

COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 28TH, 2026
Executive Committee

- 1. Call To Order**
Meeting was called to order by Wineke at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
Members Present: Walt Christensen, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Michael Wineke
Not Present: Brandon White
Others Present: Michael Luckey, Danielle Thompson, Ryan Roecker, Jess Holmes
Others Present via Teams: Sarana Stolar
- 3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law Requirements**
Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meeting Law
- 4. Review of Agenda**
Motion by Wineke to approve agenda. Motion passed 4-0
- 5. Communications**
Letter from Janet Foust positive reflection of Elizabeth McGeary in the Health Department. Marc DeVries, Director of Finance was named to the 2026 BizTimes Media Notable CFO list.
- 6. Public Comment**
None
- 7. Approval of January 13th, 2026**
Motion by Wineke to approve, seconded by Poulson. Motion passed 4-0
- 8. Approval of December 31st, 2025, Executive Committee minutes**
Motion by Poulson to approve, seconded by Wineke. Motion passed 4-0
- 9. Introduction of Jessica Holmes, Administrative Secretary**
- 10. Discussion and possible action on Resolution -Designating Official Jefferson County Newspaper**
Stolar received bids and got circulation numbers. Thompson mentioned that one newspaper is acceptable with Wineke adding that our Facebook presence brings a lot of traction on its own. Motion to approve the Resolution by Poulson, seconded by Christensen. Passed 4-0
- 11. Discussion and possible action on WCA Request for Transportation Funding Resolution**
Committee discussed model resolution from Wisconsin Counties Association on the State Legislature and Governor identifying sustainable transportation funding solutions. Motion to approve by Poulson, seconded by Wineke to bring a resolution to the full County Board. Passed 4-0
- 12. Discussion on possible action on Community Spotlight Award**
Roecker gave handout discussed the details enclosed and suggests one committee to approve this. Feedback was given with Wineke asking the question of what kind of award this would be. Would it be a plaque or something different. Poulson suggests an entrepreneurial award, inquired about the cost and how many times a year this award would be given out. Motion to approve by Poulson, seconded by Nass. Passed 4-0
- 13. Discussion on Regionalization of Economic Development**
Luckey recommends acquiring an organizational & financial chart moving forward. Wineke would like to revisit this at the next Executive Committee Meeting.
- 14. Discuss Make My Move**
Luckey presented the program as a networking type of organization the helps build a profile of ongoing community happenings to encourage people to move to the Jefferson and Dodge County area. The state of Wisconsin is offering a grant for this type of work and Dodge and Jefferson Counties will be submitting a joint application.
- 15. EMS Working Group Update**

Luckey updated the committee on the groups last meeting with mentions of the county regionalization idea, introducing an educational system or presentation for the County Board to better grasp the needs. Luckey intends to present the County Board with these matters.

16. Financial Reports

- a. Administration
- b. Clerk of Courts
- c. Corporation Counsel
- d. County Board
- e. County Clerk

Financial reports were provided for review. No action taken.

17. County Administrator's Monthly Report

Updates were given on who will be returning and running for the County Board. The City of Watertown including Dodge County portion, will be using our systems for payment of property taxes in 2027. Luckey spoke of his interview with The Daily Union for the Food & Beverage Innovation Campus. He also made mentions of improving his quarterly meeting forms for the Department Heads and having a quarterly follow-up orientation for new employees. Luckey and Thompson also shared information from a recent presentation by WMMIC that was given.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

19. Adjourn

Motion by Poulson, seconded by Nass 9:49 a.m.