

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 21, 2026

County Boardroom, Green County Courthouse, 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI

County Clerk Arianna Voegeli called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Clerk read the roll call with 31 present.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Voegeli administered the Oath of Office to the members of the Green County Board of Supervisors for the new two-year term. Supervisors by district are:

(District Number, Name and Address)

1. Jim Brown, 137 25th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
2. Melissa Even, 1015 23rd Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
3. Joseph Snow, 2123 20th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
4. Jerry Guth, 1322 21st Street, Monroe, WI 53566
5. Peg Sheaffer, 902 21st Street, Monroe, WI 53566
6. Michael Furgal, 1411 14th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
7. Brenda Carus, 1615 8th Street, Monroe, WI 53566
8. Nicole Wilcox, 213 11th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
9. Amy Jo Walter, 560 W. 21st Street, #119, Monroe, WI 53566
10. Larry Kranig, N2119 Ullom Road, Browntown, WI 53522
11. David Tschudy, W5540 Melvin Road, Monroe, WI 53566
12. William Burchard, P.O. Box 191, Juda, WI 53550
13. Dawn Leach, W2413 Town Center Road, Juda, WI 53550
14. Kristi Leonard, W9020 Yankee Hollow Road, Blanchardville, WI 53516
15. Jane Skelton, W5841 Old Argyle Road, Monroe, WI 53566
16. Isaiah Carlson, N4801 Dutch Hollow Road, Monroe, WI 53566
17. Dennis Schwartz, N4094 Back Nine Court, Brodhead, WI 53520
18. Paul Hardenstine, 903 17th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520
19. Franz Mussared Varga, 1007 7th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520
20. Sam Wilke, W675 Golf Course Road, Brodhead, WI 53520
21. Russ Torkelson, W6398 Highpoint Road, Monticello, WI 53570
22. Harvey W. Kubly, P.O. Box 695, Monticello, WI 53570
23. Susan Knox, 206 Warren Street, Albany, WI 53502
24. Erica Roth, W898 Bump Road, Albany, WI 53502
25. Todd Larson, N9633 Tyvand Road, Blanchardville, WI 53516
26. Pat Silver, W4550 Argue Road, New Glarus, WI 53574
27. Steve Donovan, P.O. Box 607, New Glarus, WI 53574
28. Sam Ridders, 1318 Elmer Road, New Glarus, WI 53574
29. Mark Gundlach, W4182 Wirth Lane, Monticello, WI 53570
30. Dawn Marie Sass, 356 Sugar Avenue, Belleville, WI 53508
31. Kathy Pennington, W2461 State Road 92, Brooklyn, WI 53521

Brenda Carus at this time resigned her position on the County Board of Supervisors representing District No. 7. Sam Wilke at this time resigned his position on the County Board of Supervisors representing District No. 20.

ELECTION FOR CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Nominated were Michael Furgal, Jerry Guth, Todd Larson and Kristi Leonard. On the first elective ballot, Jerry Guth received the majority vote and was declared duly elected as County Board Chair and officially installed.

ELECTION FOR THE FIRST VICE-CHAIR

Nominated were Melissa Even, Michael Furgal, Larry Kranig, Todd Larson, Kristi Leonard, Dennis Schwartz and Amy Jo Walter. On the first elective ballot Kristi Leonard received the majority vote and was declared duly elected as County Board First Vice-Chair.

ELECTION FOR THE SECOND VICE-CHAIR

Nominated were Melissa Even, Michael Furgal, Larry Kranig, Todd Larson, Kathy Pennington, Erica Roth, Dennis Schwartz and Peg Sheaffer. On the first elective ballot, there was not a majority vote for any of the nominees. On the second elective ballot, there was not a majority vote for any of the

nominees. On the third elective ballot, there was not a majority vote for any of the nominees and Larry Kranig, Todd Larson, Erica Roth, and Peg Sheaffer withdrew their nominations. On the fourth elective ballot, Melissa Even received the majority vote and was declared duly elected as County Board Second Vice-Chair.

Chair Guth made a statement on vacancies on the County Board of Supervisors regarding his decision to not appoint the two supervisors from District No. 7 and District No. 20 and instead conduct an application and interview process for the two district vacancies.

Motion by Gundlach, seconded by Roth to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-1-26

Resolution Transferring Funds from the General Fund to Various Accounts

WHEREAS, certain 2025 operating funds were insufficient to cover all incurred costs; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has reviewed the various reported departmental overdrawn accounts; and

WHEREAS, expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted must have full County Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve an amount of \$862,675.42 to be transferred from the County Undesignated General Fund to the following accounts:

Account Name	Amount
Juries	\$ 5,698.66
Expert Witness	\$ 4,437.40
Law Library	\$ 12.85
District Attorney/Victim Witness	\$ 15,784.21
Finance	\$ 607.68
Information Technology	\$ 130,480.91
Child Support	\$ 628.34
Property	\$ 65,375.12
Miscellaneous Supplies & Expenses	\$ 571.02
Insurance Expense	\$ 68,520.90
Outside Counsel	\$ 32,957.50
Sheriff	\$ 499,376.18
Emergency Management	\$ 32,254.25
Health Department	\$ 737.33
Tourism	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous General RLF	\$ 477.07
Economic Development	\$ 3,256.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 862,675.42

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Brenda Carus, Vice-Chair
 Jerry Guth Michael Furgal
 Jody Hoesly

Motion by Leonard, seconded by Larson to approve Resolution 4-1-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-2-26

Resolution Transferring Funds to General Fund from Various Accounts

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has reviewed various proposed lapsing and non-lapsing accounts for 2025 operations; and

WHEREAS, certain departments have had a higher level of funding than was required due to either additional unanticipated revenues or a lower level of spending required in departmental operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the following departmental dollar amounts as returned to the County Undesignated General Fund:

Account Name	Amount
County Board	\$ 8,664.96
Clerk of Court	\$ 71,534.74

Circuit Court	\$	31,543.51
Indigent Counseling	\$	3,456.09
Family Court Commissioner	\$	8,890.34
Coroner	\$	7,845.97
DA Prosecution	\$	10,214.48
Corporation Counsel	\$	33,497.52
Administrative Coordinator	\$	1,451.83
County Clerk	\$	32,984.65
Longevity Payments	\$	59,019.00
Treasurer	\$	42,235.79
Tax Deed Expense	\$	1.05
Human Resources	\$	18,212.85
Register of Deeds	\$	105,134.67
Property	\$	25,751.71
Sheriff	\$	497,258.16
Health Department	\$	15,403.68
Veterans Service	\$	5,147.14
County Waste	\$	997.38
Parks	\$	6,466.81
Tri-County Trails	\$	1,113.75
Library Board	\$	630.12
UW-Ext Operations	\$	17,220.36
Land Conservation	\$	44,602.53
Regional Planning	\$	313.39
Rail Commission	\$	2,286.99
Zoning	\$	110,772.09
Highway – GF	\$	322,022.51
Human Services	\$	87,529.84
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$	40,678.99
Delinquent Taxes	\$	19,137.83
Uncollected Taxes	\$	6,403.34
State Shared Taxes	\$	9,538.92
Forest Crop Taxes	\$	71,771.44
Interest on Investments	\$	565.51
Miscellaneous General Exp	\$	2,491.74
GRAND TOTAL	\$	<u>1,722,791.68</u>

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Kristi Leonard, Chair Brenda Carus, Vice-Chair

Jerry Guth Michael Furgal

Jody Hoesly

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Tschudy to approve Resolution 4-2-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-3-26

Resolution Non-Lapsing Funds

WHEREAS, various departments have requested that specific funds be non-lapsed and transferred into the 2026 accounts from 2025 departmental budgets; and

WHEREAS, such transfers require County Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the following accounts be designated as non-lapsing funds in the amount specified:

Account Name	Amount
Coroner	\$ 40,604.19
County Clerk	\$ 6,861.80
Elections	\$ 29,043.30
Tax Deeds	\$ 19,873.71

Treasurer		\$ 15,500.00
Information Technology		\$ 282,675.05
Computer Replacement Fund		\$ 62,456.16
Human Resources		\$ 28,421.62
Longevity Payments		\$ 454,749.94
Land Records Modernization		\$ 34,830.07
Section Corners		\$ 3,649.77
Courthouse Renovation		\$ 1,622.17
Property		\$ 1,018,064.23
Emergency Management		\$ 30,000.00
Pesticide Applicator Training		\$ 6,860.03
Veterans Service		\$ 15,513.98
Library Board		\$ 2,798.19
UW-Extension		\$ 17,834.76
UW-Extension - Tractor Safety		\$ 1,959.76
4-H Members		\$ 11,057.48
Tourism		\$ 20,565.40
Zoning		\$ 6,500.00
Community Development Grants		\$ 132,359.51
General Fund – Highway		
Fixed Asset Purchases	\$ 599,822.14	
CTHS Maintenance	\$ 203,473.76	
CTHS Construction	\$ 190,000.00	
Special Projects	\$ 22,090.87	
Township Bridges	\$ 225,886.55	
County Bridges	<u>\$ 359,441.66</u>	
Total GF Highway		\$ 1,600,714.98
Sheriff's Department		
DARE	\$ 21,892.52	
Communications/Traffic Patrol	\$ 217,502.38	
Dispatch	\$ 113,233.72	
Youth & Community	\$ 2,347.45	
K-9 Unit	\$ 748.81	
Jail Improvement	<u>\$ 334,882.45</u>	
Total Sheriff		\$ 690,607.33
Health Department		
Child Safety	\$ 3,472.62	
Home Visiting Grant	\$ 67,250.61	
Health Services	\$ 400,000.00	
Bio-Terrorism	\$ 88,643.02	
COVID Immunization	\$ 14,066.62	
Total Health		\$ 573,432.87
Land Conservation		
Sand County Foundation	\$ 11,013.10	
Ag Clean Sweep	\$ 2,779.77	
Farmers of the Sugar River	<u>\$ 11,330.25</u>	
Total Land Conservation		\$ 25,123.12
Wheel Tax		\$ 812,417.62
Sales Tax Fund – Designated for 2026 Operations		\$ 4,209,845.00
Sales Tax Fund – Undesignated		\$ 1,624,022.38
Undesignated General Fund		\$ 2,595,248.18
TOTAL OPERATING GENERAL FUND		<u>\$14,375,212.60</u>
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)		\$ 767,836.95
Debt Services		\$ 462,563.97

Capital Project Fund		\$ 7,194,342.86
Highway Machinery Earnings		\$ 1,278,533.57
Human Services		
WIMCR	\$ 454,892.03	
Community Support Program	\$ 12,495.04	
Comprehensive Community Services	\$ 585,475.98	
Opioid Settlement	\$ 652,546.51	
COP Assessments & Case Plans	\$ 6,920.30	
Elderly Benefit Bequest	\$ 438,325.88	
Emergency Shelter	\$ 17,763.20	
Information & Assistance	\$ 110,444.01	
ADRC	\$ 17,352.75	
CYF Special Funding	\$ 57,909.30	
Aging – Transportation	\$ 64,542.28	
Prevention/Wellness	\$ 3,114.35	
Senior Fun Fest	\$ 1,453.76	
Nutrition – Congregate Meals	\$ 3,469.05	
Nutrition – Home Delivered Meals	\$ 77,570.57	
Hand In Hand Day Care	\$ 37,979.19	
Total Human Services		\$ 2,542,254.20
Landfill		
E-Waste Recycling	\$ 108,881.35	
Tire Chipping	\$ 102,635.67	
Operating	\$ 726,218.38	
Post Closure - Deficit	\$ 534,244.10	
Surcharge	\$ 21,489.04	
Proportionate Share	\$ 437.22	
Total Landfill		\$ 1,493,905.76
Pleasant View Nursing Home		\$ (379,146.19)
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ <u>27,735,503.72</u>

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Kristi Leonard, Chair Brenda Carus, Vice-chair

Jerry Guth Michael Furgal

Jody Hoesly

Motion by Sass, seconded by Snow to approve Resolution 4-3-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-4-26

Resolution Accepting Land and Water Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program Grant

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee adopted a Grant Application and Acceptance procedure at its August 2, 2005 meeting, which states that grants over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be subject to County Board consideration before acceptance, after approval by the oversight committee and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, County Code Section 2-12-1, entitled COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL, provides for County Board approval of programs or services within Green County which are funded by other than County funds and revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the appropriate oversight committee and the Finance and Accounting Committee for approval of the following grant application(s) and amend the departmental budget for 2026 as follows:

Department	Grant Amount				Purpose
Land & Water Conservation	Amended Revenues Budget	Account	Budget	Increase	Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program
	\$66,084	10562380-4322	\$66,084	\$66,084	

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly
Brenda Carus, Vice-chair Jerry Guth
Michael Furgal

Motion by Roth, seconded by Knox to approve Resolution 4-4-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-5-26

Resolution Approving IT Contract (Contracts Over \$150,000)

WHEREAS, County Code Section 1-11-2, entitled COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, provides for review, approval and execution of all county contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budget operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-11-2(A)(4) states: Cost or price in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), recommendation by the appropriate department head and the supervisory committee to the full County Board and approval by the full Board before the purchase is made. Execution of the contract documents shall be by the Green County Board Chair and the appropriate committee chair, after the document has been reviewed by the Green County Corporation Counsel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Green County Finance and Accounting Committee for the following contract:

CDW Virtual Server Replacement \$344,485.78

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Kristi Leonard, Chair Brenda Carus, Vice-Chair
Mike Furgal Jerry Guth
Jody Hoesly

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jerry Guth Brian Bucholtz
Finance and Accounting Committee County Board Chair Corporation Counsel

Motion by Even, seconded by Donovan to approve Resolution 4-5-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-6-26

Resolution Authorizing Submission of Petition to DATCP to Recognize the Decatur Rural Initiative for Preservation of Agricultural Enterprise Area as an Area of Statewide Importance and Making Landowners Eligible to Claim the Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit

WHEREAS, agriculture remains a cornerstone of the economy of the State of Wisconsin, contributing billions annually and supporting thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the lands within the Decatur Rural Initiative for Preservation Agricultural Enterprise Area are actively used for agricultural production and contribute to the local and regional food supply chain; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin continues to experience the conversion of productive agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, threatening long-term food security and rural economies

WHEREAS, the Town of Decatur and surrounding areas are facing increasing development pressures that may result in fragmentation of viable farmland; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program is designed to encourage the preservation of agricultural lands through local planning and landowner participation; and

WHEREAS, designation of an Agricultural Enterprise Area supports the goals of the Farmland Preservation Program by promoting long-term agricultural use and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Agricultural Enterprise Area is voluntary and provides landowners with access to tax credits in exchange for maintaining agricultural use;

WHEREAS, such incentives help sustain family farms and reduce financial pressures to sell land for development; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of high-quality agricultural land in Green County contributes to the long-term sustainability of Wisconsin's agricultural industry;

WHEREAS, designation of this area as one of statewide importance will advance statewide goals of farmland protection, economic stability, and resource conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board supports the designation of the Decatur Rural Initiative for Preservation Agricultural Enterprise Area as an area of statewide importance and supports landowner eligibility for the Farmland Preservation Program tax credit.

SIGNED: LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Kristi Leonard, Chair Peg Sheaffer, Vice-chair
Nick Hartwig Paul Roemer
Erica Roth Sam Wilke
Dudley Timm (Citizen Advisory Member)

Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Sheaffer to approve Resolution 4-6-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 4-7-26

NOTICE OF DISALLOWANCE OF CLAIM AND CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

Gary J. Schmid

WHEREAS, a Notice of Claim and Claim for Damages dated December 30, 2025 was received by County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said document states as follow: "said Notice of Claim and Claim for Damages alleges that Gary J. Schmid here by makes a claim against the County of Green, Wisconsin, its agents and employees, as a result of the failure of said County of Green, its agents and employees, to maintain a safe place for members of the public; specifically, failure to safely maintain the Green County Landfill drop-off location which said Green County knows is frequented by members of the general public and specifically in further clarification of the claim, individuals who are dropping of recycling items for the benefit of Green County at the landfill located at W2002 County Hwy SS, Brodhead, WI . The County of Green knowingly allowed a defective drain cover and drain to remain on said premises frequented by members of the general public which caused said claimant to fall and sustain significant physical injuries to include but not limited to a full thickness rotator cuff tear which required substantial medical care and significant expense and losses to the Claimant. The fall occurred on June 16, 2025, during the course of Claimant delivering recycling items to said landfill"; and

WHEREAS, after review of this matter by the Corporation Counsel he recommends that this claim be denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Notice of Claim and Claim for Damages submitted by Gary J. Schmid, be and the same is hereby **DENIED AND DISALLOWED** and no action on this claim may be brought against Green County or any of its officers, agents, or employees after six (6) months from the date of service of this notice, pursuant to §893.80, Wis. Stats.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Claimant, Gary J. Schmid, and any Counsel he may have retained, via certified mail, return receipt requested, as a notice of disallowance pursuant to §893.80, Wis. Stats.

SIGNED: THE AUDITING, BONDING AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Peg Sheaffer, Chair Isaiah Carlson, Vice-Chair
Melissa Even

Motion by Larson, seconded by Carlson to approve Resolution 4-7-26. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 26-0401

Modification to ATV/UTV Route

WHEREAS, the Green County Highway Committee is charged with the duty to receive and make recommendations for Green County upon all highway matters referred to them; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Highway Committee has approved an ATV/UTV route in the Town of New Glarus and is requesting that the Board also approve the route as described in this Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that Title 8 of the Green County Code be modified as follows:

8-2-13: CURRENT COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY DESIGNATED ATV/UTV ROUTES

O. Town of New Glarus

1. On CTH O – from Dane/Green County line to New Glarus Village/Town line.
2. On CTH U – from Dane/Green County line to CTH O.
3. On CTH W – from New Glarus Village/Town line to Exeter/New Glarus Town line.
4. On CTH H – from York/New Glarus Town line to 2nd Street in the Village of New Glarus.
5. On CTH N – from CTH H to New Glarus/Washington Town line.
6. On CTH NN – from CTH N to Kennebec Lane.

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Russ Torkelson, Chair Mark Gundlach, Vice-Chair

Kristi Leonard William Burchard

Kathy Pennington

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Burchard to approve Ordinance 26-0401. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Appointments: The Chair asked for a unanimous consent to approve the appointments as a whole with no objections. Motion by Furgal, seconded by Burchard to approve the following appointments: Steve Scanlan and Hickory Daniels as citizen members to the Solid Waste Management Board for 3-year terms ending on the third Tuesday in April 2029; Dr. Kelsey Schmidt and Barbara Duerst to the Health Board for 2-year terms expiring the third Tuesday in April 2028; Gary Neuenschwander and Bekah Stauffacher to the Tourism Committee for 2-year terms expiring the third Tuesday in April 2028; Craig Ellefson and Anita Huffman to the Green County Library Board for 3-year terms expiring the third Tuesday in April 2029; Paul Hannes as the Elderly Rep to the Aging and Disability Advisory Committee for a 3-year term expiring the third Tuesday in April 2029; Anita Huffman and Sue Nelson to the Human Services Board for 3-year terms expiring the third Tuesday in April 2029; and Kristi Leonard to the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jody Hoesly expiring the 31st of December, 2026.

Announcements: Vacancies for Supervisory Districts 7 and 20 will be published, applications taken and interviews given. Chair Guth announced the following Committee of Committees members: Kristi Leonard, Dennis Schwartz and Kathy Pennington. Clerk Voegeli announced that the newly-elected supervisors sign their Oath of Office and return to the clerk.

Distributions: County Clerk, Public Health and Land & Water Conservation Annual Reports; WCA Welcome packet and onboarding information were distributed.

Motion by Kubly, seconded by Gundlach to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF GREEN)

I, Arianna L. Voegeli, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of April 21, 2026, A.D.

Arianna L. Voegeli
Green County Clerk