

# LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday October 17, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: **Merrill Enrichment Center**, 303 North Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452

**Attendance will be Limited to In-Person Only**

**Electronic Attendance:** We apologize as there will not be an electronic option to attend. Electronic options will resume again at our next meeting (November 14, 2023 at **9:00 AM**).

**Attendance Policy:** All public participants' phones, microphones and chat dialog boxes must be muted or disabled during the meeting.

**All Public Comment is Limited to Current Agenda Items:** Citizens wanting floor privileges to speak on agenda items must sign up to speak prior to the meeting. When called upon by the Board Chair, any persons offering public comment should state his/her name and express in good order his/her comments upon a topic under consideration for no more than 5 minutes.

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Announcements/Appointments/Awards/ Recognitions
  - A. Announcements
    1. Resignation from County Board – Calvin Callahan, Position posted.
    2. Resignation from Board of Health –Sue Weith, RN, Position posted.
    3. Greg Hartwig appointed to ITBEC as of July 2023.
  - B. Appointments
    1. Appoint Elsa Duranceau (Lincoln County Economic Development Director) to the Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund Board – Term expiring April 14, 2024. Replacing Bill Bialecki.
    2. Appoint Jesse Boyd to the Lincoln County Humane Society Board-Term Expiring April 17, 2024.
  - C. Awards – None
  - D. Service Recognitions: September  
20 Years: Darin Alft, Highway
5. Approval of the Minutes –September 19 , 2023
6. Letters and Memorials
  - A. Letters - None
  - B. Memorials – Robert “Bob” Lee (October 1999-March 2021)
7. Reports of Standing & Special Committees
  - A. Finance & Insurance: 2022 Financial Statement & Management Communication Letter-Jon Trautman
  - B. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
  - C. Finance & Insurance Committee: 2024 Preliminary Budget Proposal – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
  - D. Administrative & Legislative Committee: ITBEC (International, Trade, Business and Economic Development Council) Presentation – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Director of Outreach & Member Engagement, Wisconsin Counties Association
9. Public Comment
10. Resolutions and Ordinances
  - A. Res
    1. Res 2023-10-60 – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Grant Donation
    2. Res 2023-10-61 – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Grant
    3. Res 2023-10-62 – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (LMPN) Grant
    4. Res 2023-10-63 – Approving Conveyance of Real Estate to the Township of Birch

5. Res 2023-10-64 – Authorizing ARPA Funding in the Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000 for City of Merrill Festival Grounds Campsite Development
6. Res 2023-10-65 – Lincoln County in Support of Operation Green Light for Veterans
7. Res 2023-10-66 – To Authorize the Application of the 2023 Absentee Ballot Envelope Sub-grant Program
8. Res 2023-10-67 – Chief Deputy Sheriff Compensation Adjustment
9. Res 2023-10-68 – Approving Conveyance of Real Estate
10. Res 2023-10-69 – In Support of Expanding the Legal Definition of “Kinship Care Relative”

B. Ord

1. None

11. Report of Claims – None

12. Approval for Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting

13. Next County Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 9:00A.M. Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

14. Adjourn

Posted: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

*Request for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of this meeting. You may contact the County Clerk at 715.539.1019. Please do so as early as possible so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.*

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place, and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to give notice to the public.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is a good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB-UNITS:

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful meeting to act or deliberate upon a subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place, and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded, and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SEESIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Deliberation of judicial or quasi-judicial matters. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion, or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b).
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d).
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e).
6. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have an adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f).
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h).

CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session with twelve (12) hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.

BALLOTS, VOTES, AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, nay member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.