

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026

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 15th day of September 2026, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

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

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

Roll call: 25 members were present: Lillibridge-1, Wolf-2, Metzger-3, Heilman-4, Pope-5, McDonell-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Zimmer-10, Dallas-11, Behnke-12, Neils-13 (arrived at 6:09pm) Bonde-14, Hammel-15, Busse-16, Maresh-17, Riederer-18, Sortwell-19, Schwerma-20, Phipps-21, Grambow-22, Klein-23, Weiss-24, and Shimulunas-25.

PUBLIC COMMENT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairman Phipps declared public comment open at 6:05 p.m.

Richard Christel, Eaton Town Chair, had concerns regarding the ATV driver using singles and forcing the use of singles. He does not believe the town would be in favor of ordinance as its written.

William Rexses, Town of Kossuth, had concerns regarding the ATV ordinance conflicting the state law and DNR laws. He believes ATV clubs may contribute funds for the County fees.

Rich Rothmund, Town of Kossuth, was in favor of allowing ATVs on county roads. He had a concern regarding the noise volume to stock on engines and believes the fees need to go back to the county.

Doug Sy, Village of Valders, was in favor of ordinance for convenience and was not opposed to the fee or turn signals.

Jerry Paul, Town of Kossuth, provided statics on ATV/UTV incidents within the state explaining it is not the machines, it is the people being reckless.

Steven Spiering, Town of Kossuth, does not believe rules are necessary. He feels there are too many rules on people the way it is.

Chairman Phipps closed public input at 6:24 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Phipps called the consent agenda and questioned if any supervisor wished to withdraw

any items. Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmer to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B1a, B2a, B3a, C1a, C1b, C1c, C1d, C2a and C2b. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve August 18, 2026 County Board Minutes

B1a. Appoint Jonathan Neils to the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission for a six-year term expiring October 2032.

B2a. Appoint Mary Muench to the Land Information Council for a two-year term expiring September 2028.

B3a. Appoint Allen Kellar to the Local Emergency Planning Committee as an Alternate for Robert Henning for a term expiring December 2027.

C1a. Ordinance 2026/2028-40 Amending Zoning Map (Thomas and Kimberly Alfson).

C1b. Ordinance 2026/2028-41 Amending Zoning Map (Joseph and Julie Spurney).

C1c. Ordinance 2026/2028-42 Amending Zoning Map (Stags Run LLC).

C1d. Resolution 2026/2028-43 Zoning Map Denial (Brandon Gibbs).

C2a. Resolution 2026/2028-44 Approving Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance (Bob Braun).

C2b. Resolution 2026/2028-45 Approving Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance (Roger Holschbach).

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES

Aging and Disability Board: Supervisor Shimulunas gave a report.

Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger gave a report.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Supervisor Hacker gave a report.

Executive Committee: Chairman Phipps gave a report.

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

Finance Committee: Supervisor Grambow gave a report.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Hammel gave a report.

Supervisor Hammel moved, seconded by Supervisor Schwerma to adopt Ordinance 2026/2028-46 Amending Chapter 6 of the Manitowoc County Code of Add S. 6.30 (All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles). Discussion took place.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Maresh to replace the ordinance the Highway Committee passed with the original ordinance that the Corporation Council drafted with the recommendations from the Sheriff. Discussion took place.

Supervisor Klein moved, seconded by Supervisor Dallas to send the ordinance back to the Highway Committee for further review. Upon discussion and vote the motion carried with 21 ayes and 4 noes. Supervisors Behnke, Maresh, Pope, and Schiesl voted no. The ordinance has been sent back to the Highway Committee.

Human Services Board: Supervisor Klein gave a report.

Land Conservation Committee: Supervisor Bonde gave a report.

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a report.

Planning and Park Commission: Supervisor Zimmer gave a report.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Dallas gave a report.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Sitkiewitz gave a report.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Bonde moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Klein and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk