 27, 2025 at the Heritage Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Falkowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Hacker, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk