

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING

January 28, 2025

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the special meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present – 16, Absent – Nancy Hoffmann-District 1, Keith Hess-District 17, Richard Trochinski-18

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MINUTES OF 12/17/2024 MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)
APPEARANCES

- Scott Feldt, BugTussel – update on broadband services

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 01-2025 Resolution Seeking Withdrawal from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium and Form the rural Environmental Health Alliance

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MIRON CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY FACILITY

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

- Move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – recommendation from Finance Committee regarding SOW from auditing firm.

- And move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – consideration of Highway Department land acquisition

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, IF APPROPRIATE, TO ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 18, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 20th day of January, 2025

Elizabeth A. Otto

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 12/17/2024 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Buss/Reabe)** to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on February 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

4. Sheriff Mark Podoll shared that they have officially switched over to the new 911 system and started a 30 day trial. The Sheriff’s Department solved a missing person case by using the Flock Safety Cameras. The

Flock camera spotted the individual in Princeton, WI resulting in the missing person being reunited with his family. Podoll also commented on the discussion of the County Administrator position.

APPEARANCES

5. Scott Feldt of BugTussel was not in attendance.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Resolution 01-2025 Resolution Seeking Withdrawal from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium and Form the rural Environmental Health Alliance. Jason Jerome, HHS Director and Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer, explained the reasoning behind the Resolution. **Motion/second (Krenz/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 01-2025. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 01-2025 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18). Resolution 01-2025 passed as adopted.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MIRON CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY FACILITY

7. The process for the Highway Facility started in August of 2023. The Highway committee interviewed different architectural firms and ended up picking Excel Engineering. They then interviewed 5 different construction management teams in which Miron Construction was the one they picked. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to accept the contract for Miron Construction, and that County Board Chair Dave Abendroth be allowed to fill the responsibilities of the County Administrator by correcting and signing documents regarding the Miron contract. Roll call vote on motion to accept the contract from Miron Construction – Ayes – 15, Nays – 1 (Thom), Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18). Motion passed.

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8. The committee was given a description of the 3 options they have to choose from regarding the County Administrator position. These descriptions can be found in the packet. Corporation Counsel, Jeff Mann read a brief description of the difference between a County Administrator and a County Coordinator provided by UW-Extension. Board members agreed that they would like to appoint someone from within the building, the interim administrator for the time being. Chair Abendroth allowed Sheriff Mark Podoll to comment. Discussion continued. **Motion/second (Floeter/Reabe)** to instruct the Administrative committee to begin the process to appoint and bring forward recommendations for the county administrative interim position to the County Board for final approval. Roll call vote – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17. Trochinski-District 18). Motion passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

9. Chair Abendroth recommended the following appointments:
Raymond Hudzinski to the Veterans Service Commission for a term ending 12/31/2027
Brenda Murkley, Mike Wuest, Mark Stefan, and Joel Strahota have been appointed Fire Wardens for 2025 by the DNR

Motion/second (Boutwell/Buss) to approve the appointments as recommended. Motion carried with no negative vote.

CLOSED SESSION

10. *Motion/second (Buss/Lenz)* to move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – recommendation from Finance Committee regarding SOW from auditing firm.
11. And move into Closed Session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – consideration of Highway Department land acquisition
12. Roll call vote on motion to move into Closed Session at 5:38PM – Ayes - 16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17, Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried. Remote access was terminated.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, IF APPROPRIATE, TO ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

13. *Motion/second (Buss/Lenz)* to reconvene into open session at 6:32PM.
14. Roll call vote on motion to return to Open Session – Ayes -16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17, Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.
15. *Motion/second (Floeter/Buss)* to send matter discussed in Closed Session to the Finance and Administrative Committee's for further discussion. Roll call vote – Ayes -16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17, Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.
16. *Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)* to authorize Chair of the Highway Committee, Dennis Mulder, to make an offer up to the amount discussed in Closed Session. Roll call vote - Ayes -16, Nays - 0, Absent – 3 (Hoffmann-District 1, Hess-District 17, Trochinski-District 18), Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON February 18, 2025

17. To be determined

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

18. To be determined

ADJOURN

19. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 6:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karissa Block
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Deputy County Clerk