

JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 28, 2025

Pursuant to Section 59.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the October 28, 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 October 24, 2025 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 23 Supervisors present; 2 Supervisors attended remotely: Supervisors Kuhlrow, and Liebau; Absent: 2, Supervisors Montemayor, and Veldman.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT AND INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

County Administrator Alayne Krause presented a high-level overview of the 2026 Proposed Sheboygan County Budget with some accompanying slides. The proposed 2026 budget includes a property tax levy increase of 1.72%. The proposed property tax rate will decrease from \$3.58 to \$3.25, a decrease of 9.3%. The 2026 budget reflects the 10th consecutive year the property tax rate has gone down and is the lowest in our records. Ms. Krause also reviewed key components of the budget, including the final year of the American Rescue Plan Act funds, Investments in staffing, implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning software, updates to County facilities including lighting, door access controls, elevator updates, and interior remodeling, strengthened Health and Human Services support levels, radio and communications equipment updates for the Sheriff's Department and improving our transportation infrastructure. Ms. Krause stated that the key to Sheboygan County's success is a culture of collaboration and concluded by thanking everyone for their role in the 2026 proposed budget process.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

Chairperson Abler noted that the Notice of Public Hearing was published on October 10, 2025 and declared the public hearing on the proposed 2026 budget open for anyone wishing to be heard.

There being no persons wishing to be heard, Chairperson Abler declared the public hearing closed at 6:21 p.m.

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business would be the review of the 2026 Proposed Budget and directed the County Clerk to go through the budget on a department by department basis.

When no further motions were offered, Chairperson Abler declared the Budget Review Session concluded.

Pursuant to Sec. 5.06(a)(8), the 2026 Proposed Budget was referred back to the Finance Committee which will submit its final recommendation on the Budget at the November 4, 2025 County Board meeting.

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 6:28 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**