

AGENDA
(THURSDAY) MAY 18, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #3041 – COURTHOUSE 3RD FLOOR – BLDG. A
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153

This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and from the County's website calendar: www.co.oconto.wi.us

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
3. The Invocation – Supervisor Kroll
4. Presentation of Awards and Recognition (2)
5. Presentation of Communications and Petitions
6. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 6.1. Removal of Items from Consent Agenda
 - 6.2. **O2023-05-01** Chapter 5 – County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101 – Administration Com. (4)
 - 6.3. **R2023-05-01** American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Oconto County Youth Fair Show Ring Project – Admin. Com. (6)
 - 6.4. **R2023-05-02** Establishment of a Broadband Taskforce for the BEAD Planning Grant – Administration Com & P&T Com. (7)
 - 6.5. **R2023-05-03** Building “B” Roof Replacement Project – P&T Com. (8)
 - 6.6. **R2023-05-04** Approval of Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (Bead) Planning Grant and Memorandum of Understanding – P&T Com. (9)
 - 6.7. **R2023-05-05** Approval of the Purchase of a Towable Tandem Trailer for Transporting Emergency Radio Tower Backup Generator – Public Safety Com. (10)
 - 6.8. **R2023-05-06** Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee – Admin. Com. (11)
 - 6.9. **R2023-05-07** Approval of Proposal and Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. for Campground Development – L&W Com. (12)
 - 6.10. **R2023-05-08** Supporting Application for a 2024 Agricultural and Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Grant – L&W Com. (13)
 - 6.11. **R2025-05-09** Resolution Requesting the State take Action in Support of County Criminal Justice System – Public Safety Com. (15)
7. Approval of Regular Agenda
 - 7.1. Change in Sequence
 - 7.2. Removal of Items
8. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings (16)
9. Committee and Departmental Reports:
 - 9.1. Report – Health & Human Services Update
 - 9.2. Report – Oconto County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) Update
 - 9.3. Report – Human Resources Update (19)
 - 9.4. Report – Bridge Aid Petitions (20)
10. **Order 2023-02** Order by Oconto County Board of Supervisors Establishing the following Public Inland Lake District: White Potato Inland Lake District, Oconto County, Wisconsin (21)
11. **Appointment** – White Potato Lake District (Schneider) – County Administrator (23)
12. **R2025-05-10** To Declare Oconto County's Support of the People's Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety – Public Safety Com. (24)
11. Wisconsin Counties Association Presentation – Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, Director of Outreach & Member Engagement
12. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)
13. Adjournment

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c. Committee (FTP); County Administrator, Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, Department Heads, external requests, Media (via email); County Website; Central File, Official Posting Location (Physical Copy)

kp/Date Posted: 05/12/2023

June Invocation by Supervisor Kaczrowski



Lake Stewardship Award for Programmatic Excellence in Lake Health YouTube Video
<https://youtu.be/OZZ8u05wxAY>

Wisconsin Lake Stewardship and Volunteer Stream Monitoring Awards Ceremony



Photograph credit: Doug Moore

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3 **ORDINANCE – O2023-05-01**

4 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

5 Re: **Chapter 5 – Land Sale County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101**

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7 WHEREAS, the Administration Committee has reviewed Chapter 5 – County
8 Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101 and recommends the following amendments.

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10 NOW, THEREFORE, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

11 SECTION 1: Chapter 5, County Administration/Finances Sec. 5.101 is amended as follows:

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14 5.101 ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION OF TAX LIENS AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT REAL
15 ESTATE

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17 (a) Statutory Authorization. Oconto County collects delinquent taxes according to the provisions of
18 Chapter 75, Wis. Stats. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization contained in Wis.
19 Stats. Sec. 75.521 and Wis. Stats. Sec. 75.69.

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21 (b) Areas To Be Regulated. All lands within the boundaries of Oconto County are subject to the terms
22 of this ordinance.

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24 (c) Administration. The administration of this ordinance is assigned to the Administration Committee
25 of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors.
26 The Treasurer of Oconto County is hereby authorized to manage all tax-deeded lands of this
27 County, and conduct negotiations for the sale of such lands.

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29 Tax-deeded lands may be sold by open or closed bid, at the Treasurer's discretion.

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31 (d) In Rem Foreclosure. From and after March 1, 2021, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors
32 elects to adopt the provisions of Section 75.521, Wis. Stats., for the purpose of enforcing tax liens
33 in such county in the cases where the procedure provided by such section is applicable.

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35 Upon the adoption of such ordinance, the provisions of this section shall be applicable to such
36 county and the treasurer need not, thereafter, proceed upon its tax certificate in cases where this
37 section is applicable in any of the other methods provided by Wis. Stats. Sec. 75 or its charter
38 provisions but may do so at the treasurer's option.

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40 (e) Procedures. Real estate to which the County has acquired title by delinquent tax procedures may
41 be sold only under the procedures of this Section.

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43 (1) Appraisal

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45 (A) Before placing a parcel for sale, the power of this County Board to appraise tax-
46 deeded lands is hereby delegated to a Certified Appraiser. Minimum bids will be
47 reviewed and approved by the Administration Committee before such sale.
48 Statute 75.69 (1).

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50 (B) Parcels which have been advertised for sale by a Class 3 publication at least once
51 may have the appraisals (minimum bids) for such parcels adjusted and approved
52 by the Administration Committee, pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 75.69(1).

53 (2) Notice of Sale. Public notice of the sale of real estate shall be made by publishing a Class
54 3 notice, under Chapter 985, Wis. Stats., in a newspaper of general circulation within the
55 County. Notice shall also be given to the clerk of the city, village, or town in which the real

56 estate is situated at least three (3) weeks prior to the sale, pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec.
57 75.69(1), and (4).
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59 Prior to offering tax delinquent parcels for public sale in the first attempt, the Administration
60 Committee may accept an offer to purchase from a municipality, the State of Wisconsin or
61 the U.S. Government for any value which is deemed by the Committee to serve the
62 interests of Oconto County.

63 (3) Type of Sale

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65 (A) (i) The County Treasurer shall send all tax deeded parcels to Wisconsin
66 Surplus Online Auction.
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68 (ii) No bid shall be awarded or accepted by the County Treasurer for less than
69 the appraised value, or minimum bid set by the Administration Committee.
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71 (iii)_ In the event the bidder fails to close the sale of the property by providing
72 the balance due within ten (10) days, the parcel will then be re-listed on
73 the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction.

74 (iv) No property may be sold for an amount less than the amount of the highest
75 bid, unless the Administration Committee prepares a written statement,
76 available for public inspection, explaining the reasons for accepting a bid
77 less than the highest bid.
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85 SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take affect after passage and publication as provided by law.

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87 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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89 By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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91 Alan Sleeter, Chair

92 Dennis Kroll

93 Gary Frank

94 John Matravers

95 Char Meier

96 Theresa Willems
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99 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE*

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101 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-01**

2
3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

4
5 Re: **American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Oconto County Youth Fair Show Ring Project**

6
7 WHEREAS, Oconto County has been allocated and received \$7,367,458 in American Rescue Plan
8 Act (ARPA) funding; and

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10 WHEREAS, ARPA funds can be used for a government purpose assigned to the unit of government
11 receiving funds; and

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13 WHEREAS, county funding for fairgrounds and fairs is a government purpose, authorized under
14 Wis. Stats. §59.56(14); and

15
16 WHEREAS, the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. generated \$292,745.90 in net sale proceeds from
17 the Sale of Champions and Youth Cake auction in 2022; and

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19 WHERAS, an estimated 1,000 people attend the fair daily during the event; and

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21 WHEREAS, Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. representatives have come before the Administration
22 Committee and outlined the building plan to expand the show ring area at the fairgrounds; and

23
24 WHEREAS, Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. representatives have requested the County pledge
25 support to the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. project in an amount not to exceed \$44,456.40; and

26
27 WHEREAS, the estimated project cost is \$148,188 and ARPA Funds will not exceed 30% of the
28 total project cost; and

29
30 WHEREAS, the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. will have 20% of the project cost available to start
31 construction; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc. is a non-profit or government entity; and

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35 WHEREAS, no additional operating funds will be made available to Oconto County Youth Fair, Inc.
36 after project completion; and

37
38 WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of Oconto County support will be a maximum of \$44,456.40, and
39 sufficient ARPA funds (previously allocated as lost revenue or capital projects to be determined) are
40 available.

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42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does
43 hereby approve amending the American Rescue Plan Act plan to include up to \$44,456.40 for the Oconto
44 County Youth Fair, Inc. fairgrounds show ring project; and

45
46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oconto County Finance Director, County Administrator and
47 Treasurer are authorized to release the funding after receiving confirmation from the Oconto County Youth
48 Fair, Inc. that funds for the full project cost have been committed.

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50 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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52 By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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54 Alan Sleeter, Chair
55 Dennis Kroll
56 Gary Frank
57 Teri Willems
58 Char Meier
59 John Matravers

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62 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.09.2023 - BLE*

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64 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-02**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

4
5 Re: **Establishment of a Broadband Taskforce for the BEAD Planning Grant**

6
7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Counties were provided with the opportunity to submit a letter of intent to
8 participate and receive a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) local planning grant to assist
9 counties in efforts to define the need, vision and strategy for broadband deployment; and

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11 WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a task force to identify and coordinate the activities of the
12 BEAD Planning Grant, and make recommendations to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors; and

13
14 WHEREAS, activities of this task force include stakeholder outreach and engagement to identify
15 barriers to broadband adoption, identifying existing broadband projects, supporting the development of
16 maps that capture equity, access and deployment challenges, developing broadband related speed testing
17 and surveys to guide future projects and priorities, and developing the vision of broadband service in Oconto
18 County

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20 WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds to support the activities of the taskforce through the BEAD
21 Planning Grant award.

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby
24 establish a Broadband Taskforce for the BEAD Planning Grant with the following members:

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26 • County Board Supervisor from Property & Technology Committee
27 • County Board Supervisor (at large)
28 • City Representation--Elected Official or Administrative Official
29 • Village Representation-- Elected Official or Administrative Official
30 • Town Representation (2)
31 • Oconto County Economic Development Representation (1)
32 • School District Representation (1)
33 • Healthcare Sector Representation (1)
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors authorizes the payment of
36 per-diems for meeting attendance in the amount of \$60.00 for County Board Supervisors and members of
37 the public who are otherwise uncompensated for their participation.

38
39 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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41 By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
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43 Alan Sleeter, Chair Doug McMahon, Chair
44 Dennis Kroll Guy Gooding
45 Gary Frank Richard Pillsbury
46 John Matravers John Wittkopf
47 Char Meier Brandon Dhuey
48 Theresa Willems
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51 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.03.2023 - BLE*

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53 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-03**

2
3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **Building “B” Roof Replacement Project**

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7 WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-05-02 approved the bid from Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet
8 Metal, LLC to replace the roof on Building B in the amount of \$34,000.00; and

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10 WHEREAS, due to the condition of the roof on Building B, Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet
11 Metal, LLC needed to do a 100% tear off of the roof, increasing the original bid from \$34,000.00 to
12 \$40,850.00; and

13
14 WHEREAS, there is \$50,000.00 in the 2023 budget for the Building “B” Roof Replacement project
15 (from 2022 carry over); and

16
17 WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of this project will require an additional \$6,850.00 to come from
18 account #100-26-57140-58200 (capital outlay +%5,000).

19
20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve
21 the additional payment of \$6,850.00 to Oshkosh Industrial Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC for the roof repair.

22
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk execute the agreement with Oshkosh
24 Industrial Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC for Oconto County and that the County Clerk pay the additional
25 amount invoiced.

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27 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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29 By: PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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31 Doug McMahon, Chair
32 Guy Gooding
33 Richard Pillsbury
34 John Wittkopf
35 Brandon Dhuey

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38 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE*

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40 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-04**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **Approval of Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (Bead) Planning Grant and**
6 **Memorandum of Understanding**

7
8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties were provided with the opportunity to submit a letter of intent to
9 participate and receive a Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) local planning grant to assist
10 counties in efforts to define the need, vision and strategy for broadband deployment; and

11
12 WHEREAS, counties were offered an incentive of 10% if they elected to participate in the program
13 through a Regional Development organization (“REDO”). For Oconto County, the REDO is New North,
14 Inc.; and

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16 WHEREAS, a template Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use by participating counties
17 that identifies the responsibilities of the counties and New North in completing the activities of the grant;
18 and

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20 WHEREAS, the New North region is allocated \$302,567.25 for the BEAD Planning Grant, with
21 \$30,000 for New North to provide contract administration, financing, audit, reporting, and serving as the
22 state agencies’ point of contact; and

23
24 WHEREAS, Oconto County is allocated \$15,000 for performing the county responsibilities under
25 the BEAD Planning Grant; and

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27 WHEREAS, Oconto County will provide \$5,000 for additional shared regional support for a shared
28 mapping position for the purposes of this grant.

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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby
31 approves the acceptance of the BEAD Planning Grant award and the Memorandum of Understanding
32 between Oconto County and New North, Inc.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oconto County Chair, Clerk and County Administrator are
35 authorized to sign all documents and agreements pursuant to the grant award and activities.

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37 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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39 By: PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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41 Doug McMahon, Chair
42 Guy Gooding
43 Richard Pillsbury
44 John Wittkopf
45 Brandon Dhuey

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48 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.01.2023 - BLE*

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50 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-05**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

4
5 Re: **Approval of the Purchase of a Towable Tandem Trailer for Transporting Emergency Radio**
6 **Tower Backup Generator**

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8 WHEREAS, The County Board previously approved generators for the Emergency Radio Tower
9 sites; and

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11 WHEREAS, There is a need to provide an emergency backup generator at any of the given
12 Emergency Radio Tower site when needed; and

13
14 WHEREAS, In order to transport the emergency backup generator to any of the Emergency Radio
15 Tower sites within the County a towable tandem trailer is needed; and

16
17 WHEREAS, the fiscal impact is not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be designated from the ARPA Funds
18 allocated to the County.

19
20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board of Supervisors approves the purchase
21 of a Towable Tandem Trailer for Transporting Emergency Radio Tower Backup Generator for a cost not to
22 exceed \$5,000 from the ARPA funds allocated to the county.

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24 Submitted this 18th day of May 2023.

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26 By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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28 Dennis Kroll Chair
29 Don Bartels, Jr.
30 David Parmentier
31 Tracy S. Ondik
32 Al Schreiber

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35 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE*

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37 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-06**

2
3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee**

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7 WHEREAS, Oconto County joined other units of government in Wisconsin and other states in
8 holding opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers accountable for their role in the opioid crisis; and

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10 WHEREAS, opioid use has created a burden on many functions of county government including
11 law enforcement, human services, courts, and the medical examiner; and

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13 WHEREAS, opioid use has harmed communities, individuals and families and continues to do so;
14 and

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16 WHEREAS, Oconto County is scheduled to receive settlements from manufacturers, distributors
17 and retailers to resolve litigation related to the opioid crisis; and

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19 WHEREAS, the use of these funds is prescribed by an exhibit to the settlement documents as
20 attached to this resolution; and

21
22 WHEREAS, engaging the County Board Supervisors, Elected Officials, Department Heads and
23 Community Members is needed to develop a plan for the use of these funds.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the
26 formation of an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee as outlined in the attached document for
27 the purposes of providing recommendations for the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on the use of
28 funds from the opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oconto County Board of Supervisors authorizes the payment
31 of per-diems for meeting attendance in the amount of \$60.00 for County Board Supervisors and members
32 of the public who are otherwise uncompensated for their participation.

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34 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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36 By: ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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38 Alan Sleeter, Chair
39 Dennis Kroll
40 Gary Frank
41 John Matravers
42 Char Meier
43 Theresa Willems

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46 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE*

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48 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-07**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **Approval of Proposal and Agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. for Campground**
6 **Development**

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8 WHEREAS, the County is looking to enter into an agreement based on proposal submitted April
9 17, 2023 for the purposes of performing design fit plan, conceptual design, construction plans, bidding, and
10 administration of construction for a proposed ATV Park; and

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12 WHEREAS, the cost of labor and materials will be billed based on actual time and material spent
13 on the project; and

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15 WHEREAS, the proposed level of effort estimate is 802 hours at a cost of \$119,820 over the entire
16 project; and

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18 WHEREAS, the project for 2023 consists of design fit plan and conceptual design phases in order
19 to submit grant applications in 2024; and

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21 WHEREAS, the County has budgeted total of \$400,000 to this project utilizing ARPA funding with
22 \$67,000 allocated to the 2023 budget; and

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24 WHEREAS, the fiscal impact for 2023 will be up to \$67,000.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does
27 hereby approve the proposal submitted by Scott Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 316 North Milwaukee
28 Street Suite 302, Landmark Building in Milwaukee, WI 53202-5888 and authorize its Forest and Parks
29 Administrator to act on behalf of Oconto County to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete
30 the agreement and project.

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32 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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34 By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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36 Tim Cole, Chair
37 Patrick J. Scanlan
38 Chris Augustine
39 Keith Schneider
40 Wayne Kaczrowski

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43 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE*

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45 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

57 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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59 By: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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61 Tim Cole, Chair

62 Patrick J. Scanlan

63 Chris Augustine

64 Keith Schneider

65 Wayne Kaczrowski

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68 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 04.18.2023 - BLE*

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70 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-09**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **Resolution Requesting the State take Action in Support of County Criminal Justice Systems**

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7 WHEREAS, Oconto County, like other counties in the State of Wisconsin, is currently subject to
8 various unfunded state mandates, resulting in our County Courts being forced to appoint defense counsel
9 at Oconto County (instead of State) expense; and

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11 WHEREAS, Oconto County's criminal justice system has been woefully underfunded, understaffed,
12 and overworked, especially since the COVID-19 Pandemic. The County is currently experiencing a
13 ballooning amount of unresolved cases, including a backlog of numerous unissued referrals, which makes
14 the task of recruiting local prosecutors and public defenders extremely difficult; and

15
16 WHEREAS, it is vital that Oconto County be provided with the tools and investments it needs from the
17 State of Wisconsin to ensure it can meet its constitutional obligations to all Oconto County citizens currently
18 impacted by the slogged scales of justice, and we ask that the State consider the following requests when
19 developing its 2023-25 biennial budget: 1) *Increase starting prosecutor and public defender pay to \$35.00 per hour;*
20 *2) Increase all current prosecutors and public defenders pay by \$7.76 per hour; 3) Fully fund merit-based pay*
21 *progression at up to 10% per prosecutor; 4) Increase the number of assistant district attorney positions within the*
22 *Oconto County District Attorney's Office; 5) Increase the number of State Public Defender staff located in its*
23 *Peshigo office which serves both Oconto and Marinette Counties; and 6) provide \$5,000,000 annually as*
24 *reimbursements to counties across the state to cover their costs of providing court appointed counsel to defendants*
25 *when the Public Defender's Office does not; and*

26
27 WHEREAS, there are certain court user fees in Oconto County that have not been adjusted since the
28 1980s. While user fees have remained stagnant, the costs of running our courts have increased
29 dramatically. That financial hole, which is supposed to be filled by state dollars, is instead being filled with
30 local funds, and we ask that the State consider the following requests when developing its 2023-25 biennial
31 budget: 1) *Increase the jury demand fee' to between \$96 and \$192; 2) Increase the 'service by mail fee' to*
32 *\$7 or more; 3) Increase the foreign judgments fee' to \$25; 4) Increase the 'transcripts from judgment 'fee to*
33 *\$10; and 5) Increase local assistance payments to cover the increased costs of providing court interpreters*
34 *and Guardians ad Litem (GALs); and*

35
36 WHEREAS, we also ask that the. State consider other ways to help address the current backlog of cases
37 in Oconto County and to make our criminal justice system more efficient, including but not limited to: 1)
38 *Creating legislation to encourage more video conferencing (e.g., for all status conferences and pretrials),*
39 *which would increase the pool of attorneys willing to take (even out of county) cases, and would save on*
40 *costs of transporting defendants; and 2) Contracting directly with law firms to streamline the public defender*
41 *appointment process as the State of Minnesota currently does.*

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43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby directs
44 that a copy of this resolution shall be emailed by the County Clerk to the following for consideration: 1) the
45 Governor of the State of Wisconsin; 2) State Senators and State Representatives representing Oconto
46 County; 3) the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration; 4) the Wisconsin State
47 Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance; and 5) the Wisconsin Counties Association.

48
49 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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51 By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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53 Dennis Kroll, Chair
54 Don Bartels, Jr.
55 David Parmentier
56 Tracy S. Ondik
57 Al Schreiber

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60 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 04.27.2023 - BLE*

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62 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

County Board Chair, Al Sleeter, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. the County Board Room #3041, located at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto, WI by stating "This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same, as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk." County Clerk, Kim Pytleski, recorded the attendance, with 31 members present: Supervisors Augustine, Barkhaus, Behrend, Bitters, Buhrandt, Christianson, Dhuey, Frank, Heise, Kaczrowski, Kroll, Lavarda, Matravers, Ondik, Parmentier, Pillsbury, Ragen, Scanlan, Schindel, Schreiber, Sleeter, Willems, Wolf; 8 absent: Bartels, Cole, Gooding, Holman, Meier, McMahon, Schneider, Wittkopf

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. The Invocation was given by Clerk Pytleski

4. Presentation of Awards and Recognition

- Happy Birthday to Supervisor Elmer Ragen! Ragen was recognized for being the oldest serving supervisor in the state of Wisconsin.
- Sheriff Todd Skarban congratulated Deputy Kevin Christensen for winning Top Dog at the 2023 Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt and Sergeant Cullan Morrissey for winning the Champion Narcotics Search competition with K9 Emma!
- Deb Uhlenbrauck presented the board with signage honoring Oconto County's designation as a Snowmobile Friendly County.

5. Presentation of Communications and Petitions

There was one communication:

Pytleski demonstrated how the new procedure of printing page numbers after each agenda item will aid in the navigation of the agenda during meetings.

6. Adoption of Standing Rules O2023-04-01 Chapter 2 Code of Ordinance County Board Rules

Motion by Ragen/Bitters to adopt O2023-04-01 Chapter 2 Code of Ordinance County Board Rules. Following an explanation by Kim Pytleski, County Clerk, and Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, and discussion, motion by Frank/Dhuey to retain lines 426 and 427 "(n) To make an annual report to the County Board at its March meeting listing the annual compensation and fringe benefits of all full time county employees and officers". The motion was voted on and carried. Following further explanation, the motion to adopt O2023-04-01, as amended, carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

7. Adoption of Financial Management Policy

Motion by Frank/Heise to adopt the Financial Management Policy. Following an explanation by Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda

8.1 Removal of Items from Consent Agenda – None.

Motion by Barkhaus/Matravers to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion to approve carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

8.2 Appointment Board of Directors Commission on Aging (Lavarda, Schindel) – Co. Admin.

8.3 Re-appointment Lena Library Board Village Representative (Patenaude) – Co. Admin.

8.4 A2023-04-01 Zoning Change – Town of Lena (Anderley) – L&W Resources Com.

8.5 A2023-04-02 Zoning Change – Town of Underhill (Laskowski) – L&W Resources Com.

8.6 R2023-04-01 Purchase of One (1) GVWR 18,000 Pound Truck – Highway Com.

8.7 R2023-04-02 Approval of Carpet Replacement in the County Administrator, County Clerk, and Finance Department Offices – Property & Technology Com.

8.8 R2023-04-07 Approval of Sublease with Oconto County Historical Society & Oconto County Veterans Memorial Corporation – Property & Technology Com.

9. Approval of Agenda

9.1. Change in Sequence

Motion by Scanlan/Lavarda to move Items #13 and 14 to follow Item #11.2. The motion was voted on and carried.

9.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Schindel/Behrend to approve agenda as amended. The motion was voted on and carried.

10. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings

Motion by Heise/Ragen to approve the proceedings from the 03/23/2023 meeting. The motion was voted on and carried.

11. Committee and Departmental Reports:

11.1 Report – Health & Human Services Update

Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director, presented the Health & Human Services Update.

11.2 Report – Oconto County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) Update

Jayne Sellen, OCEDC Director, presented the Oconto County Economic Development Corporation Update.

12. Annual Department/Office Reports

12.1 Administration Committee

Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, presented the Administration 2022 Annual Report.

County Administrator*
Corporation Counsel
County Clerk
Finance
Human Resources
Treasurer
Veterans Service

12.2 Health & Human Services Board

Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director, presented the Health & Human Services' 2022 Annual Report.
Health & Human Services*

12.3 Highway Committee

Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner, presented the Highway Department's 2022 Annual Report.
Highway*

12.4 Land & Water Resources Committee

Forest, Parks & Recreation
Land & Water Conservation
Land Information Systems
Planning & Zoning
Register of Deeds
Solid Waste
UW-Extension

12.5 Property & Technology Committee

Maintenance
Technology Services

12.6 Public Safety Committee

Todd Skarban, Sheriff, presented the Sheriff's Office 2022 Annual Report.

Child Support
Clerk of Circuit Court
District Attorney
Emergency Management
Sheriff*

13 Mission, Vision, Values Presentation – Dave Honish, CESA 8

David Honish, CESA 8 Director, presented the Mission, Vision, Values project. Discussion followed.

14 R2023-04-03 Adoption of Oconto County's Mission, Vision, Values Statements – Administration Com.

Motion by Ondik/Frank to adopt R2023-04-03 Adoption of Oconto County's Mission, Vision, Values Statements. Following an explanation by Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

15 R2023-04-04 Establishment of a Library Planning Committee – Administration Com.

Motion by Matravers/Heise to adopt R2023-04-04 Establishment of a Library Planning Committee. Following an explanation by Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

16 R2023-04-05 Approval to Order Two (2) Dump Body and Plow Packages for the Highway Department – Highway Com

Motion by Lavarda/Behrend to adopt R2023-04-05 Approval to Order Two (2) Dump Body and Plow Packages for the Highway Department. Following an explanation by Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner, and discussion, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

17 R2023-04-06 Approval of Agreement with Lazer Utility Locating, LLC for Underground Facilities Locating and Marketing Services – Property & Technology Com.

Motion by Dhuey/Schreiber to adopt R2023-04-06 Approval of Agreement with Lazer Utility Locating, LLC for Underground Facilities Locating and Marketing Services. Following an explanation by Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, and Melissa Schwaller, Technology Services Director, motion to amend the word marketing to read marking on lines #6, 9, 12, 17, and 19. The motion was voted on and carried. Following further explanation, the motion to adopt R2023-04-06, as amended, carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

18 R2023-04-08 Compressor Replacement – Property & Technology Com.

Motion by Parmentier/Schreiber to adopt R2023-04-08 Compressor Replacement. Following an explanation by Scott Krueger, Maintenance Engineer, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

19 R2023-04-09 Purchase of Backhoe Attachments – Land & Water Resources

Motion by Behrend/Kaczrowski to adopt R2023-04-09 Purchase of Backhoe Attachments. Following an explanation by Monty Brink, Forest & Park Administrator, the motion to adopt carried by a unanimous electronic vote.

20 Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

- Voter turnout for the April 4, 2023 election was 40% in Oconto County.
- Army Veteran Carl Plaster was present to announce the ribbon cutting/groundbreaking ceremony for the Oconto County Veterans Memorial Wall taking place on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The wall will represent more than 4,000 Oconto County veterans what have served dating back to the Revolutionary War, as well as future veterans. Anyone wishing to contribute to the memorial fund can send donations to the Oconto branch of Stephenson National Bank.

21 Adjournment

Chair Sleeter declared the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

The next meeting of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors will be on May 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Proceedings of County Board meeting may be viewed in its entirety at www.co.oconto.wi.us.

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk

kp/Date Posted: 04/26/2023

Employee Update

April 2023

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Comment/Yrs.</u>
Brett Kristoff	Highway	Operator 1	04/20	\$22.27	Less than 1 Yr

Promotions/Transfers/Re-Hired

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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New Hires

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Trent Euclide	TS	Client Tech	04/24	\$22.27	
Todd Marohl	Highway	Patrol Super	04/24	\$39.70	
June Kruse	Courts	Bailiff	04/24	\$14.00	

Current External Recruitments

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Apps Due</u>	<u>Advertised Wage</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Sheriff	Dispatch	until filled	\$22.27	6 Apps Interviewing
Hwy	Mechanic	02/17	\$26.92	8 Apps Need 2
Hwy	Operator 1	Ongoing	\$22.27	12 Apps Interviewing (3)
Sheriff	C.O.	05/25	\$22.27	

2023 BRIDGE AID PAYMENTS - Petitions

WI Statue 81.38

TOWN	LOCATION	TOTAL COST	PAYMENT
Breed	Weso Creek Road	21,697.19	\$10,848.60
How	River Road	12,793.66	\$6,396.83
Maple Valley	Valley Line Road	10,139.42	\$5,069.71
	Tillman Road	5,862.61	\$2,931.31
Oconto	Maple Grove School Road	7,235.13	\$3,617.57
Oconto Falls	Busy Nook Road (West)	16,740.35	\$8,370.18

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l) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §33.27, the following individuals are appointed **by the County Administrator and confirmed by this order** to serve as commissioners for the initial White Potato Lake District Board of Commissioners until the first annual meeting of the district:

Bob Wittmann, 9362 West Lake Drive, Pound, WI 54161
Gwen Schaefer, 13205 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161
Mark Wildenberg, 9361 West Lake Drive, Pound, WI 54161;

The following officials will serve on the Commission for their statutory terms:
County Board Supervisor
(Appointed by the County Administrator and confirmed by the County Board)
Town of Brazeau Supervisor
(Appointed by the Town Board within 30 days of Lake District being established)

Dated this 18th day of May, 2023.

By: _____
Alan Sleeter, Chair
Oconto County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
Oconto County

CERTIFICATION

I, Kim Pytleski, County Clerk, in and for the County of Oconto, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of said action taken by the County Board of Supervisors, Oconto County, on May 18, 2023.

Certified this _____ day of _____, set under my seal.

Kim Pytleski

1 **APPOINTMENT**

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4 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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6 **Re: Appointment – White Potato Lake District Board of Commissioners**

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8 Following passage of Order 2023-2 Order by Oconto County Board of Supervisors establishing the
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10 following Public Inland Lake District: White Potato Lake District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, and
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12 in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 33, I have formally appointed County Board Supervisor
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14 Keith Schneider, Oconto Falls, WI to the White Potato Lake District Board as a commissioner with a term
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16 ending April 16, 2024 and hereby ask for confirmation.

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18 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023

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20 **By: Erik Pritzl, County Administrator**

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23 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*

1 **RESOLUTION – R2023-05-10**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **To Declare Oconto County’s Support of the People’s Second Amendment Right to Keep and**
6 **Bear Arms, While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety**

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8 WHEREAS, the recent tragedies have created a visceral awareness of our personal vulnerability.
9 These events are magnified by the targeting of innocent children in a setting that was thought to be a safe
10 haven and not the stage for evil opportunists to perpetrate unspeakable acts of violence; and

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12 WHEREAS, this revelation of vulnerability has created a call for action. This Oconto County Board
13 of Supervisors join the Sheriff and feel now is the time to discuss violence in its totality, not simply as an
14 issue of gun violence. Violence is a result of a breakdown on many fronts. The lack of faith, the eroding of
15 family values, the involvement in gangs, sex trafficking, the abuse and sale of illegal drugs, the lack of
16 proper mental health treatment, the lack of education and guidance within our educational system as it
17 relates to safe firearm use, storage and handling. The discussions must continue in our community from
18 all disciplines who are dedicated to addressing the complex issues related to our safety; and

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20 WHEREAS, an unlawful act of violence hatched in the mind and heart of an individual with the
21 specific intent to harm others makes the individual responsible for the criminal act regardless of the type of
22 weapon used in commission of the crime.

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24 WHEREAS, the duly elected Sheriff, and the Oconto County Board are committed to the ongoing
25 work in taking a lead role in facilitating the discussion in our community and pledge to collaborate at all
26 levels with those stakeholders to identify, isolate and work toward solutions for the complex issues of
27 violence; and

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29 WHEREAS, the right of the people to keep and bear arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property
30 is regarded as an inalienable right by Oconto County; and

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32 WHEREAS, the people of Oconto County derive economic benefit from all forms of firearms use,
33 including for recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Oconto County, using all types of firearms
34 allowed under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors, that it hereby
37 opposes the enactment of any legislation unlawfully infringing on our rights under the Second Amendment,
38 and further makes clear that all lawmakers are hereby urged to honor the Second Amendment, as well as
39 Article 1, Section 25 of the Wisconsin Constitution, and to be vigilant in their duty to avoid improperly or
40 unconstitutionally abridging a citizen’s right thereunder to keep and bear arms.

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board, hearing the will of its constituents,
43 hereby declares Oconto County to be a Second Amendment Preservation County.

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45 Submitted this 18th day of May, 2023.

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47 By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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49 Dennis Kroll, Chair
50 Don Bartels, Jr.
51 David Parmentier
52 Tracy S. Ondik
53 Al Schrieber

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56 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 05.12.2023 - BLE*

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58 *Adopted by an electronic vote: _____ Ayes, _____ Nays, _____ Absent, _____ Abstain, _____ Vacant*