

Executive Committee
MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2026

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair James Braughler at 8:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: James Braughler, Brandon White, Steven Nass, and Blane Poulson, and Michael Wineke

Others Present: Michael Luckey, Amy Johnson, Ryan Roecker, Matt Zangl, Patricia Cicero, Sarana Stolar, Jess Holmes, James Kuckkan WDT and members of the public (see attached document below for list of public comment names)

Others Present via TEAMS: Brandon Felmlee, Abby Schopen, Adam & Amy Zimmermann, Will, Bill, Jill Weiss, Bridget Olson, Michael Helleckson, Walt Christensen, Jeremy Klutz, Janet Foust, Danielle Thompson, Joe & Sheri Bell, Suzanne Marx, John Donohue, Melissa Steffen, Riley Schroedl, Lianna Spencer, Mara Hanson, Tisha Miller, Jessica Tucker

3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law Requirements

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meeting Law

4. Review of Agenda

No proposed changes to the agenda.

5. Communications

None

6. Public Comment

See table below for public comment details

7. Approval of August 10, 2026, County Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Poulson to approve, seconded by White. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Approval of July 29, 2026, Executive Committee Minutes

Motion by Poulson to approve, seconded by White. Motion passed 5-0

9. Discussion and Possible Action on BECI 765kV Transmission Line

Nass opened a discussion requesting to get the list of public comments to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) and draft a Resolution to present to the County Board. Permission to allow Luckey to release the public comment panel information to PSC, motion by Wineke, seconded by Poulson. Motion passed. 5-0. Motion for Resolution for September 8, County Board meeting by White, seconded by Wineke. Passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Counties Association Resolutions

See table below

11. Discussion on regionalization of economic development

Luckey briefed the committee on JCEDC/ThriveED They will hold their monthly meeting on August 27, 2026

12. EMS Working Group Update

Luckey recapped the group's progress. He has scheduled two Countywide EMS System informational meetings for all county officials as well as the public. The first will be held at the Jefferson County Courthouse in the Lake Koshkonong Conference Room, Thursday September 17 at 7:00 p.m. The second will be held at The Watertown Fire Department on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. The EMS Working Group has discussed transitioning from an advisory group to an action committee

13. Financial Report

- a. Administration -Luckey made note of two accounts in 11102 with changes
- b. Clerk of Courts
- c. Corporation Counsel
- d. County Board
- e. County Clerk

14. County Administrator's monthly report

Luckey provided his monthly report on activities. The report covered many topics, including:

- Two Countywide EMS System meetings scheduled
- Attending several meetings regarding BECI Transmission Line
- Attending AI Pilot Group meetings
- July 31, did a job shadow with the Parks Department
- Met with Habitat for Humanity in Watertown
- Went to groundbreaking ceremony at Tyrannena Park Place in Lake Mills
- Went to Paul Farrow's visitation
- Labor Negotiations with the Sheriff's Office
- Accompanied Marc DeVries to Edgewater in Madison for the Executive Excellence Awards
- Presented the Strategic Plan to the staff at Fair Park during their meeting August 24.
- Patrica Cicero and Staci Hoffman are working on creating a Civic Leadership Academy through UW Extension in partnership with Steve Chmielewski
- Later today, visit Watertown Airport for a tour
- Human Resources market compensation proposal has been being reviewed on current county positions
- Jessica Tucker will be appointed as Human Resources Director at the September County Board meeting.

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

The next scheduled meeting date is September 30, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in room C2003

12. Adjourn

Motion by Nass, seconded by White. Motion carried 5-0 at 9:55 a.m.

WCA Resolutions

Resolution 1	Bayfield	Supporting Increased Payments to Towns with County Forest Lands	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 2	Jefferson	Urging the Wisconsin Legislature and State Agencies to Strengthen the State of Wisconsin's Response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 3	Door	Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature Pass Legislation to Stop Corporations from Purchasing Single-Family Homes	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 4	Walworth	Requesting the Wisconsin Counties Association to Lobby the State Legislature and Governor and Legislation for Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties Related to Large Scale Solar and Wind Projects	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 5	Barron	Supporting the Regulation of Wakesurfing	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 6	Bayfield	Supporting County Innovation in Alternative Funding Sources Through the Establishment of Public Private Partnership Statutes in Wisconsin	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 7	Walworth	Supporting Wisconsin Establishing a Membership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 8	Barron	Supporting Wisconsin Establishing a Membership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 9	Wood	Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Local Public Health Departments	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 10	Eau Claire	Supporting State Funding for Local Public Health Departments	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 11	Walworth	Supporting Legislation Regarding Volunteer Drivers' Insurance Coverage	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 12	Polk	Supporting Positive, Prevention-Focused Community Messaging	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 13	Walworth	Urging the State Legislature to Support the Department of Health Services	Agree with Resolutions Committee

		SNAP Funding Request as Part of AB 387 / SB 390	
Resolution 14	Polk	Requesting Funding and Additional Support from the State of Wisconsin to Offset the Cost of Federal SNAP Program Changes	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 15	Outagamie	Urging the State of Wisconsin to Provide Funding to Offset the County Fiscal Impact Caused by the Enacted Federal SNAP Changes	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 16	Waushara	Urging the Wisconsin Legislature to Expand the Definition of "Forfeiture Expenses" Under Wis. Stat. §961.55 to Include Drug-Related Treatment, Diversion, and Law Enforcement Program Costs	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 17	Jefferson	Requesting that Wis. Stat. §66.0602(3)(e)(6) be Amended to Apply the Levy-Limit Exception to Countywide EMS, Fire, and Integrated Fire/EMS Services	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 18	Burnett	Opposing State Public Defender Rates	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 19	Polk	Affirming Support of Legislation to Establish Third Branch of Polk County Circuit Court	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 20	Outagamie	Supporting Proposed Legislation that Would Ensure Individuals and Businesses Throughout the State of Wisconsin Have Quick and Easy Access to Emergency Aid When Needed	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 21	Bayfield	Supporting a State-Local Fleet Efficiency and Public Safety Operations Cost Stabilization Program	Agree with resolutions Committee
Resolution 22	Bayfield	Supporting Inter-County Collaboration and Shared Service Delivery Through County Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (CJCCs)	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 23	Chippewa	Requesting Authorization from the Wisconsin State Legislature for Wisconsin Counties to Adopt an Additional .5% Sales Tax for Road and Bridge Infrastructure	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 24	Bayfield	Supporting the Removal of Wisconsin State Sales and Use Taxes on Materials	Agree with Resolutions Committee

		Used in Public Road Construction and Maintenance Projects	
Resolution 25	Eau Claire	Supporting State Action on Sustainable Transportation Funding	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 26	Walworth	Urging the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to Enact a Comprehensive, Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution	Agree with resolutions Committee
Resolution 27	Polk	Transportation Funding Solutions	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 28	Outagamie	Urging the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to Enact a Comprehensive, Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 29	Door	Requesting a Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 30	Barron	Supporting Sustainable Transportation Funding	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolutions that Reaffirm Current Positions of the Wisconsin Counties Association			
Resolution 31	Jefferson	Urging the Incorporation of Local Feedback and Technical Expert Committee Recommendations in ATCP 51	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 32	Jefferson	Supporting the Continuation of Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 33	Walworth	Supporting the Renewal of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 34	Monroe	Supporting the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Resolution 35	Bayfield	Supporting Funding of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program	Agree with Resolutions Committee
Proposed Emergency Resolution			
Floor	Bayfield	EMS Sustainability & Statewide Funding: Advocating Statewide Investment, Modernization, and Workforce Support for EMS	Agree with Resolutions Committee

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Public Comments

Name	Township	Person or Organization Representing	Agenda Item or General Comment	Support	Oppose	Do you wish to participate in Public Comment Yes	Do you wish to participate in Public Comment No
Charles Untz	Lake Mills	Self	Towers		X	X	
Mary Walsh	Milford	Self	765		X	X	
Tim Walsh	Milford	Self	765		X	X	
Jeff Ziebell	Milford	Self	765		X	X	
Brian Zubke	Milford	Self	765		X	X	
Roberta Schoofs	Aztalan	Self	765		X	X	
Steve Schoofs	Aztalan	Self	765		X		X
John Stuntebeck	Waterloo	Self	765		X	X	
Danielle Zamani	Oakland	Self	765		X	X	
Jeffrey L Haas	Jefferson	Self/Spouse	765		X		X
Dan Schroedl	Jefferson	Self	765		X		X
Laura Cotting	Waterloo	Self	765		X		X

Rita Prescott	Lake Mills	Self	765		X	X	
Kiren Wegner	Oakland	Self	765		X	X	
Molly Walsh	Johnson Creek	Self	BECI Transmission Line 765		X	X	
Rich Persson	Sumner	Self	BECI Transmission Line 765		X		
Laurie Persson	Sumner	Self	BECI Transmission Line 765		X		
David Strasburg	Lake Mills	Self	BECI Transmission Line 765		X		
Keith Hans	Aztalan	Self	Line 765		X	X	
Mary Sharlow	Jefferson	Self	BECI Line		X		X
Jeff Sharlow	Jefferson	Self	BECI Line		X		X
Barb Gebhart	Jefferson	Self	BECI Line		X		X
Anita Martin	Lake Mills	Self	Econ Development & WCA Resolutions			X	
Kate Osborn	Oakland		765 kv Transmission Line		X	X	
Melissa Zirbel	Milford		765 kv Transmission Line		X	X	
Lisa Zirbel	Milford				X	X	
Myra & Steve Kemna	Fort Atkinson		765 kv Transmission Line		X	X	

Michael Burow	Aztalan		765 Line		X	X	
Melissa Gerner	Oakland		765 Transmission Line		X	X	
Monica Gerner	Oakland		765 Transmission Line		X	X	
Matt Kaminski	Milford		765 Transmission Line		X	X	
Gary Roidt	Lake Mills		765 Transmission Line		X	X	
Kristine Wilke	Waterloo		765 Transmission Line		X		X
Howard Baumann	Waterloo		765 Transmission Line		X		X
Ronalee Monvue	Aztalan		765 kv		X	X	
Richard Blane	Milford		765 kv		X		
Kathy Wollin	Milford		765 kv		X	X	
Ed Wollin	Milford		765 kv		X		
Kathy Stemtebert	Marshall		765 kv		X	X	
Larry Stockfish	Lake Mills		765 kv		X		
Robert Packard	Lake Mills		765 kv		X	X	
Robin Untz	Lake Mills		765 kv		X		

David Messmer	Milford		765 kv			X	
Gary Hans	Jefferson		765 kv		X		
Commentors NOT Signed In							
Kathi Cauley			BECI Line		X		
Carol Voss			BECI Line		X	X	
Carol Eke	Lake Mills		BECI Line				
Mary Tesch	Hebron						
Carol Maas	Jefferson						
Jake Bulick	Milford						
Dan Sawyer							
Mandy Silas							
Carrie Mess	Lake Mills		BECI Line		X		
Kathy Kalvitis	Fort Atkinson		BEC Line				
Lindsay Buvey	Koshkonong						
Paul Redeenyas	Cold Springs						
Commentors on TEAMS							
Brandon Felmllee	Lake Mills				X		

Lianna Spencer	Lake Ripley Mang. District				X		
John Donohue							
Mara Hanson	Sumner				X		
Jeremy Klutz	Milford				X		
Abby Schopen	Jefferson				X		
Joe & Sherri Bell	Lake Mills				X		
Michael Helleckson	Lake Mills				X		
Melissa Steffen	Koshkonong				X		