

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 15, 2025

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11, the April 15, 2025 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 April 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.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 20 Supervisors present; Absent: 4, Supervisors Donovan, Ellis, Montemayor, and H. Nelson; Vacant: 1, District #19.

Supervisor Wegner moved for approval of the February 18, 2025 Journal, which was distributed to all supervisors prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Clarke and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

APPOINTMENTS

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the appointment by the Chairperson.

County Board

Stephanie Arndt, 535 Richmond Avenue, Sheboygan Falls

(To fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jacob Immel, District #19 effective February 28, 2025 through April 14, 2026)

Supervisor Wegner moved to concur with the appointment by the Chairperson.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Procek and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

OATH OF OFFICE

County Clerk, Jon Dolson, administered the oath of office to County Board Supervisor Stephanie Arndt.

Supervisor Arndt took her seat in the chambers and joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business was the consideration of the following appointments by the County Administrator.

Public Library Board

Susan Kuck, 711 Oak Tree Road, Sheboygan

(Representing Mead Public Library to fill vacancy)

Treatment Alternatives Diversion Grant Oversight Committee

Kendra Zipperer, 1315 N. 23rd Street, Suite 101, Sheboygan

(Local Law Enforcement Official)

Matthew Fure, 1011 N. 8th Street, Sheboygan

(Sheboygan County Health & Human Services Department Representative)

Benjamin Bechle, 1011 N. 8th Street, Sheboygan

(Representing Substance Abuse Treatment Provider)

Supervisor Goehring moved to concur with the appointments by the County Administrator. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Koch and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

PRESENTATIONS-NONE

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented a resolution from the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors advocating for expanded inpatient behavioral health facilities in western Wisconsin. By Chairperson received for information.

The Clerk presented a resolution from the Marathon County Board of Supervisors supporting the renewal of the Knowles Nelson stewardship fund. By Chairperson referred to the Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - NONE

(Vice-Chairperson Brauer presiding)

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

Resolution No. 01 (2025/26) Re: Authorizing Land Swap for Redevelopment Project of the Shoreland 400 Rail Trail referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordinance No. 01 (2025/26) Re: Prohibiting Parking on South 12th Street, City of Sheboygan referred to the Transportation Committee.

Ordinance No. 02 (2025/26) Re: Amending Shoreland Ordinance in Section 2, Town of Plymouth (620 Square Feet of Property – Construction of a driveway over Otter Creek associated with the development of a new residential property) referred to the Executive Committee.

Ordinance No. 03 (2025/26) Re: Amending Chapter 73 Floodplain Zoning Ordinance referred to the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goehring moved to adjourn. Supervisor Jorgensen seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**



RESOLUTION # 44-2/25

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 2-16

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 24
Against: 8
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 6
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 1
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: **ADVOCATING FOR EXPANDED INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN WESTERN WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has limited resources when it comes to in-patient crisis care for individuals with mental illness, including for those incarcerated in county jails; and

WHEREAS, recent closures of facilities place a higher burden on the facilities that remain open; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available public and private inpatient behavioral health beds is a significant issue both in emergency mental health placements as well as for individuals in the criminal justice system awaiting assessment and treatment; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement agencies are tasked with providing transportation of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and they often spend hours waiting for facilities to respond to requests for in-patient beds; and

WHEREAS, incarcerated individuals awaiting mental health assessment at State-run facilities often wait 6-9 months for availability; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis end up being transported by law enforcement to the State facility in Winnebago (Winnebago Mental Health) and the State facility in Madison (Mendota Mental Health); and

WHEREAS, the great distance traveled puts a financial strain on counties and local municipal law enforcement agencies, not to mention the emotional strain experienced by the individuals being transported for several hours; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County would like to work with other counties in the State to lobby for State funding to establish additional in-patient crisis facilities to serve the State of Wisconsin as well as lobby for the addition of a regional State-run hospital on the Western side of the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature and the Governor to expand funding for an additional regional State-run facility and/or subsidies for private, not-for-profit organizations to establish an in-patient acute behavioral health unit to serve counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors encourages other counties in the State to join in the lobbying efforts and pass a similar resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk is directed to send this Resolution to the Governor, State Legislators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and other County Clerks upon passage.

FISCAL NOTE: This advisory resolution has no direct fiscal impact to La Crosse County.

Date: 2-11-25

Dath Made
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 2-11-25

[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>JK</u>	_____
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____

Requested By: Jane Klekamp
Date Requested: January 28, 2025
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 20 Day of February, 2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 20th day of February 2025.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk

RESOLUTION #R-16-25

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF THE KNOWLES NELSON STEWARDSHIP FUND

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, per Ch. 23.0915(2c)(d), Wis. Stats., the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in June 2026; and

WHEREAS, the program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local governments including Marathon County, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water quality and outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and local units of government within Marathon County has utilized Stewardship grant funds for land acquisition, to develop trails and other public outdoor recreation opportunities, and desires to support the continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors considers the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2025, the Environmental Resources Committee recommended that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors support funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors does support funding renewal for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marathon County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Legislature and the Governor and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary.

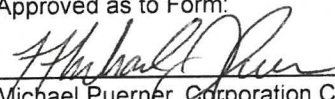
Environmental Resources Committee, Park Commission, and Forestry/Rec Committee

Ayes 24 Nays 7 Abstain 1 Absent 6 [] Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 25th day of March, 2025

Denied this 25th day of March, 2025

Approved as to Form:

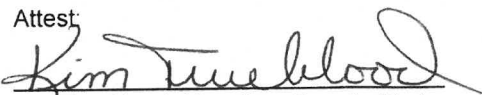

Michael Puerner, Corporation Counsel



Approved as to Financial Impact (if necessary)


Samantha Fenske, Finance Director

Attest:


Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk

Fiscal Impact: None. This resolution does not obligate funds.

Legal Note: This resolution requires a simple majority vote for approval.