



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY BOARD

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

3:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Ad Hoc Committee of the County Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chair Reser.

Members Present: Supervisors Ray Reser, Larry Raikowski, Chris Randazzo, and Dave Medin; Citizen Members Chris Scott and BJ Welling; County Executive John Pavelski

Staff Attending: County Clerk Davis, Corporation Counsel Hickethier, Accounting Specialist Mehlbrech, Human Resources Director Belanger-Tess, Executive Administrative Assistant Iwanski, Assistant Human Resources Director Nelson-Wojchik, Finance Treasury Coordinator Hlavac, Water Resource Specialist Kunze, Facilities Director Neuenfeldt, Human Resource Advisor Yenter, Highway Commissioner Check, Human Resources Administrative Assistant Matke, and Procurement Director Schultz

Others Attending: Supervisors Jeanne Dodge, Mike Splinter, Suzanne Oehlke, Bob Gifford, Shaun Przybylski, and members of the public.

REPORTS

1. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

None.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Public Comment: Nancy Roppe (Agenda Item #5), Karlene Ferrante (Agenda Item #5), Alex Macomber (Agenda Item #5), Ann Mehlbrech (Agenda Item #5), Bob Gifford (Agenda Item #5), and Dan Stoltz (Agenda Item #5)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. August 18, 2025 Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Medin, seconded by Supervisor Randazzo, to approve the minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CLOSED SESSION

3. Consider Motion to Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session," to wit: Review Proposals from Interested Potential Buyers and Discuss, Deliberate, and Negotiate the Terms and Conditions of Letters of Intent for the Potential Sale of the Portage County Health Care Center located at 825 Whiting Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, Including the Terms and Conditions Associated with a Counter-Offer, if any, in Relation to any or all of the Letters of Intent.

The Committee did not convene in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

4. Reconvene to Open Session for Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session related to the Letters of Intent for the Potential Sale of the Portage County Health Care Center located at 825 Whiting Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481.

The Committee took no action since they did not convene in Closed Session.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approving One Interested Potential Buyer and Tasking Staff to Draft a Resolution to Approve Signing the Potential Buyer's Letter of Intent for the Potential Sale of the Portage County Health Care Center which Resolution will be Considered for Action through Committees and, if Approved by at Least One Committee then the Resolution will be Considered for Action by the County Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Citizen Member Welling, seconded by Citizen Member Scott, to approve the interested buyer Ensign Group, Inc./Gateway LLC and task staff to draft a resolution to approve signing the potential buyer's letter of intent for the potential sale of the Portage County Health Care Center which resolution will be considered for action through committees and, if approved by at least one committee then the resolution will be considered for action by the County Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote on the motion revealed (7) ayes, Supervisor Medin, Citizen Member Welling, Citizen Member Scott, Supervisor Randazzo, Executive Pavelski, Supervisor Raikowski, and Chair Reser, and (0) nays. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 2, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reser adjourned the meeting at 4:08 PM.