

Executive and Finance

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026

Virtual and in-person at County Board Room-Service Center– 480 Underwood Ave., Montello, WI 53949

Members present: Chuck Bornhoeft-Chairperson, Lance Achterberg, Judi Nigbor, John Bennett, Mike Raddatz, Ken Borzick, Gary Sorensen, and John Larkin
Others present: Administrator Ron Barger, Corp Counsel Andrew Adams, Peggy Krause, DA Cliff Burdon, Stacy Kohn, Jean Potter (virtual), EMS Director Rob Lulling, Health Director Jayme Sopha (virtual)

1. Chairperson Chuck Bornhoeft called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Judi Nigbor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Mike Raddatz to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026 meeting.
4. Citizen Concerns and Comments- None
5. Report of Committee Members/Officials- None
6. Upcoming Events/Issues-None
7. Vouchers were reviewed.
8. Atty. Andrew Adams shared the July Corporation Counsel report. Atty. Adams noted they have been taking care of several zoning violations.
9. County Treasurer Jody Myers shared her monthly report, noting the sales tax for June was \$129,121.06.
10. Tourism and Social Media Coordinator Brett Klawitter was not in attendance and did not share a report.
11. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd shared a partisan primary update. She noted that the voter turnout for 2026 was at 34.4%, which is up 6% from the 2024 primary. She reported county race totals of Sherrif: Joe Konrath: 1,509 and Mike Kowalski: 1,293. Clerk of Circuit Court: Shari Rudolph: 2,413. State candidate winners were also reported.
12. IT Director Dan Buchholz reported the new pricing for fob replacement is approximately \$108,000, which is a reduction from the last amount reported to the committee. This will be put into the 2027 budget per E&F's direction in July. Dan reported he is looking at upgrading camera system to a cloud-based system. Going with the new camera system will save the county \$11,000-\$30,000 every 5 years. There will also be some additional savings in maintenance. Dan gave information regarding cloud-based storage vs. on-site storage-based camera system. Discussion regarding priority level of fob replacement and camera systems. Dan reported the camera system will be moved to IT budget. Dan's request to the committee was for both items to added to 2027 budget and E&F can remove it as needed when they review all budgets. The committee consensus was for him to include fob system and camera system in 2027 budget at this time.
13. Administrator Ron Barger gave several administration updates. Ron reported he attended a meeting last week at Neshkoro regarding the EMS Waushara consolidation. He noted 7 County Board supervisors attended. Ron reported he sent out documents from the WCA labor attorney and Waushara Administration regarding forming a commission if going to continue with consolidation discussions. Ron discussed Waushara and Marquette County's options. Waushara County Board meeting will be held August 18th, at which time they will decide their position on consolidation. Rob reported he is brainstorming ideas for cost savings; however staffing levels are set in union contract, so he needs to factor in contractual requirements already in place. Administrator Barger reported August 25th will be an

all-day budget team meeting where the budget team will go over departmental budgets line by line. The budget team will adjust presented budgets, which will then be forwarded to home committees. Administrator Barger suggested doing a month-to-month contract with Waushara to cover the Neshkoro and Crystal Lake area. The EMS budget will be brought forward as traditionally has been done being the county has not made any consolidation decisions yet. Ron reported the 2025 audit is complete. The audit report is showing the General Fund coming in at 24%. Gary Sorensen reported the resolution previously adopted was that 17% is the recommendation for 2 months and 25% is the recommendation for 3 months. Discussion followed. Sheriff Konrath reported that Baycom held an equipment needs meeting with the Sheriff's Office, IT, Buildings & Grounds, and board leadership. Baycom shared a lease agreement option for the Motorola Solutions communications equipment. Sheriff Konrath reported that cameras and radios have typically been replaced annually. The lease option opportunity would include 27 portable radios, 15 mobile squad radios, all at a 55% discount. Leasing option is for 7 years, after which Marquette County would own the equipment. He reported the lease option has warranty coverage available. Installation and programming has an additional cost of: programming \$3,165 and installation of \$7,800. Leasing total for 7-years \$63,430.27. Sheriff Konrath reported the opportunity expires Sept. 4th. The Sheriff's Office would keep a dozen old radios and the rest would be sold on surplus. Motion by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Mike Raddatz to send back to home committee (Judicial & Public Safety) for consideration regarding the lease option that was presented. Motion carried.

14. Administrator Barger reported that potential Employee ID Badge and Electronic Key Personnel Manual amendments are currently being made by Chairperson Bornhoeft and Administration to clear up certain language. The edits will be presented at the September meeting.
15. The date/time for the upcoming meetings are September 30th at 9 a.m. (full day of budgets and any Sept. items) and October 2nd at 9 a.m (remaining budgets and any Oct. items). There will be no regularly scheduled meetings on September 9th or October 14th.
16. The agenda having been completed Chairperson Chuck Bornhoeft declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk