

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 27, 2025

Executive Committee

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Wineke at 8:32 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members present: Steve Nass, Michael Wineke, Brandon White

Members absent: Blane Poulson

Others Present: Anita Martin, Michael Luckey, Danielle Thompson

Others Present via ZOOM: Sarana Stolar, Walt Christensen

**3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements**

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**4. Review of Agenda**

No changes

**5. Communication**

**6. Public Comment**

Anita Martin thanked the County Board for bringing forward the Resolution related to ATCP 51.

**7. Approval of August 12, 2025 County Board meeting minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by White/Nass to approve August 12, 2025 County Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

**8. Approval of July 30, 2025 Executive Committee minutes**

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nass/White to approve July 30, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes as printed. Motion passed 4-0.

**9. Discussion and possible action on Joint Development Agreement with Whitewater Solar**

No action taken.

**10. Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Counties Resolutions**

Resolution 1 – Urging the Incorporation of Local Feedback and Technical Expert Committee Recommendations in ATCP 51.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee recommendation: Refer to Board of Directors

Rationale: seems to be a parochial issue where Langlade County may be having issues but there is a concern about overhauling a generally well-working process to add local vetoes to projects. This could lead to unintended consequences.

Resolution 2 – Requesting Legislative Changes in Both State and Federal Regulations and Policies Requiring Local Authority Approval of All Land and Land Interest Acquisitions Utilizing State and Federal Funding – No action.

Resolution 3 – Requesting Legislative Changes to Improve Rural Community Economies by Providing Managing Partner Authority to Determine Use Types on Rails-to-Trails Properties – No action.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Adopt

Executive Committee recommendation: Refer to Board of Directors

Rationale: This is too parochial of an issue for the entire WCA to consider

Resolution 4 – Legislative Changes to Improve Rural Community Economies by Public Access Requirements and Improvements Across MFL and Conservation Easement Lands Larger than 160 Acres in Size – No action.

Resolution 5 – Adopting Local Control Over Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities' Operations – Adopt.

Resolution 6 – Enacting Stronger Regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease – Adopt.

Resolution 7 – Urging the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor to Prioritize Sustainable Funding Mechanisms for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program – Adopt.

Resolution 8 – Adopt for Effective Regulations that Protect Surface Waters – Adopt.

Resolution 9 – Requesting Legislative Changes to Improve Rural Community Economies by Reaffirming Local Authority for Limited Sales of County Forest Properties Acquired Prior to 1963 Under Wis. Stat. §28.10, Without Penalty – No action.

Resolution 10 – Opposing the Elimination of Tax-Exempt Bonds – Adopt.

Resolution 11 – Redistributing 0.5% of State Sales Tax to Counties – Adopt.

Resolution 12 – Redistributing 0.5% State Sales Tax Revenue to Wisconsin Counties – Adopt.

Resolution 13 – Redistributing 0.5% of State Sales Tax to Counties – Adopt.

Resolution 14 – Redistributing 0.5% of State Sales Tax to Counties – Adopt.

Resolutions 11-14 Resolutions Committee recommendation: Indefinitely postpone

Executive Committee recommendation: Adopt

Rationale: The committee was in favor of directing more of the state's surplus to counties

Resolution 15 – Adopting Housing Infrastructure Short Term Rental Tax Share – No action.

Resolution 16 – Requesting ETF Mandatory Separation Modification – Adopt.

Resolution 17 – Adopt of State Investment for Mental Health Funding - Adopt

Resolution 18 – Requesting that the State of Wisconsin, in its 2025-27 State Biennial Budget, Provide State GPR Funding to Cover the Full Non-Federal Share of MA CSP and Crisis Services - Adopt

Resolution 19 – Adopt of Increased State Investment for Mental Health Funding - Adopt

Resolution 20 – Requesting that the State of Wisconsin, in its 2025-2027 State Biennial Budget, Provide State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) Funding - Adopt

Resolution 21 – Funding Community Adopt Program and Crisis Services – Adopt.

Resolution 22 – Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Adopt Investment in Mental Health Funding – Adopt.

Resolution 23 – Advocating for an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility for Northern Wisconsin – Adopt.

Resolution 24 – Adopting the Creation of an Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment Facility in Northern Wisconsin – Adopt.

Resolution 25 – Advocating for an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility for Northern Wisconsin - Adopt.

Resolution 26 – Urging Congress to Not Make Dramatic Cuts to Medicaid and the Older Americans Act Funding in the Proposed Reconciliation Bill - Adopt

Resolution 27 – Advocating for the Restoration of Federal SNAP Ed Funding to Adopt FoodWise Education – Adopt.

Resolution 28 – Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Impose Age Restrictions on the Sale of Products Containing Delta-9 Tetrahydrocannabinol – Adopt.

Resolution 29 – Requesting the State of Wisconsin Provide Financial Assistance of \$1 Per Capita to each County and Tribe or a Cost-Share of Emergency Management Staffing Costs – Adopt.

Resolution 30 – Adopt of Local and State Emergency Management Programs – Adopt.

Resolution 31 – Adopt of Local and State Emergency Management Programs – Adopt.

Resolution 32 – Requesting Adopt of Local and State Emergency Management Programs – Adopt.

Resolution 33 – Requesting the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Allow Employees Working for County Highway Departments to be Exempt from CDL Requirements – Oppose.

Resolution 34 – Requesting Legislative Changes to Improve Rural Community Economies by Providing Local Authority to Define Business Districts and Reduce Speeds in Those Districts Along State and Federal Highways – No action.

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**Reaffirm Current Positions of the WCA: Adopt all**

Resolution 35 – Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.2 Million

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Resolution 37 – Adopting an Increase in Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.2 Million

Resolution 38 – Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staff to \$20.2 Million

Resolution 39 – Conducting Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment, and Management Options

Resolution 40 – Adopting the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program Remaining in the State Budget

Resolution 41 – Wake Boat Regulation and Preservation of Local Control

Resolution 42 – Adopting the Continuation of Wisconsin’s Knowles-Nelson Steward Program

Resolution 43 – Modification of the State Imposed Levy Limits

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Resolution 46 – Adopting 2025 Senate Bill (SB 218) and 2025 Assembly Bill 216 (AB 216)

Resolution 47 – Requesting the State Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

Resolution 48 – Adopting Local Control for Wisconsin Counties

Resolution 49 – Increasing Funding for Nutritional Programs for the Elderly

Resolution 50 – Adopting an Increase in Funding for Nutrition Programs for Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Resolution 51 – Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Adopt County Courts

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Resolution 54 – Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Adopt the County Courts

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Resolution 56 – Adopting Efforts to Increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation

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**Late Resolutions:**

Resolution 1 – Adopting the Ability of Counties to Transfer PL 566 Dams to Private Ownership – No action.

Resolution 2 – Adopting the Establishment of More Plan Options for Employee Trust Fund (ETF) Health Plans for Counties – Adopt.

Resolution 3 – Seeking WCA and State of Wisconsin Adopt of Cyber Security Prevention – Adopt.

Resolution 4 – Seeking Additional Revenue and an Updated Shared Revenue Formula – Adopt.

Resolution 5 – Adopting the Redistribution of State Patrol Designated Revenue During Periods of Absence – No action.

Resolution 6 - Seeking Increased Adopt for Road Maintenance Revenues – Adopt.

Motion by Nass/White to adopt the resolutions as discussed. Motion passed 4-0.

**11. EMS Working Group Update**

Luckey gave an update on the EMS Working Group. Luckey shared the draft goals. No action taken.

**12. Financial Reports**

- Administration
- Clerk of Courts
- Corporation Counsel
- County Board
- County Clerk

Financial Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

**13. County Administrator's monthly report**

Luckey highlighted the following: budget meetings, personnel interviews, safety meetings, Aztalan Bio Trust Fund Loan Request, WI Policy Forum request for study - What development means for a municipality, Watertown and Fort Atkinson TIDS, Health & Human Services/Workforce building upgrades, Palmyra jurisdictional transfer, WCA contract will be brought in house, Strategic Plan Working groups, Lake Mills Rotary presentation, SIMS Workshop, Communications & Marketing Coordinator position interviews, Regional Development Opportunity dinner meeting, employee discipline/resignations. No action taken.

**14. Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule and agenda items**

Regular Meeting – September 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of July 30, 2025 Executive Committee minutes
- Approval of August 12, 2025 County Board minutes
- EMS Working Group Update
- Financial Reports
- County Administrator's Monthly Report

**15. Adjourn**

Motion by White/Nass to adjourn at 9:37 a.m. Motion passed 4-0.