MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Monday, October 26th, 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 26th day of October 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 Schwerma gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 23 members were present: Lillibridge-1, Wolf-2, Metzger-3, Heilman-4, Pope-5, McDonell-6, Schiesl-7, Hacker-8, Sitkiewitz-9, Dallas-11, Neils-13, 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. Supervisors Behnke-12 and Zimmer-10 were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS
Chairman Phipps declared public comment pertaining to the County Executive's 2027 Proposed Budget open at 6:07 p.m.

Robert Dewane, Circuit Court Judge, expressed his concerns regarding the low morale of county employees, the inadequate raise for employees, and the new 90-day freeze on new hires policy. He believes if employees are not valued and under paid there will be more vacant positions throughout the county.

Mark Rohrer, Circuit Court Judge, questioned why the opioid task force would be created when it was voted down last year. He believes the departments receiving the funds are handling them accurately and there is no need to create the task force.

Chairman Phipps closed public comment at 6:13 p.m.

Chairman Phipps declared public comment open for items pertaining to the County Board agenda at 6:13 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Phipps closed public comment at 6:13 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman Phipps called the consent agenda and questioned if any supervisor wished to withdraw any items. Supervisor Sitkiewitz moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B1a-h, B2a, C1a, C2a, C2b, C2c, C2d, C2e, and C2f. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve September 15, 2026 and October 6, 2026 County Board Minutes.
B1a. Appoint Cory Pusel as an alternate for Craig Jansen to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring December 2026.
B1b. Appoint James Brooks as an alternate for Paul Granger to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring January 2028.
B1c. Appoint Supv. Mike Grambow as an alternate for Supv. Chris Dallas to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring April 2028.
B1d. Appoint Jason Orth as an alternate for Dan Hartwig to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring April 2028.
B1e. Appoint Jeremy Kamp as an alternate for Joseph Jeanty to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring June 2028.
B1f. Appoint Melissa Wiesner as an alternate for Benjamin Meinnert to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring June 2028.
B1g. Appoint Wayne Schleis as an alternate for Dennis Rabas to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring June 2028.
B1h. Appoint Paul Thibeault as an alternate for Todd Olig to the Joint Dispatch Board for a term expiring August 2028.
B2a. Appoint Ryan Allie to Veterans Services for a term expiring December 2028.
C1a. Resolution 2026/2028-47 Health Department Fee Schedule (Effective 01/01/2027).
C2a. Ordinance 2026/2028-48 Amending Zoning Map (Kraig and Mary Binversie).
C2b. Ordinance 2026/2028-49 Amending Zoning Map (Matthew Boldt).
C2c. Ordinance 2026/2028-50 Amending Zoning Map (John and Rosemarie Ebert).
C2d. Ordinance 2026/2028-51 Amending Zoning Map (Siemers Farms Inc.).
C2e. Resolution 2026/2028-52 Adopting Manitowoc County Planning and Park Commission Fee Schedule.
C2f. Resolution 2026/2028-53 Authorizing County Conservation Aids Grant Application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES
Aging and Disability Board: Supervisor Shimulunas gave a report.

Board of Health: Supervisor Metzger gave a report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Grambow gave a report.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Hammel gave a report.

Human Services Board: Supervisor Klein gave a report.

Land Conservation Committee: Supervisor Riederer gave a report.

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a report.
Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Metzger to adopt Resolution 2026/2028-54 Authorizing Reallocation of Sheriff's Department/Jail 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Position (Jail Nurse to License Practical Nurse). Upon vote, the motion passed 21-2. Supervisors Dallas and Hammel voted no.

Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Heilman to adopt Resolution 2026/2028-55 Amending Employee Policy Manual S.12.09 (Sick Leave). Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils to adopt Resolution 2026/2028-56 Authorizing Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Program. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Park Commission: Supervisor Neils gave a report.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Dallas gave a report.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Sitkiewitz gave a report.

Transportation Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Hacker gave a report.

ADJOURNMENT
Supervisor Maresh moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Hammel and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk