

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 9, 2023

County Boardroom, Green County Courthouse, 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI

Jerry Guth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Corporation Counsel Brian Bucholtz read a statement on the rules of decorum.

The Clerk read the roll call with 30 present and 1 Tardy being Hartwig.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zoning Administrator Adam Wiegel presented the Land Use and Zoning Annual Report. Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Schafer to receive the Land Use and Zoning annual report. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mandel, seconded by Boll to approve the April 18, 2023, meeting, with an amendment for approval of the appointments. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

There was no action taken on the county-wide strategic planning.

RESOLUTION 5-1-23

Resolution Designating June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Green County

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated throughout the US, and in many countries around the world, each year in the month of June to commemorate the Stonewall uprising of June 1969; and

WHEREAS Green County is committed to justice, inclusion, equality, and freedom from discrimination for all people, regardless of age, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical abilities; and

WHEREAS Green County embraces its responsibility to ensure that the County's employment practices and work environments are respectful and free from discrimination for all people; and

WHEREAS Green County acknowledges that LGBTQ+ individuals have contributed immeasurably to the economic prosperity and cultural vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS Surveys conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Gallup polling indicate that 3.8% of Wisconsin's population identifies as LGBTQ+1; and assuming that state statistics hold true locally, more than 1,400 Green County residents identify as LGBTQ+; and

WHEREAS the LGBTQ+ community continues to be the target of lingering social stigmas, suffering manifest discrimination in e.g., the areas of education, employment, health care and housing, and numerous studies have documented that inequities experienced by LGBTQ+ individuals result in e.g., poverty, homelessness, violence, mental health issues, and substance abuse concerns2; and

WHEREAS LGBTQ+ youth are at increased risk of experiencing anxiety, depression, bullying and suicide compared to their peers3;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Green County, starting with June 2023 and for every year thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green County Board encourages residents to learn about the contributions of LGBTQ+ people in Green County and reflect on ways that we can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Michael Furgal, Chair

Linda Boll

Russ Torkelson, Vice-Chair

David Bristow

Todd Larson

Will Oemichen

Sarah Endicott

Anita Huffman

1 <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/adult-lgbt-pop-us/>

2 <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2022/12/lgbt-adults-report-anxiety-depression-at-all-ages.html>

<https://www.psychiatry.org/File%20Library/Psychiatrists/Cultural-Competency/Mental-Health-Disparities/Mental-Health-Facts-for-LGBTQ.pdf>

<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/lgbt-homelessness-us/>

3 <https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth.htm>

Chair Guth made a brief statement. Motion by Furgal, seconded by Pennington to approve Resolution 5-1-23. Several members of the board spoke on the resolution. Motion by Hartwig, seconded by Sass to call the question to end the debate. Motion failed by not having a two-thirds majority vote with 20 ayes and 11 nays being Carlson, Carus, Guth, Kubly, Roemer, Rufenacht, Schwartz, Sheaffer, Thoman, Torkelson and Wilke. Several more members of the board spoke. Supervisor Oemichen requested a roll call vote. Resolution 5-1-23 passed by a roll call vote with 17 ayes and 14 nays being Carlson, Even, Gundlach, Krattiger, Kubly, Leonard, Mandel, Roemer, Schafer, Snow, Thoman, Torkelson, Truttmann, and Williams. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 5-2-23

Resolution Approving Human Services Contracts (Over \$75,000)

WHEREAS, County Code Section 1-11-2, entitled COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, provides for review, approval and execution of all County contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budget operations; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-11-2(A)(3) STATES: Cost or price in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), recommendation by the appropriate department head and the supervisory committee to the full County Board with approval by the full Board before the purchase is made. Execution of the contract documents shall be by the Green County Board Chair and the appropriate Committee Chairperson, after the document has been reviewed by the Green County Corporation Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Human Services Board for the contracting of services with the following agencies for the contract year 2023:

Rawhide, Inc.	Residential Care	1/30/2023 - 7/31/2023	\$111,630
Lad Lake, Inc.	Residential Care	3/08/2023 - 12/31/2023	\$172,086

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

Michael Furgal, Chair	Russ Torkelson, Vice-chair
Dave Bristow	Will Oemichen
Linda Boll	Anita Huffman
Todd Larson	Sarah Endicott

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Wilke to approve Resolution 5-2-23. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 5-3-23

Resolution Approving Expenditure of ARPA Funds

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the plan allocates \$350 billion to help state, local, and tribal governments, with the County of Green receiving \$7.17 million and Green County municipalities receiving a little over \$3.6 million; and

WHEREAS, a community survey was conducted in the spring of 2021 for those who lived or worked in Green County to help officials make decisions regarding ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the survey identified sustainability, fiscal responsibility, equity, accessibility, and efficiency as the top 5 values that local officials should consider when making decisions surrounding the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2021, the Finance and Accounting Committee acted on the creation of an ARPA Ad Hoc Committee to create a participatory way for community members to submit ideas; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee met several times in 2022 to review ideas and proposals for consideration by the Finance and Accounting Committee; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee has concluded their fact-finding and information gathering process and has prepared a final report to the Finance and Accounting Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee has reviewed the final report from the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee and voted to approve expenditure of ARPA funds for the following project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approves the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee to allocate and use up to \$400,000 of ARPA funds to fund the aforementioned projects.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Not to Exceed Cost</u>
HS CAC long term/addition	\$400,000.00

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

Kristi Leonard, Chair Jody Hoesly, Vice-chair
 Jerry Guth Dawn Sass
 Brenda Carus

Motion by Sheaffer, seconded by Snow to approve Resolution 5-3-23. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 5-4-23

Resolution Granting Municipal Bridge Construction Aid

WHEREAS, various local governments located within Green County have filed petitions for county aid in the construction of bridges under Section 61.48 and 82.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the following petitions be hereby granted:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Road/Project #</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>50/50 Split Cost</u>
Town of Adams	Prairie View Rd/1154	\$ 92,233.92	\$ 46,116.96
Town of Cadiz	Ullom Rd/1430-22	\$ 41,417.25	\$ 20,708.63
Town of Clarno	Clarno Rd/1530-22	\$ 80,381.06	\$ 40,190.53
Town of Mt. Pleasant	Krueger Rd/2130-22	\$ 36,197.54	\$ 18,098.77
Town of Jordan	Lewis Rd/1921-22	\$ 33,646.01	\$ 16,823.01
Town of New Glarus	Zentner Rd	<u>\$ 3,341.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,670.50</u>
	Total	\$287,216.78	\$143,608.39

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Harvey Mandel, Chair Russ Torkelson, Vice-Chair
 Jeff Williams Mark Gundlach
 Kristi Leonard

Motion by Wilke, seconded by Tschudy to approve Resolution 5-4-23. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 23-0501

Modification to ATV/UTV Route

WHEREAS, the Green County Highway Committee is charged with the duty to receive and make recommendations for Green County upon all highway matters referred to them; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Highway Committee has approved an ATV/UTV route in the Town of Exeter and is requesting that the Board also approve the route as described in this Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that Title 8 of the Green County Code be modified as follows:

8-2-13: CURRENT COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY DESIGNATED ATV/UTV ROUTES

- L. Town of Exeter
 1. On CTH CC – From the Village of Belleville limits to Mt. Pleasant and Exeter Town line.
 2. On CTH D – From STH 92 North to County line (Dane/Green County).
 3. On CTH D – From STH 92 South to Mt. Pleasant and Exeter Town line.
 4. On CTH W – From Schilt Road to New Glarus Town line (Argue Road).
 5. On CTH X – From STH 92 to Brooklyn Town line (Nye Road).

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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 Jeff Williams Mark Gundlach
 Kristi Leonard

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Gundlach to approve Ordinance 23-0501. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 23-0502
Modification to ATV/UTV Route

WHEREAS, the Green County Highway Committee is charged with the duty to receive and make recommendations for Green County upon all highway matters referred to them; and

WHEREAS, the Green County Highway Committee has approved an ATV/UTV route in the Town of Decatur and is requesting that the Board also approve the route as described in this Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that Title 8 of the Green County Code be modified as follows:

8-2-13: CURRENT COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY DESIGNATED ATV/UTV ROUTES

D. Town of Decatur

1. On CTH GG – From Ten Eyck Road south and ending at CTH GG (Town of Spring Grove border). (Ord. 22-0604, 6/14/2022)
2. On CTH E – From Race Road heading north and ending at CTH E (Town of Albany border). (Ord. 22-0604, 6/14/2022)
3. On CTH F – From Brodhead City Limits heading west and ending at Park Road. (Ord. 22-0604, 6/14/2022)
4. On CTH OK – Decatur and Spring Grove Town line (.5 miles north of STH 11) north to CTH SS and east to CTH F. (Ord. 23-0304, 3/14/2023)
5. On CTH SS – From CTH OK west to Decatur-Sylvester Road (Decatur and Sylvester Town line). (Ord. 23-0304, 3/14/2023)
6. On CTH F – From Park Road west to CTH OK and north to Decatur-Albany Road (Decatur and Albany Town line). (Ord. 23-0304, 3/14/2023)
7. On CTH E – Green Street north to Race Road. (Ord. 23-0304, 3/14/2023)
8. On CTH FF – From Decatur Town line (Decatur-Sylvester Road) to CTH F.

SIGNED: GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Harvey Mandel, Chair Russ Torkelson, Vice-Chair

Jeff Williams Mark Gundlach

Kristi Leonard

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Mandel to approve Ordinance 23-0502. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Rufenacht to appoint Paul Hannes to the Aging and Disability Advisory Committee for a 3-year term expiring on the third Tuesday in April 2026. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The Register of Deeds annual report was distributed.

Chair Guth thanked the board and the members of the public for remaining respectful throughout the meeting. He also thanked the Sheriff's Office for their service at the county board meeting.

Motion by Roemer, seconded by Oemichen to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.