

**APPROVED MINUTES OF
PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday – November 12, 2024 • 9:00 a.m.**

- 1a) Meeting called to order by Chairman J. Aubart at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room at the Pierce County Courthouse & via Zoom.
- 2a) A quorum was established with roll call by County Clerk J. Feuerhelm acknowledging 16 supervisors present & 1 excused (N. Maxwell).
Also attending were: Jason Matthys-Administrative Coordinator, Greg Weaver-Data Analyst, Brad Lawrence-Corp Counsel, Julie Brickner-Finance Director, Michelle Drury-Asst. Finance Director, Becky Johnson-Finance, Chad Koranda-Sheriff, Julie Krings-HS Director, Ayslinn Snyder-PH Director, Christine McPherson-EM Director, Kathy Fuchs-Treasurer, Janet Huppert-IS Director, Allison Preble-HR Manager, Halle Hatch-District Attorney, Tiffany Meyer-Ellsworth Librarian, Francis Schelfhout-Wisconsin DOT, Sarah Nigbor-PC Journal, Kevin Converse-resident.
- 2b) **Adopt Agenda:** Motion by J. Kosin/S. Bjork to adopt the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** led by Supervisor A. Claflin.
- 4) **Public Comment on Issues Not Related to Agenda Items:**
- Resident K. Converse requested assistance with getting a more accurate count of deceased veterans throughout the County. He also expressed concern about kiosks for jail inmates & the responsiveness of jail staff.
- 5) **Presentation:** F. Schelfhout shared information regarding the State of Wisconsin's efforts to work "diligently to formally designate the approximately 250 miles of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT) which generally follows the Wisconsin Great River Road, Highway 35". A formal resolution supporting such will be sought in the future, once local municipal resolutions are adopted.
- 6) **Public Hearing on 2025 County Budget:** Chairman J. Aubart opened the public hearing for the 2025 Pierce County Budget at 9:30 a.m. Chairman J. Aubart called for questions or comments on the 2025 Budget. No comments were presented. Chairman Aubart declared the public hearing on 2025 Pierce County Budget closed at 9:31 a.m.

****All legislation may be adopted on a first reading pursuant to §4-4 and §4-43 of the County Board Rules. ****

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION

- 7a) **Resolution No. 24-24 Authorization Approving Alteration of County Board Supervisory Districts 7 & 8 Pursuant to City of River Falls Annexation of Property in the Town of River Falls.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to suspend the rules to waive reading of resolution; motion carried unanimously. Corp Counsel B. Lawrence explained that the City of River Falls annexed some property from the Town of River Falls subsequent to the 2020 census redistricting. The County has two options in that it can alter the Supervisory District, or it could deny the City's request & they would need to create a new aldermanic district. He further explained that because the current description of the Supervisory District states the boundary to be the City limits, the legal description for the district in the County's ordinance would not change. Motion by M. Kahlow/D. Bergseng to approve Resolution 24-24 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 7b) **Resolution No. 24-25 Claims for Listing Dogs.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to suspend the rules to waive reading of resolution; motion carried unanimously. Motion by M. Kahlow/R. Wood to approve Resolution 24-25 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 7c) **Resolution No. 24-26 Care of Soldiers' Graves.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to suspend the rules to waive reading of resolution; motion carried unanimously. Motion by M. Pittman/M. Kahlow to approve Resolution 24-26 as presented; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

- 8a) **Resolution No. 24-11 To Order Issuance of Deeds to Pierce County for Property Subject to Tax Certificate in Towns of River Falls & Rock Elm, & Village of Elmwood.** Motion by M. Kahlow/J. Kosin to approve Resolution 24-11 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 8b) **Resolution No. 24-19 Terminating Pierce County State of Emergency Declaration due to Torrential Rain & River Flooding.** Motion by M. Kahlow/S. Bjork to approve Resolution 24-19 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 8c) **Resolution No. 24-20 Authorize New Positions for 2025.** Motion by M. Kahlow/R. Wood to approve Resolution 24-20 as presented; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 8d) **Resolution No. 24-21 Establish 2025 Salaries & Benefits for Designated Employees.** Motion by S. Bjork/J. Kosin to approve Resolution 24-21 as presented; motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 8e) **Resolution No. 24-22 Approve 2025 Tax Levy & Budget.** Motion by M. Kahlow/J. Kosin to approve Resolution 24-22 as presented. Supervisor M. Pittman indicated that though opposed to the increase for library reimbursement he was in favor of the budget overall. Motion to approve carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 8f) **Resolution No. 24-23 Authorize Cancellation of Outstanding County Orders.** Motion by S. Bjork/M. Kahlow to approve Resolution 24-23 as presented; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST CONSIDERATION

- 9a) None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

- 10a) None.

APPOINTMENTS

- 11a) **ADRC Governing Board:** Chairman J. Aubart appointed Mary Pollock for a term commencing immediately through 04/2025; also, Julie Winger for a term commencing immediately through 04/2026. Motion by R. Wood/M. Kahlow to ratify the appointments of Mary Pollock & Julie Winger to the ADRC Governing Board; motion carried unanimously.
- 12) **Future agenda items:** Resolution for fairgrounds drainage project, resolution for upgrading security system, & update of Nugget Lake dredging project.
- 13) **Next meeting date:** Dec. 17th, 2024 at 7 p.m.; County Board Room, Courthouse Annex.
- 14) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. by motion of M. Pittman/J. Kosin; motion carried unanimously.

THOSE PRESENT

SUPERVISOR NAME	DIST. #	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Kris Sampson	1	X		
Jim Ashbach	2	X		
Jon Aubart	3	X		
Ruth Wood	4	X		
Claire McCarty	5	X		
Michael Kahlow	6	X		
Scott Bjork	7	X		
Dean Bergseng	8	X		
Angela Mathison	9	X		

SUPERVISOR NAME	DIST. #	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Anne Claflin	10	X		
Neil Gulbranson	11	X		
Dale Auckland	12	X		
Daniel Puhmann	13	X		
Nick Maxwell	14		X	
Jerry Kosin	15	X		
Barry Barringer	16	X		
Mel Pittman	17	X		
TOTAL	17	16	1	

Respectfully submitted by J. Feuerhelm, County Clerk