



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY BOARD AND SPACE & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, September 2, 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. The Space & Properties Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chair Medin.

Ad Hoc Committee of the County Board Members Present: Supervisors Ray Reser, Larry Raikowski, Chris Randazzo, and Dave Medin; Citizen Members Chris Scott and BJ Welling; County Executive John Pavelski

Space & Properties Committee Members Present: Supervisors Dave Medin, Jeanne Dodge, Dave Ladick, Nancy Eggleston, and Janell Wehr

Staff Attending: County Clerk Davis, Corporation Counsel Hickethier, Accounting Specialist Mehlbrech, Human Resources Director Belanger-Tess, Executive Administrative Assistant Iwanski, Finance Treasury Coordinator Hlavac, Facilities Director Neuenfeldt, Human Resource Advisor Yenter, Highway Commissioner Check, Health Care Center Administrator McDonald, Register of Deeds Wisinski, and Risk Management Specialist Raikowski

Others Attending: Supervisors Shaun Przybylski, Mike Splinter, Joan Honl, Amberle Schwartz, Bob Gifford and members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Amy Brauer - Market Leader, Tara Hoppe - Clinical Market Leader, Lise Henkelman - Clinical/MDS Market Resource, and Joe Ostroski - Portfolio Management Resource of Gateway Healthcare LLC, an independent subsidiary of The Ensign Group, Inc. - Potential purchase of the Portage County Health Care Center.

REPORTS

2. 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: Mary Ann Laszewski (Agenda Item #5), Chris Charewicz (Agenda Item #5), Dan Stoltz (Agenda Item #5), Mildred Neville (Agenda Item #3), Nancy Roppe (Agenda Item #5), Bob Gifford (Agenda Item #5), Karlene Ferrante (Agenda Item #5), Henry Shaw (Agenda Item #5), Alex Macomber (Agenda Item #5), and Anne Mehlbrech (Agenda Item #5)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. August 26, 2025 Minutes - Ad Hoc Committee of the County Board

A motion was made by Citizen Member Scott, seconded by Supervisor Raikowski, to approve the minutes. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

4. August 5, 2025 Minutes - Space and Properties Committee

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**5. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Resolution to approve The Ensign Group, Inc.'s LLC's letter of intent related to its potential purchase of the Portage County Health Care Center**

Chair Reser stated if there are no objections, a technical amendment was needed and the word "LLC's" should be removed from the title of the resolution. No objections were made.

A motion was made by County Executive Pavelski, seconded by Supervisor Randazzo, to approve the resolution as amended to form. Roll call vote on the motion revealed (6) ayes, Supervisors Reser, Raikowski, Medin, County Executive Pavelski, Citizen Members Scott and Welling, and (1) nay, Supervisor Randazzo. Motion carried by the Ad Hoc Committee of the County Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wehr, seconded by Supervisor Ladick, to approve the resolution as amended to form. Roll call vote on the motion revealed (3) ayes, Supervisors Medin, Dodge, and Ladick, and (2) nays, Supervisors Eggleston and Wehr. Motion carried by the Space & Properties Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Reser adjourned the meeting at 4:56 PM for the Ad Hoc Committee of the County Board. Chair Medin adjourned the meeting at 4:56 PM for the Space & Properties Committee.