

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Clerk Marlowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Certificate of Election From the Spring Election of April 2, 2024
I, Christopher J. Marlowe, County Clerk of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify the following is a true and correct list of the members of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors for the years 2024 through 2026 as they appear on the original statement of the Lincoln County Board of Canvassers in my office. District 1 - William Bialecki, District 2 - Lori Anderson-Malm, District 3 - Elizabeth McCrank, District 4 - Derek Woellner, District 5 - Andrew Zelinski, District 6 - Norbert Ashbeck, District 7 - Donald Dunphy, District 8 - Laurie Thiel, District 9 - Christine Vorpapel, District 10-Jesse Boyd, District 11 - Randy Detert, District 12 - Julie DePasse, District 13 - Alan Bishop, District 14 - Marguerite Laskawa, District 15 - Marty Lemke, District 16 - Dana Miller, District 17 - James Meunier, District 18 - Ken Wickham, District 19 - Joseph Dorava, District 20 - Angela Cummings, District 21 - Gene Simon, District 22 - Greg Hartwig. Dated this 16th day of April, 2024. Christopher J. Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk
4. Roll was called with the following present: Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Bishop, Boyd, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Dorava, Dunphy, Hartwig, Lemke, Laskawa, McCrank, Miller, Simon, Thiel, Vorpapel, Wickham, Woellner, and Zelinski. Virtual: Meunier (22)
5. Clerk Marlowe administered the oath of office to the Supervisors.
6. Clerk Marlowe then called for nominations for County Board Chair. Supervisor McCrank nominated Supervisor Simon. Supervisor Wickham nominated Supervisor Boyd. Supervisor Woellner nominated Supervisor Bialecki. Nominations were closed. Jesse Boyd was elected as Board Chairman by secret ballot (14)(6)(2)
7. **M/S** Hartwig/Cummings to accept the results of the election and approve Boyd as chair. Motion passed on a voice vote. Chair Boyd called for nominations for Vice Chair. Supervisor Cummings nominated Supervisor DePasse. Supervisor McCrank nominated Supervisor Simon. Supervisor Dunphy nominated Supervisor Bialecki. Nominations were closed. Julie DePasse was elected as Vice-chair by secret ballot. (13)(7)(2). **M/S** Anderson-Malm/Miller to accept the results of the election and approve DePasse as vice-chair. Motion passed on a voice vote.
8. Chair Boyd thanked the outgoing Supervisors (Julie Allen, George Brixius, Don Friske, Brian Hafeman, Steven Osness, Jr., Don Wendorf, and Greta Rusch) for their years of service and experience to the county.
9. Hold Elections for Elective Committees:
 - A. Chair Boyd called for nominations for the Highway Committee. Supervisors nominated were: Wickham, Detert, Simon, Bialecki, Lyskawa, and Lemke. Nominations were closed. The five elected (by written, signed ballot where each supervisor could vote for up to five) to the Highway Committee are: (Wickham, Detert, Lemke, Lyskawa, and Simon). **M/S** Lemke/Detert to accept the results of the Highway Committee election. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 - B. Chair Boyd called for nominations for the Social Services Committee. Supervisors nominated were: Thiel, Miller, Dorava, Meunier, Dunphy, Lemke, and Bishop. The five elected (by written, signed ballot where each supervisor could vote for up to five) to the Social Services Committee: (Miller, Thiel, Lemke, Dunphy and Meunier). **M/S** Vorpapel/Detert to accept the results of the Social Services Committee election. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 - C. Chair called for nominations for the Administrative and Legislative Committee. Supervisor nominated were: Hartwig, Allen, Callahan, Rusch, Cummings, Anderson-Malm, Bialecki, and DePasse. Nominations were closed. After two rounds of voting; the five elected (by written, signed ballot) to the Administrative and Legislative Committee are: (Wickham, Anderson-Malm, Cummings, Lyskawa, and Hartwig). **M/S** Miller/Thiel to accept the results of the Administrative and Legislative Committee election. Motion passed on a voice vote.
10. Chair Boyd appointed the following to his Nominating Committee: Ashbeck, Bialecki, Simon, and the recently elected A&L Committee members minus Lyskawa who would be attending the new supervisor orientation during the Nominating Committee appointment process.
11. Chair Boyd, without objection, announced the board will recess to allow the nominating committee to structure the committees at 10:02 a.m. and announced that the board would not reconvene earlier than 1 p.m.

12. Chair Boyd reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

13. **M/S** DePasse/Bialecki to ratify the committee appointments as follows:

Finance and Insurance Committee

Health Insurance Trustees =

Finance Committee + A&L Chair

Julie DePasse - Chair

Lori Anderson-Malm

Norbert Ashbeck

Angela Cummings

Gene Simon

Public Safety Committee

+ Board Chair or Designee

Jim Meunier – Chair

Laurie Thiel

Alan Bishop

Dana Miller

Greg Hartwig

Jesse Boyd

Broadband Commission

Ken Wickham

Lincoln County Economic Development

Jesse Boyd

Greg Hartwig

Lincoln County Humane Society

Derek Woellner

North Central Community Services

Program Board + Adimin Coordinator

Laurie Thiel

Jessi Rumsey

Renee Krueger

Northwoods Rail Transit Commission

Bill Bialecki

Randy Detert

T.B Scott Library Board

Elizabeth McCrank

Forestry Land and Parks Committee

Greg Hartwig - Chair

Bill Bialecki

Andy Zelinski

Norbert Ashbeck

Ken Wickham

Solid Waste Committee

Randy Detert – Chair

Elizabeth McCrank

Dana Miller

Joe Dorava

Eugene Simon

Board of Health Committee

Dana Miller - Chair

Derek Woellner

Laurie Thiel

Marguerite Lyskawa

Angela Cummings

Central WI Economic

Development Fund Board

Elsa Duranceau

North Central International Tourism

Economic Development Council

Greg Hartwig

North Central Health Care

Nursing Home Operations

Bill Bialecki

Greg Hartwig

Northeast WI Public Safety

Communications Advisory Board

Grant Peterson

Tomahawk Library Board

Marguerite Lyskawa

Land Services Committee

+ 2 form A&L Committee

Marty Lemke - Chair

Bill Bialecki

Andy Zelinski

Donald Dunphy

Randy Detert

Julie DePasse

Greg Hartwig

Public Property Committee

Ken Wickham - Chair

Bill Bialecki

Andy Zelinski

Alan Bishop

Marty Lemke

Aging & Disability Resource

Center of Central Wisconsin

Norbert Ashbeck

Don Dunphy

Lake District Representative

Gene Simon

North Central Community

Action Program

Christine Vorpapel

Joe Dorava

North Central Wisconsin

Regional Planning Commission

Hans Breitenmoser (J)

Alan Bishop (C)

Opioid Task Force

Laurie Thiel

North Central Workforce

Vacant

The DePasse/Bialecki Motion to ratify the appointed committees was carried by voice.

14. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments

a. Announcements: None

b. Service Recognitions – April: 2024

30 Years: Burl Byer, Highway Department

c. Appointments & Re-Appointments

1) Appointment of Katie Breitenmoser to the T.B Scott Library Board, term ending April 2027.

M/S McCrank/Hartwig to appoint Breitenmoser to the T.B. Scott Library Board. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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

M/S Cummings/Miller to appoint Dr. Michael Clark, Kay Kissinger-Wolf, and Dr. Corey Apprill to the Lincoln County Board of Health. Motion passed on a voice vote..

- 3) Appointment of recommended candidate to Land Service Committee as the Citizen Conservation Representative. – two year term ending April 20, 2026. **M/S** Wickham/Detert to appoint Dean Lemke to the Land Service Committee as the Citizen Conservation Representative. Motion carried by a voice vote.
 - 4) Appointment of Robert Caylor to the Local Emergency Planning Committee – term is indefinite. **M/S** McCrank/Bishop to appoint Robert Caylor to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Motion carried by a voice vote.
15. Approval of Journal – March 19, 2024: **M/S** DePasse/Cummings to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote..
16. 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) Fenske gave the year-to-date report and answered questions.
 - B. Finance Committee: 2025 Budget Process (Samantha Fenske) Fenske explained the 2025 budget process and timelines then answered questions.
17. Resolutions and Ordinances

A. 1) Resolution 2024-04-18

Accepting Donation from Aspirus Health

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department, promotes partnerships within the community to improve health through advocacy, prevention and implementation of best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well Lincoln is spearheaded by Lincoln County Health Department with leadership from the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin, Aspirus Health, and Lincoln County Social Services.

WHEREAS, the current health priorities identified in the Lincoln County Community Health Improvement Plan, are Healthy Lifestyles, Mental Health and Emotional Well-being and Bolstering resources for those 55+ populations.

WHEREAS, the following donations have been received to offset the costs to implement the following projects:

Mental Health and Well-being

\$10,000 to implement the following strategies,

1. Implement public awareness campaigns, events and trainings
2. Develop resource guide, implement family based education programs and strategies to address childhood trauma and resiliency
3. Promote crisis resources, educate on medication safety and proper disposal, distribute gun locks, medication lock boxes and medication deactivation units
4. Promote existing support groups and pursue expansion of local resources that support recovery Healthy Lifestyles

\$1,050 to implement the following strategies.

- Education and taste testing of healthy affordable food for families at community events.
- Incentives for families to attend focus groups centered on addressing needs in our community.
- Partnership meetings focusing on improving the navigation of resources by agencies and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accept the \$11,050 from Aspirus Health, Inc. on behalf of the Lincoln County Health Department who is responsible to implement these projects.

Dated: April 16, 2024, Authored by: Angela Cummings, Co-Sponsored by: Board of Health Committee

Committee: Board of Health

Committee Vote: 8:0

Date Passed: 2/21/24

Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$11,050

Drafted by: Shelley Hersil

M/S Miller/Ashbeck to adopt Resolution 2024-04-18. Motion passed on a voice vote.

2) Resolution 2024-04-19

Authorizing Increasing the 2023 Budget by \$487,613 in the EMS Budget

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2022 the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2022-11-37 approving the 2023 budget and providing an appropriation amount of \$2,241,919 for Emergency Medical Service; and

WHEREAS in 2023, expenditures exceeded the budget by \$487,613

WHEREAS in 2023, EMS recognized the purchase of an ambulance for \$240,037 which was originally approved in the 2021 budget on November 10, 2020 but was not received until 2023 due to vendor delays.

WHEREAS in 2023, on August 15, 2023 the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approved a donation through resolution 2023-08-49 in the amount of \$421,000 from the Bierman Family Foundation for the purchase of ambulance equipment of which \$119,441.66 was purchased in 2023.

WHEREAS in 2023 EMS Ambulance Fees revenue exceeded the budget by \$380,500.

WHEREAS, the total increase in budgeted revenues and expenditures is \$487,613 which is over ten percent of the original appropriation of \$2,241,919;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors does approve and authorize the increase of \$487,613 in the 2023 Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services budget appropriation.

Dated: April 16, 2024, Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Co-Sponsored by: Dana Miller

Committee: Public Safety Committee Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: March 19, 2024

Fiscal Impact: Increase appropriation of \$487,613 funded by Emergency Medical Services revenues

Drafted by: Samantha Fenske Lincoln County Finance Director

M/S DePasse/Hartwig to adopt resolution 2024-04-19. Motion passed on a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2024-04-20

Authorizing the Ambulance Biller Full-time Hours of 36.25 hours/week be increased to 40 hours/week.

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Biller is currently approved and budgeted for 36.25 hours/week.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Ambulance biller's workload increased due to changes from both ambulance providers, reporting requirements, and a reallocation of duties.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2024, the Public Safety Committee approved a temporary increase to the Ambulance Biller hours to 40 hours/week and would re-evaluated in June. The additional hours have improved the ability to stay current on billing and allow proper time to monitor accounts. On March 13, 2024 the Public Safety Committee approved the replacement of the Ambulance Biller due to an upcoming retirement and were in support of moving the position to 40 hours/week.

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact would be \$4,834.05 for 2024 and can be covered within the Emergency Medical Services operating budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the change of the Ambulance Biller's hours to be increased from 36.25 hours/week to 40 hours/week.

Dated: April 16, 2024 Authored by: Jesse Boyd Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee Vote: 6-0 Date: April 3, 2024

Committee: Finance and Insurance Committee Vote: 5-0 Date: April 12, 2024

Fiscal Impact: \$4,834.05 to be covered within the Emergency Medical Services budget.

M/S DePasse/Simon to adopt Resolution 2024-04-20. Motion passed on a voice vote..

4) Resolution 2024-04-21

Approval of Application, Acquisition, and Implementation of the New Primary Email and Website Domain "lincolncountywi.gov"

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for secure electronic communications; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) by way of the Cybersecurity Infrastructure & Security Agency (CISA) manages the .gov top-level domain (TLD), which is exclusive to U.S. government organizations; and

WHEREAS, the WI Elections Commission has positioned their agency to make this a requirement for municipalities to securely send and receive elections communications via email and conversely, will discard communications from non .gov domains; and

WHEREAS, fees for the application and registration of .gov domains have been waived for Counties and local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, investigative research has indicated we will be able to maintain the County's current domain, co.lincoln.wi.us, in order to make a staggered migration of affected applications and services.

Dated: April 3, 2024 Authored by: Ken Wickham Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig, Angela Cummings

Committee: Administrative & Legislative Committee Vote: 6-0 Date Passed: April 3, 2024

Fiscal Impact: No additional tax levy impact expected. Drafted by: Travis Spoehr, Information Technology Director

M/S Cummings/Vorpapel to adopt Resolution 2024-04-21 as written. Motion passed on a voice vote.

5) Resolution 2024-04-22

Intergovernmental Agreement for Planning of Wausau to Merrill Corridor Plan

The full resolution did not make the county board packet. **M/S** McCrank/DePasse to Table Resolution 2024-04-22 to next month’s meeting (May21, 2024). Motion passed on a voice vote.

B. 1) Ordinance None

- 18. Report of Claims - None
- 19. **M/S** Bialecki/Miller to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.
- 20. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452
- 21. Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk in and for said Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify the within and foregoing is a true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their organizational meeting on April 16, 2024

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk

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