MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Thursday, November 5th, 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 5th day of November 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 Maresh gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 24 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, Bonde-14, Hammel-15, Busse-16, Maresh-17, Sortwell-19, Schwerma-20, Phipps-21, Grambow-22, Klein-23, Weiss-24, and Shimulunas-25. Supervisor Riederer-18 was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS
Chairman Phipps declared public comment open for items pertaining to the County Board agenda at 6:08 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Phipps closed public comment at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman Phipps called the consent agenda and questioned if any supervisor wished to withdraw any items. Supervisor Zimmer moved, seconded by Supervisor Hacker to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B1a-g. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve October 26, 2026 County Board Minutes.
B1a-g. Appoint Mary Hoffman, Richard Kohlbeck, Rochelle Manzano, Sherri Pinkerton, Crystal Schleis, Savanna Schuette, and Paige Strouf to the Expo-Ice Center Board for a term expiring December 31, 2029.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Hacker gave a report.

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

Finance Committee: Supervisor Grambow gave a report.
Supervisor Grambow moved, seconded by Supervisor Hacker to adopt Resolution 2026/2028-57 Authorizing an Adjustment to Manitowoc County's Levy Limit Under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(fm). Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried with 23 ayes and 1 no. Supervisor Shimulunas voted no.

Supervisor Grambow moved, seconded by Supervisor Hacker to adopt Resolution 2026/2028-58 Adopting 2027 Budget and Property Levy. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Maresh to amend the 2027 budget by increasing line item 16400.58225 (g/l pg. 52) by $250,000 to include the roofing project for the Hillside building at the UW-Manitowoc campus and increase the levy by $250,000. Upon discussion and vote, the motion failed with 8 ayes and 16 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge, Wolf, Metzger, Heilman, Pope, McDonell, Schiesl, Hacker, Zimmer, Dallas, Neils, Bonde, Sortwell, Phipps, Grambow, and Klein voted no.

Supervisor Behnke moved, seconded by Supervisor Maresh to amend the 2027 budget by increasing the borrowing in line item 33100.62110 (g/l pg. 247) by $500,000 and line item 33120.53005 (g/l pg. 249) by $500,000 to include the County Trunk Highway B paving project (the cost for the additional borrowing is not incurred until 2028). Upon discussion and vote, the motion failed with 8 ayes and 16 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge, Wolf, Metzger, Pope, Schiesl, Hacker, Zimmer, Dallas, Hammel, Busse, Sortwell, Schwerma, Phipps, Grambow, Klein, and Weiss voted no.

Supervisor Hammel moved, and seconded by Supervisor Bonde to amend the 2027 budget to increase the employee wage schedule by 2.0% on December 20, 2026, rather than the incremental increase of 1.0% on December 20, 2026, and 1.0% on June 20, 2027 and increase the levy by $173,779. Upon discussion and vote, the motion carried with 18 ayes and 6 noes. Supervisors Wolf, Pope, Hacker, Zimmer, Behnke, and Grambow voted no.

Supervisor Hammel moved, and seconded by Supervisor Weiss to amend the 2027 budget to increase line item 14300.52999 (Other Contracted Services)(g/l pg. 22) in the Personnel Department budget by $60,000 to conduct a wage study and increase the levy by $60,000. Upon discussion and vote, the motion failed with 7 ayes and 17 noes. Supervisors Lillibridge, Wolf, Metzger, Heilman, Pope, Hacker, Sitkiewitz, Zimmer, Behnke, Neils, Bonde, Busse, Maresh, Sortwell, Phipps, Grambow, and Shimulunas voted no.

Supervisor Grambow moved, seconded by Supervisor Hacker to adopt Resolution 2026/2028-58 Adopting 2027 Budget and Property Levy as Amended. Upon vote, the motion carried 21 ayes and 3 noes. Supervisors Schiesl, Behnke, and Maresh voted no.

Human Services Board: Supervisor Klein gave a report.

Transportation Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Hacker gave a report.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McDonell moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Maresh and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk