

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**County Board Room, Green County Courthouse, 1016 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, Monroe WI**  
**August 21, 2018**

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The Clerk read the roll with 28 present and 3 absent being Luchsinger, Truttmann and Withee.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Everson, seconded by Gundlach to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A Monroe Clinic Hospice Home update presentation was made by Lisa Schweitzer and Zoanne Liester.

A Green County Library Board update presentation was made by board member Craig Ellefson.

**RESOLUTION 8-1-18**

***Resolution Supporting State Transportation Funding Plan "Just Fix It"***

**WHEREAS**, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Green County and other local governments across Wisconsin have been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including events such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and

**WHEREAS**, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many still aren't back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, locals, including Green County continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's and our local and state roads; and

**WHEREAS**, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Board recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when one combines the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Ray Francois, Chair

Harvey Mandel

Calvin Wickline

Russ Torkelson

Jeff Williams

Motion by Francois, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution 8-1-18. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION 8-2-18**

***Resolution Approving Board of Adjustment Bylaws***

**WHEREAS**, Section 59.694(3), Wis. Stats., provides that the County Board shall adopt rules of conduct for the business of the Board of Adjustment;

**WHEREAS**, upon recommendation of the Green County Corporation Counsel, the Board of Adjustment has determined that the rules be repealed and recreated;

**WHEREAS**, the "Rules and By-Laws Governing County Board of Adjustment" requires amendments by a majority vote of the Green County Board of Supervisors at any regular or special meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Adjustment met on July 24, 2018, and approved this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the "Rules and By-Laws Governing County Board of Adjustment Rules" is hereby repealed and recreated as the "Green County Board of Adjustment Rules" as attached.

[Attachment published separately in pamphlet format]

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Ted Fahey, Chair  
Larry Eakins  
Wayne Dieckhoff

Cal Wasserstrass, Vice-Chair  
Kenneth Clark  
Ted Belanus

Motion by Leonard, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution 8-2-18. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Item number 9 and 10 were removed from the agenda.

**RESOLUTION 8-3-18**

***Resolution Authorizing a Referendum to Exceed State Imposed Tax Levy Limits in 2019 through 2024 for the Benefit of Pleasant View Nursing Home***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Board of Supervisors does proclaim its continuing support for county ownership and operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home for so long as it is practical for the county to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for 2019 under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes limits the increase to local property tax levy to the increase in net new construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the current state budget allows an increase in the 2019 tax levy of .557% (\$72,502); and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Accounting Committee and the Pleasant View Nursing Home Committee have determined that it may be necessary to levy up to an additional \$790,000 above the levy limit for each of the next six years for the financial well-being and stability of Pleasant View Nursing Home; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit if the governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution is approved in a referendum vote of the electors of the political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Accounting Committee and the Pleasant View Nursing Home Committee have determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of Green County to conduct a county-wide referendum to determine whether the Green County taxpayers support the county exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any successor thereto, for the next six fiscal years, in recognition that Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes may be amended or renewed in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot as a binding referendum question:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2019, is limited to .557%, which results in a levy of \$13,092,171. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next six fiscal years, 2019 - 2024, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of the operational and capital expenses of the county-owned Pleasant View Nursing Home, by a total of 6.625%, which amounts to a levy increase of \$790,000 per year, which results in a total county levy of \$13,882,171?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the county tax levy to exceed the state levy limit for the next six years, 2019 through 2024 up to \$790,000 per year.

**SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:**

Dennis Everson, Chair  
Steve Borowski  
Kate Maresch

Jerry Guth  
Arthur Carter

**SIGNED: PLEASANT VIEW NURSING HOME COMMITTEE:**

Herb Hanson, Chair  
Dennis Everson

Jody Hoesly  
Joan Winn Rufenacht

Gary Neuenschwander

Motion by Everson, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 8-3-18. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION 8-4-18**

***Resolution In Support of Additional Full-time Assistant District Attorney  
Position for Green County District Attorney's Office***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County District Attorney's office has been staffed by two prosecuting attorneys, the District Attorney, and an Assistant District Attorney since the time that the State of Wisconsin took over the administration of District Attorneys in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of Green County has increased from 30,339 in 1990, according to the United States Census Bureau, to 36,842 in 2010, according to the United States Census Bureau, and according to current projections as of July 1, 2017 of the United States Census Bureau, the population of Green County is 36,851; and

**WHEREAS**, the national model for prosecutors recommends one prosecutor to each population of 10,000; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the State of Wisconsin expanded the number of Judges in Green County from One Circuit Court Judge to two Circuit Court Judges; and

**WHEREAS**, the addition of a second Judge to Green County has created the need for additional court time for each prosecutor in Green County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green County District Attorney's office has been proactive in implementing additional programs throughout the justice system in Green County, including the Green County Child Advocacy Center, and the Green County Adult Drug Court program, which programs require additional time commitments from prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the most recent official report from the Wisconsin State Department of Administration for the period of 2012-2014, the Green County District Attorney's Office is understaffed by 0.99 FTE Prosecutors; and

**WHEREAS**, the current understaffing of the Green County District Attorney's Office creates the likelihood for a public safety crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the board recommends that the State of Wisconsin appoint an additional full-time (1.0 FTE) Assistant District Attorney to the Green County District Attorney's Office for the 2019-2021 biennium.

**SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:**

Dennis Everson, Chair

Jerry Guth

Arthur Carter

Kate Maresch

Steve Borowski

Motion by Roth, seconded by Borowski to approve Resolution 8-4-18. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**ORDINANCE 18-0801**

***Ordinance Rezoning Parcel in Town of Brooklyn***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Green County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee has been petitioned to rezone a certain parcel of land from agricultural to commercial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee held a public hearing on the Petition on July 9, 2018, and has taken into consideration all of the testimony heard at such public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee that the land area described below be rezoned from agricultural to commercial.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors in legal session assembled, that the following described parcel of land be rezoned from agricultural to commercial, to-wit:

*That part of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 35, Town 4 North, Range 9 East, Town of Brooklyn, Green County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:  
Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 35; then S89°03'52"W (recorded as West) along the North line of Section 35, 105.00' to the point of beginning; thence S89°03'52"W (recorded as West), 140.00'; thence S00°56'08"E (recorded as South), 136.00'; thence S89°03'52"W (recorded as West), 108.76'; thence S00°56'08"E (recorded as South), 13.00';*

thence N89°03'52"E, 248.76'; thence N00°56'08"W, 149.00' to the point of beginning; containing 0.51 acres.

and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this amendment shall not take effect until more than 40 days after the adoption of the Ordinance by the County Board unless the Town affected files a Resolution with the County Clerk approving the Ordinance, then said Ordinance shall become effective upon the filing of the Resolution of the Town approving the same with the County Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the County.

**SIGNED: LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE:**

Barb Krattiger, Chair Paul Beach  
Sherri Fiduccia Mark Gundlach  
Kristi Leonard

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Roth to approve Ordinance 18-0801. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**ORDINANCE 18-0802**

**Modification Regarding County Board Supervisor E-mails**

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Personnel and Labor Relations Committee has general supervision over County personnel policies; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Green County Code, the Green County Personnel and Labor Relations Committee has indicated that the Green County Code is in need of updating; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the following additions, deletions and corrections be made to Title 1 of the Green County Code.

**1-5-1-2: TERMS OF OFFICE FOR AND ELECTION OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR EMAILS.**

The term of office of Supervisors shall be two (2) years. The term of office for Supervisors shall be concurrent. Supervisors shall be elected at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April next preceding the expiration of their respective terms and shall take office on the third Tuesday in April following their election.

Upon election an e-mail address will be provided by Green County to each Supervisor. All County business conducted by a Supervisor via e-mail must be conducted using the e-mail address provided. County business conducted through personal e-mail addresses is prohibited.

**SIGNED: PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Art Carter, Chair Dennis Everson  
Ray Francois Herb Hanson  
Kristi Leonard Erica Roth  
Richard Thoman

Motion by Everson, seconded by Borowski to approve Ordinance 18-0802. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Blumer to approve the Veteran's Services Office annual report. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Roth to approve the following appointment: Joni Waelchli-Buehl as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate on the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

There were no out-of-state travel requests for the board's approval.

Motion by Kubly, seconded by Roth to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:50 pm.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
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COUNTY OF GREEN )

I, Michael J. Doyle, 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 August 21, 2018, A.D.

Michael J. Doyle  
Green County Clerk