



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Executive/Operations Committee meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Chair Reser.

Members Present: Supervisors Larry Raikowski, Ray Reser, Suzanne Oehlke, Vinnie Miresse, and Nancy Eggleston

Attending In-Person: Supervisors Larry Raikowski, Ray Reser, and Nancy Eggleston

Attending Online: Supervisors Suzanne Oehlke and Vinnie Miresse

Staff Attending: County Clerk Davis, Corporation Counsel Hickethier, County Executive Pavelski, Planning & Zoning Director Reed, and Finance Director Jossie

Others Attending: Members of the public.

REPORTS

1. Corporation Counsel — Office Operations and Activities

Corporation Counsel reported on his department.

2. County Clerk — Office Operations and Activities

County Clerk Davis reported on her department.

3. 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: Scott Soik (Agenda Item #9)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. January 6, 2026 Minutes

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

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

5. Appointment of Tyler Gesquiere to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for a new four-year term expiring April 17, 2028.

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

CONFIRMATION OF PORTAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS FOR 2026

6. Confirmation of the following individuals to act as authorized Emergency Fire Wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in Portage County for the 2026 calendar year:
- Town of Alban - Gordy Krogwald
 - Town of Almond - Dan Folan
 - Town of Amherst - Victor Voss
 - Town of Buena Vista - Doug Berry
 - Town of Pine Grove - Melissa Mcphearson and Shannon Lafler
 - Town of Plover - Mark Deaver
 - Town of Stockton - Jennifer Zurawski

Chair Reser stated that if there were no objections, he would consider the confirmations in one motion. There were no objections. A motion was made by Supervisor Raikowski, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve the confirmations. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

7. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Requests to Attend Special Meeting

None.

8. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Approval of Special Meeting Reports/Payment Authorization Requests

A motion was made by Supervisor Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Raikowski, to approve the special meeting reports/payment authorization requests. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, and (1) nay, Supervisor Miresse.

9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Revisions to Portage County Code of Ordinances Sections 3.1.21 and 3.1.17, Creating the Planning and Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Supervisor Raikowski, seconded by Supervisor Oehlke, to approve the resolution. Motion to approve carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

10. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Discussion of the Strategic Plan Draft with Daniel Foth, UW-Extension Local Government Specialist and Local Government Education Program

The committee discussed the Strategic Plan Draft with Daniel Foth.

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Support for Enacting a Comprehensive, Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution

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

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, March 4 @ 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reser adjourned the meeting at 5:31 PM.