

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 9, 2023

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

Chair Jerry Guth called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Clerk read the roll call with 25 present and 6 excused absences being Bristow, Hartwig, Kubly, Nelson, Snow and Thoman.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Guth announced the public hearing.

Motion by Schafer, seconded by Gundlach to dissolve as a County Board and convene as a Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A public hearing on the proposed 2024 Green County budget was held. No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Boll, seconded by Krattiger to dissolve as a Committee of the Whole and reconvene as a County Board. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The proposed 2024 budget was read by Finance and Accounting Chair Leonard.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$242.65 be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County in accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee for the purpose of collecting the following: State Special Charges to Districts \$ 242.65; and County Charge backs to Districts \$0.00.

Motion by Sass, seconded by Carus to approve Resolution No. 1. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$ 101,943.00, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County (excepting that within the limits of the City of Monroe, the City of Brodhead, the Village of Browntown, the Village of Brooklyn, and the Village of New Glarus) for County Aid for construction of bridges.

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Roemer to approve Resolution No 2. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$535,794.00, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County as designated by the Green County Library Board, in conjunction with the South Central Library System, pursuant to Green County Board action of August 9, 1977.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Wilke to approve Resolution No. 3. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$40,710.00, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages, and cities in Green County (excepting that within the limits of the City of Monroe), for county aid for the Humane Society.

Motion by Rufenacht, seconded by Pennington to approve Resolution No. 4. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$3,807,196.00, which represents a portion of the amount received during 2022 in payment of Green County's ½% sales tax, be and is hereby designated for use in funding the 2024 Green County Budget. Said amount shall show in the budget document as a reduction from the Proposed Levy to arrive at the Net Levy.

Motion by Schwartz, seconded by Tschudy to approve Resolution No. 5. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$18,470,171.35, be and is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the several towns, villages and cities in Green County for all other purposes and expenses for the year 2024.

Motion by Mandel, seconded by Even to approve Resolution No. 6. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hoesly, seconded by Schafer to adopt the Green County 2024 Budget as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Rufenacht to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023, meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 23-1003

Modification to Green County ANNUAL COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE Ordinance

WHEREAS, building and maintaining highways and bridges are essential to sustaining the quality of Wisconsin's highway infrastructure, which is vital to the state, counties and municipalities to support commerce, tourism and the safe transportation of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the Green County property tax appropriation and other revenues have declined over the last 15 years while increases in the cost of materials needed to maintain the county highway maintenance goals and programs have more than doubled; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §341.35 gives a county the authority to enact an ordinance imposing an annual flat registration fee on all motor vehicles registered in this state which are customarily kept in the county; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18-0403 creating an annual county vehicle registration fee sunsets on December 31, 2023 at 11:59 PM unless further action is taken by the County Board of Supervisors to terminate or extend the fee imposed by this ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that Section 1-11-12 of the Green County Code be modified as shown below, to be effective on January 1, 2024.

1-11-12-4: ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE

At the time a motor vehicle is first registered or at the time of registration renewal, the applicant shall pay a county vehicle registration fee of ~~\$20.00~~ \$25.00. This fee is in addition to other fees required by Ch. 341, Wis. Stats. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) shall collect the fee. Use of funds generated by this registration fee shall be restricted to Highway Department maintenance expenses.

1-11-12-8: EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET PROVISION

This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2024, and shall sunset and lose any and all force and effect as of December 31, 2028, at 11:59 PM unless further action is taken by the County Board of Supervisors prior to that date to terminate or extend the fee imposed by this ordinance.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

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

Motion by Schafer, seconded by Tschudy to approve Ordinance 23-1003.

Motion by Torkelson, seconded by Mandel to amend Ordinance 23-1003 to increase the \$20.00 registration fee to \$30.00. Motion failed on a roll call vote with 7 ayes and 18 nays being Boll, Carlson, Carus, Even, Furgal, Guth, Hoesly, Krattiger, Larson, Oemichen, Pennington, Roemer, Rufenacht, Sass, Schwartz, Sheaffer, Tschudy, and Wilke.

Motion by Even, seconded by Sheaffer to amend Ordinance 23-1003 to increase the \$20.00 registration fee to \$25.00. Motion carried with 18 ayes and 7 nays being Carlson, Carus, Furgal, Guth, Hoesly, Larson, and Sass.

Motion carried to approve Ordinance 23-1003 with 4 nays being Carlson, Carus, Guth and Sass.

ORDINANCE 23-1101

Modification to County Purchases and Contracts

WHEREAS, the Green County Finance and Accounting Committee has general supervision over County purchases and contracts; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Green County Code, the Green County Finance and Accounting Committee has indicated that the Green County Code is in need of updating; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the following additions be made to Title 1 of the Green County Code.

1-11-2: COUNTY PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

A. All contracts and purchases necessary to carry out approved budgetary operations, such as repairs, supplies, purchased services, personal property outlay items, etc., shall be reviewed, approved and executed as follows:

5. Debarment or Suspension. The County will not select any contractor or business that is suspended or debarred from doing business with any Federal agency. The Department Head will search the System of Award website (SAM), or any other federally endorsed website to ensure that the contractor or business is not debarred or suspended prior to the award of the contract.

(Ord. 90-0110, 1-9-90; Ord. 21-0302, 3/9/2021)

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

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

Motion by Leonard, seconded by Carus approve Ordinance 23-1101. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 11-1-23

Resolution Eliminating and Creating Positions in the District Attorney’s Office

WHEREAS, County Code 1-7-4 directs and charges the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee with the responsibility for considering and recommending requests for employee reclassification, creation and description of new positions and associated grades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board consider the recommendation of the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee for the following position modifications in the District Attorney’s Office:

Eliminate:	Title:	Secretary
	Grade:	12
	Status:	Part-time, non-exempt
		Minimum/Maximum
	Hourly Rate:	\$16.48/20.57
	Benefits:	All county fringe benefits
	Effective Date:	November 20, 2023
	Tax Levy:	\$20,158.00
Proposed:	Title:	Legal Secretary
	Grade:	12
	Status:	Full-time 40 hrs per week, non-exempt
		Minimum/Maximum
	Hourly Rate:	\$19.02/23.73
	Benefits:	All county fringe benefits
	Effective date:	November 20, 2023
	Tax Levy:	\$75,695.11

SIGNED: PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Guth, Chair Harvey Mandel, Vice-Chair
Kristi Leonard Richard Thoman
Linda Boll Michael Furgal
Dave Tschudy

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Mandel approve Resolution 11-1-23. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 11-2-23

Resolution Eliminating and Creating Dispatcher Positions

WHEREAS, County Code 1-7-4 directs and charges the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee with the responsibility for considering and recommending requests for employee reclassification, creation and description of new positions and associated grades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board consider the recommendation of the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee for the creation of two (2) Dispatch positions:

Proposed: **Title:** **(2) Dispatchers**
 Grade: 82
 Status: Full-time 40 hrs per week, non-exempt
 Minimum/Maximum
Hourly Rate: \$21.28 – \$26.56
Benefits: All county fringe benefits
Effective date: November 20, 2023
Tax Levy: \$153,514.39

SIGNED: PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Guth, Chair Harvey Mandel, Vice-Chair
Kristi Leonard Richard Thoman
Linda Boll Michael Furgal
Dave Tschudy

Motion by Rufenacht, seconded by Tschudy approve Resolution 11-2-23. Motion carried by a unanimous voice

RESOLUTION 11-3-23

Resolution Authorizing a Referendum to Exceed State Imposed Tax Levy Limits in 2025 through 2030 for the Benefit of Pleasant View Nursing Home

WHEREAS, the Green County Board of Supervisors does proclaim its continuing support for county ownership and operation of Pleasant View Nursing Home for so long as it is practical for the county to do so; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for 2025 under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes limits the increase to local property tax levy to the increase in net new construction; and

WHEREAS, the current state budget allows an increase in the 2025 tax levy of approximately 1.124% (\$148,155); and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee and the Pleasant View Nursing Home Committee have determined that it may be necessary to levy up to an additional \$790,000 above the levy limit for each of the next six years for the financial well-being and stability of Pleasant View Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes allows a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit if the governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution is approved in a referendum vote of the electors of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Accounting Committee and the Pleasant View Nursing Home Committee have determined that it is desirable and in the best interest of Green County to conduct a county-wide referendum to determine whether the Green County taxpayers support the county exceeding the levy limit under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any successor thereto, for the next six fiscal years, in recognition that Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes may be amended or renewed in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the April 2nd, 2024 Spring Election ballot as a binding referendum question:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Green for the tax to be imposed for the fiscal year 2025, is limited to 1.124%, which results in a levy of \$14,375,715. Shall the County of Green be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next six fiscal years, 2025 through 2030, for the exclusive purpose of paying for a portion of the cost of the operational and capital expenses of the county-owned Pleasant View Nursing Home, by a total of 5.495%, which amounts to a levy increase of \$790,000 per year, which results in an approximate total of county levy of \$15,165,715 starting 2025.

YES _____ NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green County Board of Supervisors supports an increase in the county tax levy to exceed the state levy limit for the next six years, 2025 through 2030, up to \$790,000 per year.

SIGNED: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:

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

SIGNED: PLEASANT VIEW NURSING HOME COMMITTEE:

Linda Boll, Chair Joan Rufenacht
David Bristow Paul Roemer
Todd Larson

Motion by Larson, seconded by Roemer approve Resolution 11-3-23. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

County Clerk Voegeli announced that the Green County Board nomination papers were ready to be picked up in the County Clerk's office. Ryan Camron reminded county board supervisors to complete the cyber security training and Clerk Voegeli announced there will be a Historic Courthouse rededication and open house on Saturday, December 2.

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Roemer to appoint Jody Hoesly to the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2026. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer and Human Services annual reports were distributed.

Motion by Pennington, seconded by Boll to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF GREEN)

I, Arianna L. Voegeli, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Green County, Wisconsin, on their meeting of November 9, 2023, A.D.

Arianna L. Voegeli
Green County Clerk