

ORDINANCE 25-0502

Repeal and Recreate of Section 1-5-1-2 Regarding County Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Committee of Committees has supervision over general required changes, updates and modifications to the Green County Code Title 1, Chapter 5, which lays out the requirements of County supervisors; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Green County Code, the Committee of Committees has indicated that the Green County Code is in need of updating to reflect a county supervisor's job description; and

WHEREAS, Green County has referenced Dunn County's Chapter 2 – Rules of the Board, Appendix A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that Section 1-5-1-2 of the Green County Code be repealed and recreated.

1-5-1-2: COUNTY SUPERVISORS

- A. **Governing Body:** The County of Green is a body corporate of the State of Wisconsin. The County Board of Supervisors is the governing body of Green County. Green County has thirty-one districts, and the voters in each district elect one Supervisor to serve on the County Board.
- B. **Term:** The term of office of Supervisors shall be a concurrent two-year term. Supervisors shall be elected at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April next preceding the expiration of their respective terms and shall take office on the third Tuesday in April following their election.
- C. **Candidacy:** To be elected as a Supervisor, a candidate must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of the supervisory district at the time election papers are taken out.
- D. **E-mail:** Upon election, an e-mail address will be provided by Green County to each Supervisor. All County business conducted by a Supervisor via e-mail must be conducted using the e-mail address provided. County business conducted through personal e-mail addresses is prohibited. If any Supervisor receives any emails or other electronic means of communications from an outside source that may constitute County business, the Supervisor shall forward the email or electronic communication to his or her County provided email address.
- E. **Duties:** The duties, powers and responsibilities of the County Board of Supervisors are defined by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and this Chapter. County Supervisors are expected to individually contribute to a collaborative effort to set strategic mission goals and make broad policy decisions that support the strategic mission and advance the priorities of the County. Examples of such activities, include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Taking part in the activities of the Board and serving on one or more Standing Committees or Special Committees, Boards and Commissions enumerated in Title 1 Chapters 7 and 8 of the Green County Code, as appointed by the County Board Chairperson;
 - 2. Participating in the process of debate and voting on proposed ordinances, resolutions and motions in County Board and Committee meetings;
 - 3. Providing oversight and advice to the management of the County regarding delivery of County services while refraining from participating in the delivery, management or administration of daily operations of the County;

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4. Being responsive to the needs of their constituency through effective communication; and
 5. Establishing priorities for the delivery of County services through the annual budget and tax levy.
- F. Service: Service as a County Supervisor is an honor and a trust which compels the office holder to serve the public through use of his or her judgment for the benefit of the public, and binds him or her to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, and to carry out impartially the laws of the Nation, State and County.
- G. Values: County Supervisors, being representatives drawn from society at large, are recognized to hold different views, values, and loyalties that may result in personal conflict. Personal integrity, courtesy and a willingness to work toward consensus on commonly accepted goals are essential traits, acknowledging that the County Board of Supervisors' influence and authority comes from collective action and not from individual action. County Supervisors shall:
1. Be dedicated to the democratic ideals of honesty, openness and accountability in all matters involving County government;
 2. Be willing to accept responsibility for decision-making that can affect many;
 3. Understand the County's mission, priorities, challenges, needs and demographics;
 4. Understand the difference between governance and management and accept that their role is to set policy while management carries out policy;
 5. Understand the importance of distinguishing between personal opinions and County Board positions when communicating with the public and the media, exert a good faith effort to communicate the full truth about County matters and avoid structuring information to achieve a personal advantage;
 6. Be good listeners and willing to speak to issues, but also recognize when discussion must conclude and a decision must be made;
 7. Be committed to building community partnerships;
 8. Actively practice and support stewardship of the County's fiscal and natural resources by supporting public policy for the best use of land, water and air consistent with the public interests, community need and a vision for the future and adopt fiscal policies that promote the most effective, efficient and ethical use of public funds;
 9. Perform the duties of the office with fairness and impartiality to build public confidence in County government;
 10. Support the principle of equal employment and oppose discrimination in all County operations;
 11. Strive to seek and consider citizen input; and

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- 12. Strive for excellence through continuous learning, seek opportunities to acquire skills and knowledge, and dedicate the time necessary to adequately attend to the assignments and duties of the office.

SIGNED: COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES


Jerry Guth, Chair


Kristi Leonard, Vice-Chair


Jody Hooley


Dennis Schwartz

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Impact. ALV

LEGAL NOTE: Approved as to form. BDB

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF GREEN)

We, Jerry Guth, Green County Board Chair and Arianna L. Voegeli, Green County Clerk in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 25-0502, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on the 13th day of May, 2025.

Dated at Monroe, Wisconsin, this 13th day of May, 2025.


Jerry Guth
Green County Board Chair


Arianna L. Voegeli
Green County Clerk