

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, County Board Room, 801 N. Sales St., Room 257, Merrill, WI
Via Teleconference and In-Person Attendance

Electronic Attendance: Persons wishing to attend the meeting electronically may enter the meeting beginning ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number or address:

Conference Call: (US) +1 980-221-2670

Access Code (PIN): 492 467 134#

Meeting ID: <https://meet.google.com/vqr-xbnr-ijj?hs=122&authuser=0>

The teleconference cannot start until the host (county clerk) dials in and enters the host password.

Attendance Policy: Lincoln County encourages all individuals attending in person to follow the most recent CDC guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. All public participants' phones, microphones and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. If "public comment" appears on the agenda, before the meeting is called to order, the clerk will ask teleconference attendees whether any public comment is being offered. When called upon by the clerk or chair, any person offering public comment should state their name and comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Under the current (COVID-19 pandemic) circumstances, citizens attending by teleconference may have floor privileges to speak on agenda items without signing-in at the meeting location. Before the meeting is called to order, the Clerk will ask teleconference attendees whether any public comment is being offered. When called upon by the Clerk or Board Chair by name, any persons offering public comment should state his/her name and express in good order his/her comments upon the topic under consideration for no more than 5 minutes.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certificate of Election
4. Roll Call
5. Oaths of Office (Administered by the County Clerk)
6. Election of County Board Chair and Vice Chair
7. Service Recognitions for Outgoing County Board Members:

Steven Osness Jr.	Donald Wendorf	Greta Rusch
Don Friske	George Brixius	Brian Hafeman
Julie Allen		
8. Hold Elections for Elective Committees:
 - A. Highway Committee
 - B. Social Services Committee
 - C. Administrative & Legislative Committee
9. Chairperson's Appointments to the Nominating Committee
10. Recess for Nominating Committee to Make Appointments to Committees
11. Reconvene (not earlier than 1:00 P.M.)
12. Board Ratification of Committee Appointments
13. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/ Appointments
 - A. Announcements: None
 - B. Service Recognitions: April 2024
30 Years: Burl Byer, Highway
 - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments:
 - 1) Appointment of Katie Breitenmoser to the T.B Scott Library Board, term ending April 2027.
 - 2) Appointments to the Lincoln County Board of Health – two year term ending April 20, 2026.
 - a. Dr. Michael Clark, Physician Member
 - b. Kay Kissinger Wolf, Nurse Member
 - c. Corey Apprill, Member at Large
 - 3) Appointment of recommended candidate to Land Service Committee as the Citizen Conservation Representative. – two year term ending April 20, 2026.
 - 4) Appointment of Robert Caylor to the Local Emergency Planning Committee – term is indefinite

14. Reading & Approval of the Journal – March 19, 2024
15. Letters, Petitions and Memorials
 - A. Letters – None
 - B. Memorials - None
16. Reports of Standing & Special Committees
 - A. Finance Committee: 2024 Year-To-Date Budget Report – Finance Director (Samantha Fenske)
 - B. Finance Committee: 2025 Budget Process (Samantha Fenske)
17. Resolutions and Ordinances
 - A. Res
 - 1) Res 2024-04-18 Accepting Donation from Aspirus Health
 - 2) Res 2024-04-19 Authorizing Increasing the 2023 Budget by \$487,613 in the EMS Budget
 - 3) Res 2024-04-20 Authorizing the Ambulance Biller Full-time Hours of 36.25 hours/week be increased to 40 hours/week.
 - 4) Res 2024-04-21 Approval of Application, Acquisition, and Implementation of the New Primary Email and Website Domain “lincolncountywi.gov”
 - 5) Res 2024-04-22 Intergovernmental Agreement for Planning of Wausau to Merrill Corridor Plan
 - B. Ord 1) None
18. Report of Claims - None
19. Approval for Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting
20. Next County Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452 (currently scheduled to take place in Tomahawk)
21. Adjourn

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

Posted On: Date _____ Time _____ a.m./p.m. By _____

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 SESSIONS 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, any 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.