

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF
PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

January 21, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ray Reser at 5:00p.m.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Davis revealed:

(22) present:

(18) attending in person: Supervisors Chris Doubek, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz, Bob Gifford, Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Donald Jankowski, Dave Ladick, David Medin, Julie Morrow, Suzanne Oehlke, Stan Potocki, Larry Raikowski, Chris Randazzo, Ray Reser, Andrew Rockman, Amberle Schwartz, and James Yetter

(4) remote via Webex: Supervisor Jeanne Dodge, Shaun Przybylski, Mike Splinter, Janell Wehr

(3) absent: Supervisors Steve Cieslewicz, Joan Honl, Vinnie Miresse

Note: Supervisor Cieslewicz joined the meeting via Webex at 5:00p.m.

All present saluted the flag.

Note: Supervisor Miresse joined the meeting via Webex at 5:01p.m.

Correspondence

Office of Portage County Clerk - Out-of-County Resolutions

Public Comment

None

Review/Approval

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Barry Jacowski to approve the December 17, 2024 minutes.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The minutes were approved.

Confirmation Of County Executive Appointments/Reappointments

Reappointment of Amanda Freberg as a Citizen Member to the Portage County Library Board for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Yetter to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Reappointment of Holly Petrillo as a Citizen Member to the Portage County Library Board for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028

Motion by Supervisor Oehlke, second by Supervisor Doubek to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Reappointment of Joan Honl to the South Central Library System Board for a three-year term expiring December 20, 2027

Motion by Supervisor Gifford, second by Supervisor Rockman to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Appointment of Michael Kostuch as a Citizen Member to the Veterans Service Commission for a three-year term expiring December 20, 2027

Motion by Supervisor Oehlke, second by Supervisor Eggleston to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Appointment of Chris Scott as a Citizen Member to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Portage County Health Care Center for the remainder of the term expiring April 20, 2026

Motion by Supervisor Oehlke, second by Supervisor Medin to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Executive/Operations Committee Appointment

Appointment of Robert Welling as a Citizen Member to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Portage County Health Care Center for the remainder of the term expiring April 20, 2026.

Motion by Supervisor Oehlke, second by Supervisor Rockman to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

Resolutions/Ordinances

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2024-2026

RE: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COURTNEY KOSTUCHOWSKI AS
PORTAGE COUNTY JUSTICE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Courtney Kostuchowski as Portage County Justice Programs Director with a start date of February 28, 2025, or a date mutually agreed upon.

Motion by Supervisor Jankowski, second by Supervisor Potocki to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2024-2026

RE: EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED FROM PORTAGE COUNTY IN 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a combined total of 267 years of knowledge and experience has left Portage County in 2024, which will truly be missed. The Portage County Board of Supervisors does hereby express the thanks and appreciation of the people of Portage County for the service and dedication of these individuals.

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Oehlke to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2024-2026

RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A GAS EASEMENT TO THE WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION ON
PARCEL #034-23-0918:10.02, TOWN OF STOCKTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes the County to grant a gas utility easement to the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for the purpose of a new gas line installation within the existing easement area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Executive, Officials, and Staff to execute all necessary documents for the gas utility easement.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Barry Jacowski to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2024-2026

RE: PORTAGE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT, RUSCH

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors does enact and ordain as follows: The Portage County Zoning Ordinance Map is hereby amended by changing the zoning classification of the above referenced 20.45 acres from A2 Agricultural Transition to A3 Low Density Agricultural.

Motion by Supervisor Doubek, second by Supervisor Oehlke to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2024-2026

RE: ADOPTION OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 2025-2029

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the updated Portage County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan be adopted as a guide for future recreation improvements;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors request the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to provide continued eligibility for participation in cost-sharing programs for the next five years.

Motion by Supervisor Potocki, second by Supervisor Yetter to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2024-2026

RE: CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS ISSUED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Portage County Board of Supervisors that the attached list of outstanding checks be cancelled.

Motion by Supervisor Raikowski, second by Supervisor Rockman to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2024-2026

RE: AUTHORIZING 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors authorizes the attached 2024 budget adjustments as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Fritz, second by Supervisor Oehlke to approve.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2024-2026 - AMENDED

RE: ADOPTING THE FINANCIAL POLICY: DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Financial Policy: Debt Management Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing policy be posted to the world wide web from the County's website, along with written paper format to remain available in the Finance department.

Motion by Supervisor Oehlke, second by Supervisor Ladick to approve.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Yetter to amend the resolution to strike "would like to" and replace with "will" on page 4 of the policy, under "Direct Debt Burden", 3rd sentence.

Motion on the amendment carried by voice votes, with no negative votes.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Rockman to amend the resolution to strike "or an amount no greater than other counties of similar size and credit rating" and change "per capital" to "per capita" on page 4 of the policy, under "Direct Net Debt Per Capita", 4th sentence.

Motion on the amendment carried by voice votes, with no negative votes.

Motion by Supervisor Ladick, second by Supervisor Raikowski to amend the resolution to change "1.25%" to "1.5%" under Direct Debt Burden, change "1,500" to "2,000" under Direct Net Debt Per Capita, and change "10%" to "15%" under "Debt Service Expenditures as a percentage of Operating Expenditures in Governmental Funds", all on page 4 of the policy.

Note: Supervisor Honl joined the meeting via Webex at 5:25p.m.

Motion on the amendment carried by voice vote, with (2) nays, Supervisors Miresse and Rockman.

Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with (1) nay, Supervisor Miresse. The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Next Meeting Date

February 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Randazzo, second by Supervisor Yetter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chair at 5:36p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF PORTAGE)SS

I, Maria Davis, County Clerk of said County do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct record of the adjourned session of the Portage County Board of Supervisors for Portage County, Wisconsin.

MARIA N. DAVIS
County Clerk

Minutes are subject to amendment or change at subsequent meetings of the County Board and such changes will then be subsequently published.

The unofficial full text of the Portage County Code of Ordinances, including any changes approved in the above proceedings, once published, can be accessed on the Portage County website:

https://library.municode.com/wi/portage_county/codes/code_of_ordinances. For the official full text, please consult the Revised Code of Ordinances for Portage County, available in the Portage County Clerk's Office, 1516 Church St., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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