

**JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**October 31, 2023**

Pursuant to Section 59.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the October 31, 2023 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Vice Chairperson Keith Abler at 6:00 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abler noted that the notice of meeting was posted on October 27, 2023 at 10:30 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 17 Supervisors present; 2 Supervisors attended remotely: Supervisors Clarke, and Immel; Absent: 8, Supervisors Coulson, Ellis, Gruber, Koch, Kulow, J. Nelson, Schobert, and Smith.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT AND INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2024  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

County Administrator Alayne Krause presented the 2024 Proposed Sheboygan County Budget with some accompanying slides. The proposed 2024 budget includes a modest property tax levy increase of 1.69%. Since 2013, the average annual increase of the property tax levy including this proposed budget, would be 1.44%. Inflation has averaged 2.62% annually over the same period. The proposed property tax rate will decrease from \$4.37 to \$3.89, or an 11.05% reduction. The 2024 budget reflects the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the property tax rate has gone down. The annual \$191 million budget supports 19 departments and approximately 850 employees. Ms. Krause also reviewed key initiatives and components of the budget, including investments in staffing and facility upgrades at Rocky Knoll, tuckpointing and window replacement at the Courthouse, enhanced child welfare and behavioral health services, improving our local transportation system which includes our roads, bridges, and airport, and investments in staffing and equipment replacement for the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Krause concluded that Sheboygan County is in excellent fiscal condition and continues to make investments in staffing, programming, and infrastructure.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET**

Vice Chairperson Abler noted that the Notice of Public Hearing was published on October 13, 2023 and declared the public hearing on the proposed 2024 budget open for anyone wishing to be heard.

There being no persons wishing to be heard, Vice Chairperson Abler declared the public hearing closed at 6:24 p.m.

The Vice Chairperson announced that the next order of business would be the review of the 2024 Proposed Budget and directed the County Clerk to go through the budget on a department by department basis.

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

Pursuant to Sec. 5.06(a)(8), the 2024 Proposed Budget was referred back to the Finance Committee which will submit its final recommendation on the Budget at the November 7, 2023 County Board meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Supervisor Te Stroete moved to adjourn.** Supervisor Brauer seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. **The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**