

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 18, 2022

County Boardroom, Green County Courthouse, 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI

Jerry Guth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk read the roll call with 27 present and 4 absent being Hartwig, Rufenacht, Truttman and Wilke.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a moment of silence honoring former County Clerk Robert Severson.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Gundlach to approve the September 13, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 22-0902

Modification Regarding County Board Meetings

WHEREAS, the Green County Resolutions, Legislative and Judicial Committee has general supervision over operations of the Green County Board; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Green County Code, the Green County Resolutions, Legislative and Judicial 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 sections 1-5-1-4 and 1-5-2-1 of the Green County Code be modified as follows:

1-5-1-4: COMPENSATION OF COUNTY BOARD

The method of compensation for Supervisors shall may be determined by the County Board. The County Board shall may, at its annual meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members entitled to a seat, fix the compensation of the Board members to be next elected. The Board may also, at its annual meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members entitled to a seat, provide additional compensation for the Chairperson.

In addition to the salary, the Supervisors shall receive mileage for each days attendance at Board meetings or for attendance at Committee meetings at the rate to be established by the Board pursuant to §59.22, Wis. Stats., as the standard mileage allowance for all County employees and officers. (Ord. 90-1120, 11-13-90)

REPEAL AND RECREATE 1-5-2-1 AS FOLLOWS:

~~**1-5-2-1: TIME OF MEETINGS**~~

~~The Board shall conduct its annual meeting on the second Tuesday of November, and it shall conduct its organizational session on the third Tuesday in April, in accordance with State Statutes §59.11. The Board shall also meet on the second Tuesday of all other months during the year to transact general business. The time and place of Board meetings shall be as designated by the Green County Board Chairman. Except for the annual session and the organization session as aforesaid, any other regular monthly Board meeting may be canceled if in the opinion of the County Board Chairperson and County Clerk insufficient business exists on the agenda to warrant convening the Board. In such cases, the Board Chairperson and Clerk shall notify all members of the Board of Supervisors in writing of the cancellation of the meeting, such notices to be mailed no later than five (5) days prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. (Ord. 82-1030; amd. 83-1010, 10-20-83; 01-0304)~~

1-5-2-1: TIME OF MEETINGS

Pursuant to State Statute §59.11, the Board shall conduct its mandatory organizational meeting on the third Tuesday in April and its mandatory annual meeting on the first Thursday after the first Monday in November. The board shall meet on the second Tuesday of all other months during the year to transact general business unless cancelled as provided below.

The time and place of Board meetings shall be as designated by the Green County Board Chairperson. Except for the organizational meeting and the annual meeting, any regular monthly Board meeting may be canceled if in the opinion of the County Board Chairperson and County Clerk insufficient business exists on the agenda to warrant convening the Board. In such cases, the Board Chairperson and Clerk shall notify all members of the Board of Supervisors in writing of the cancellation of the meeting, such notices to be mailed no later than five (5) days prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. (Ord. 82-1030; amd. 83-1010, 10-20-83; 01-0304)

SIGNED: RESOLUTIONS, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Dennis Schwartz, Chair Brenda Carus

Isaiah Carlson

Motion by Bristow, seconded by Sass to approve Ordinance 22-0902. Motion by Larson, seconded by Nelson to amend the Ordinance to hold its mandatory annual meeting on the first Thursday after the first Monday in November. Motion carried by a voice vote with one nay being Kubly. Motion to approve Ordinance 22-0902 as amended carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 10-1-22

Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding

WHEREAS, GREEN COUNTY administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing a holistic set of services to GREEN COUNTY children and their parents, including paternity establishment, assistance with finding employment, obtaining child support and establishing health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and

WHEREAS, Child support is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in the state, with county child support agencies serving approximately 347,000 children and collecting roughly \$906 million in financial support for Wisconsin families in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Child support is proven to reduce childhood poverty rates, lead to better educational and behavioral outcomes for children, and have a positive effect on food security, health and housing stability; and

WHEREAS, County child support agencies work closely with both parents to ensure that they have the help they need to be successful, including assistance with finding employment, referrals to other social service programs and right-sizing orders for individuals impacted by substances use disorders or other challenges; and

WHEREAS, State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to a high number of caseloads per worker, increased complexity of cases, inflation and new regulations; and

WHEREAS, An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional funding. The state has already dropped from 2nd in the nation for the collection of current support in 2016 to 6th in the nation in 2021.

WHEREAS, Without additional state funds, county child support agencies may need to eliminate positions, further increase caseloads, or reduce services, further impacting federal performance measures, which would result in the loss of additional federal funds; and

WHEREAS, The individuals most impacted by insufficient funding for child support are the children and families served by county child support agencies, who will need to seek out public assistance programming absent the financial security provided by the child support program; and

WHEREAS, State investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.43 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GREEN COUNTY Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$9.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing GREEN COUNTY, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly, Vice-chair
Jerry Guth Dawn Marie Sass
Brenda Carus

Motion by Oemichen, seconded by Sheaffer to approve Resolution 10-1-22. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 10-2-22

Resolution Approving Unbudgeted Fund Transfer to Clerk of Courts

WHEREAS, the Green County Clerk of Courts and Deputy Clerk of Courts are retiring at the end of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Courts would like to provide overlapping staff training for two new employees before the retirements occur; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee has approved the addition of two temporary positions to allow for the facilitation of overlap training; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has approved the cost for these temporary position additions in an amount not to exceed \$17,171.85; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee for the unbudgeted fund transfer from the General Fund to Clerk of Courts Department in the amount of \$17,171.85.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly, Vice-Chair
Jerry Guth Brenda Carus
Dawn Sass

Motion by Tschudy, seconded by Mandel to approve Resolution 10-2-22. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 10-3-22

Resolution Approving Unbudgeted Fund Transfer to Circuit Court

WHEREAS, the Green County Register in Probate is retiring at the end of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Assistant is taking the Register in Probate position; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court would like to provide overlapping staff training for the new Judicial Assistant before the Register in Probate retirement occurs; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has approved the cost for this training in an amount not to exceed \$11,472.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee for the unbudgeted fund transfer from the General Fund to Circuit Court in the amount of \$11,472.00.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly, Vice-Chair
Jerry Guth Brenda Carus
Dawn Sass

Motion by Carus, seconded by Boll to approve Resolution 10-3-22. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 10-4-22

Resolution Approving Expenditure of ARPA Funds

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the plan allocates \$350 billion to help state, local, and tribal governments, with the County of Green receiving \$7.17 million and Green County municipalities receiving a little over \$3.6 million; and

WHEREAS, a community survey was conducted in the spring of 2021 for those who lived or worked in Green County to help officials make decisions regarding ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the survey identified sustainability, fiscal responsibility, equity, accessibility, and efficiency as the top 5 values that local officials should consider when making decisions surrounding the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2021, the Finance and Accounting Committee acted on the creation of an ARPA Ad Hoc Committee to create a participatory way for community members to submit ideas; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee met several times in 2022 to review ideas and proposals for consideration by the Finance and Accounting Committee; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee has concluded their fact-finding and information gathering process and has prepared a final report to the Finance and Accounting Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has reviewed the final report from the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee and voted to approve expenditure of ARPA funds for the following project:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Not to Exceed Cost</u>
Land & Water – Conservation Practices	\$50,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee to allocate and use up to \$50,000 of ARPA funds to fund the aforementioned projects.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly, Vice-chair

Jerry Guth Dawn Marie Sass

Brenda Carus

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Snow to approve Resolution 10-4-22. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 10-5-22

Resolution Approving Auditing Services Contract (Over \$75,000)

WHEREAS, County Code Section 1-11-2, entitled COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, provides for review, approval and execution of all County contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budget operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-11-2(A)(3) STATES: Cost or price in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), recommendation by the appropriate department head and the supervisory committee to the full County Board with approval by the full Board before the purchase is made. Execution of the contract documents shall be by the Green County Board Chair and the appropriate Committee Chairperson, after the document has been reviewed by the Green County Corporation Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee for the contracting of services with the following agencies for the contract year 2022:

Baker Tilly 5-Year Auditing Services Contract \$512,715

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly, Vice-Chair

Jerry Guth Brenda Carus

Dawn Marie Sass

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Kristi Leonard, Chair

Jerry Guth

Brian Bucholtz

Finance and Accounting Committee

County Board Chair

Corporation Counsel

Motion by Sass, seconded by Boll to approve Resolution 10-5-22. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Human Services annual report was distributed and Dan Williams gave an update on the Opioid Settlement.

There were no appointments or travel requests for the board's consideration.

The 2023 proposed budget was distributed and Supervisor and Finance Chair Kristi Leonard presented an analysis and message of the proposed budget.

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Williams to recess to the public hearing and budget session on Thursday, November 10, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was recessed.

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COUNTY OF GREEN)

I, Arianna L. Voegeli, 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 October 18, 2022, A.D.

Arianna L. Voegeli
Green County Clerk