

JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 17, 2026

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the February 17, 2026 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Keith Abler at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Abler noted that the notice of meeting was posted on February 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

The roll call was taken and recorded with 25 Supervisors present.

Resolution No. 22 (2025/26) Re: Honoring the Life of Former County Board Chairperson Mike Vandersteen.

Pursuant to County Board Rule 2.13, this Resolution was on the floor for immediate action and was unanimously adopted by the Board on a rising vote and a pause in its deliberations.

Chairperson Abler and Vice Chairperson Brauer presented a signed copy of the resolution to Julie Vandersteen.

Supervisor Koch moved for approval of the January 20, 2026 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gruber and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS - NONE

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Wood County Board of Supervisors requesting the Wisconsin Counties Association to lobby the State Legislature and Governor on Legislation for greater local control for Wisconsin Counties in regulating large scale wind and solar projects. By Chairperson received for information.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Alayne Krause gave a brief overview of Resolution No. 19-Authorizing Purchase of 1.014 Acres (Northerly Part of Parcel 59281111390 from St. Clement's Congregation) and also Resolution No. 20-Authorizing the Engagement of Outside Counsel on a Contingency Fee Basis to Initiate Lawsuit(s) against Companies that Designed, Manufactured, Marketed, Distributed and/or sold Fluorosurfactant Products that Contaminated the Soil, Groundwater and Surface Water of Sheboygan County with Highly Toxic Compounds that were being voted on at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Resolution No. 21 (2025/26) Carryover of Unexpended 2025 Appropriations to 2026** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Wegner moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Goehring and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee regarding **Ordinance No. 14 (2025/26) Amending Shoreland Ordinance in Section 17, Town of Holland (0.0186 Acres of Property - Construction of a New Residential Building)** recommending enactment.

Supervisor Goehring moved to enact the ordinance. Supervisor Clarke seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Resolution No. 19 (2025/26) Authorizing Purchase of 1.014 Acres (Northerly Part of Parcel 59281111390 from St. Clement's Congregation)** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kuhlow and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee regarding **Resolution No. 20 (2025/26) Authorizing the Engagement of Outside Counsel on a Contingency Fee Basis to Initiate Lawsuit(s) against Companies that Designed, Manufactured, and Marketed, Distributed, and/or sold Fluorosurfactant Products that Contaminated the Soil, Groundwater and Surface Water of Sheboygan County with Highly Toxic Compounds** recommending adoption.

Supervisor Goehring moved to adopt the resolution. Supervisor Wegner seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

(Vice-Chairperson Brauer presiding)

Pursuant to Rule IV of the Rules of Order, the following resolutions and ordinances were introduced by the Clerk and referred by the Vice-Chairperson as indicated:

Resolution No. 23 (2025/26) Re: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$14,800,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordinance No. 15 (2025/26) Re: Amending Chapter 2 to Include the Circuit Court Department referred to the Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goehring moved to adjourn. Supervisor Wegner seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**



RESOLUTION# 26-2-13

DATE February 17, 2026

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Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

Introduced by _____

Motion:	Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 st <u>Schulz</u>	Lost: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd <u>Leichtnam</u>	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <u>0</u> Yes: <u>18</u> Absent: <u>1</u>	
Number of votes required:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds
Reviewed by: <u>NF</u> , Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To request the Wisconsin Counties Association to lobby the State Legislature and Governor on Legislation for Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, local governments in Wisconsin are closest to the people they serve and are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs, priorities, and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, public meetings and hearings held by local units of government allow for significantly more opportunity for public input than meetings and hearings held by the Public Service Commission in Madison; and

WHEREAS, preserving local control is essential to maintaining accountability, transparency, and public trust in government, as well as ensuring that decisions reflect local values and conditions; and

WHEREAS, statewide, one size fits all regulations do not always appropriately address the issues and needs of every Wisconsin community; and

WHEREAS, a series of mandates and other agency actions have continuously shifted powers from the local to the state level; and

WHEREAS, the geographic, environmental, and demographic diversity across Wisconsin counties necessitates localized approaches to governance that reflect each county's unique

characteristics; and

WHEREAS, state legislators have been making attempts to return local control to cities, villages and towns over large-scale wind and solar projects in several bills; and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, February 17, 2026

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

WHEREAS, such attempts should also be applied to counties and county boards who are democratically elected bodies that directly represent the interests and values of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, significant negative impacts on environmental habitats, public health, road infrastructure, and property values and taxes due to large-scale wind and solar projects in those areas where they exist are well established and documented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Wisconsin Counties Association consider this issue and/or adopt this resolution and lobby the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor to support any and all efforts and legislation that would give local elected bodies greater control in regulating large scale wind and solar projects to in the best interest of their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors request the County Clerk to forward this resolution to the Wisconsin Towns Association, all local and state legislators who represent citizens across Wood County, the Governor and all county boards in the State of Wisconsin.