

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING AND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD – MARCH 25, 2024
COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE SAFETY BUILDING**

Chairman Pierce called the March 25, 2024 Public Hearing and Monthly Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:32 p.m. On call of the roll, 17 Supervisors were present, and 4 were absent. Absent: Supervisors J. Wagner, Sorano, McDougal, and Medo. Motion by Supervisor Persen, second by Supervisor Krueger to excuse Supervisors J. Wagner, Sorano, McDougal and Medo. All ayes, motion carried. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

At 5:35 p.m., Open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Code of Ordinance Changes, ORD #1-2024: Chairman Pierce called three times for public comment on the proposed Ordinance Changes. No public comment.

Close the Public Hearing: Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Benishek to close the Public Hearing at 5:37 p.m. All ayes, motion carried. The Board is now back in regular session.

Citizens and Delegations Recognize Others in Attendance: Chairman Pierce welcomed those in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Approve or amend the Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Persen to approve the March 25, 2024 Agenda. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried. The agenda is approved.

Approve or amend the minutes of March 11, 2024, as printed: Motion by Supervisor Poltrock, second by Supervisor Maier to approve the previous meeting minutes of March 11, 2024. Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried. The minutes are approved.

Recognition of County Employees: County Clerk Nagel read the March 2024 List: Milestones: Christopher Resch, Corrections Officer, 5 years; Dan Bauknecht, Under Sheriff, 25 years. Retirements/Resignations: Cory Ruhland, Forester, 6 years. New Hires: Jon Spansail, ADA; Caden Igl, Highway Worker; David Allen, Deputy Highway Commissioner; Darla Hoerman, Deputy Register of Deeds.

Correspondence: County Clerk Nagel stated that there were two letters for correspondence, both regarding the Antigo Public Library. The letters are available from the Clerk upon request.

Public Requests for Items to be added to future meeting agendas: No public requests.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business:

March is National Social Work Appreciation Month, recognizing the Langlade County Team: Clerk Nagel read the list for the Langlade County Child Protective Services Team:

- Tracy Chernetski, CSW -Social Work Supervisor
- Rylee Bricko, CSW Initial Assessment/Lead Worker
- Ann Albrecht, CAPSW, Ongoing Social Worker
- Jayne Solin, BSW, Ongoing Case Manager
- Becky Mattmiller, BS, Ongoing Case Manager
- Amanda Ziesemer, BSW, Ongoing Case Manager
- Elizabeth Rustick, BBA, Ongoing Case Manager
- Keriann Kutak, Social Work Technician
- Rachel Huebsch, Community Services Assistant
- Stephanie Fassbender, CHES, Community Case Manager
- Bob Meydam, Social Work Aide
- Stephanie Waldvogel, Child Welfare Support Specialist
- Angie Fischer, APSW, Foster Care Coordinator

Youth Justice:

Kim Schwarz, BSW, Youth Justice Worker
Craig Hotchkiss, BS, Youth Justice Worker

The Board gave a round of applause for the Langlade County Child Protective Services Team.

Review the Memo regarding the change to the “Public Comment” section of Agendas: Corporation Counsel Stowe discussed the Public Comment section of the Agendas, stating it is currently exceeding the intent and purpose of Public Comment. Stowe reviewed the WCA Handbook on public comment. The wording on future agendas for Board and Committees will be: Public Requests for Items to be added to future meeting agendas. This is not intended to prohibit public comment. Discussion held.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor Bina to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Elections or Appointments: Appoint Joel Zalewski to the ADRC-CW Board, to represent the 60+ population, with the approval from each of the 4 Counties.
Appoint Jeff McKinney to the Langlade County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for another 5-year term.

Proclamation: 2024 Proclamation for the Northern Community Block Grant (NCBG)

Ordinances: ORDINANCE #1-2024Z

The Langlade County Board of Supervisors do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: That the lands described as PT SE SE SEC 9 T32N R9E being an approximately two-acre site in (Parcel # 032-0144), Town of Vilas.

Now comprising a part of the Forestry w/ Farmland Preservation District is hereby rezoned into the AFR District.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

ADOPTED: March 25, 2024

APPROVED: Benjamin Pierce
County Board Chairman
ATTEST: Judy Nagel
Langlade County Clerk

Ordinances: ORD #1-2024 Incorporate Revisions into an Updated Code of Ordinances: Supervisor Poltrock motions to discuss and act on changes to Chapter 9, specifically 9.02 of the Code of Ordinances, second by Supervisor Buck. All ayes, motion carried. The Board discussed the proposed changes to 9.02, carrying a weapon in a county-owned building, concealed carry, and Second Amendment Rights. Motion by Supervisor Poltrock, second by Supervisor Buck to remove Ordinance 9.02 from the changes to the Ordinances, returning to posting all County Buildings as no weapons allowed. Discussion held. Roll Call Vote on removing the changes to 9.02: Aye: Supervisors Benishek, Poltrock, and Buck. Nay: Supervisors Krueger, Zaverousky, Mayr, Bardo, Persen, Balcerzak, Zagar, Bauknecht, Bina, W. Wagner, Pierce, Wickersheim, Curler and Maier. 3 ayes, 14 nays, 4 absent. Motion failed. Discussion held. Motion by Supervisor Krueger, second by Supervisor Balcerzak to approve Chapter 9 as currently written with the change to remove the no weapon posting in all County owned buildings except those exempt by State Law, Courthouse, and Safety Building Complex. Voice vote: All ayes, except Supervisor Poltrock, nay. 16 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 absent. Motion by Supervisor W. Wagner, second by Supervisor Mayr to incorporate revisions into an Updated Code of Ordinances, ORD #1-2024. Forest Administrator Murray discussed changes in Chapter 16. Voice vote: all ayes. ORD #1-2024 is adopted as proposed. Changes will be made and the Ordinance will be posted to the County website.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #3-2024

INTRODUCED BY: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

INTENT: ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING IN 2025 THROUGH 2028

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 59.22, Wis. Stats., the County Board shall, before the earliest time for filing nomination papers for County elected offices, establish the total compensation for these elected offices, and may establish the compensation in the form of a straight salary by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the salaries for the Langlade County elected offices of County Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds be established as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
County Clerk	\$71,604	2025 wage*	2026 wage*	2027 wage*
County Treasurer	\$71,604	2025 wage*	2026 wage*	2027 wage*
Register of Deeds	\$70,104	2025 wage*	2026 wage*	2027 wage*

*total compensation includes the COLA approved by the County Board

WHEREAS, the total compensation over the four-year term for these elected offices shall include the cost-of-living (COLA) awarded to all county employees by the County Board for the years 2026 – 2028.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to establish the salaries for the Langlade County elected offices of County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
County Clerk	\$71,604	2025 wage*	2026 wage*	2027 wage*
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the established salary, the County Board intends that eligibility for a COLA is a benefit attendant to these elected offices.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Bruce McDougal, Chairman
- John Medo
- Ben Pierce
- Justin Sorano
- Steve Maier

Fiscal Note: The increase for these 3 positions for 2025 is approximately \$10,625 (wages \$9,125; benefits \$1,500).

Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Supervisor W. Wagner to adopt RS #3-2024. County Administrator Hilger discussed COLA for the Elected. Supervisor Mayr abstains from the vote. Voice vote: All ayes, except Supervisor Mayr abstains. 16 ayes, 1 abstain, 4 absent. Resolution #3-2024 is adopted.

Committee Referrals: Referral of any matters to committees having proper jurisdiction with no discussion or action taken on the referral: No Committee referrals.

Update or Report on Grants and Activities from the County Administrator: County Administrator Hilger provided a written report to the Board. Report available from the County Administrator. Supervisor Curler discussed Statutes regarding the County Board and the Antigo Public Library.

County Board History Report from Supervisor Benishek: Supervisor Benishek, whose final County Board Meeting is today, shared words of history, words of encouragement, and words of wisdom to the current Board. Benishek, who started his 58 years on the Board back in 1966, was elected 29 times, attended 700 County Board Meetings, and sat under 7 County Board Chairpersons. Benishek shared stories on his 58 years as a Board member, thanking his wife, Marilyn, the Community, and the Boards that he served on. Benishek’s monthly statement was reiterated at tonight’s meeting: God Bless Langlade County’s water and its people. A round of applause and standing ovation was given to Supervisor Benishek. Cake and ice cream were served after the meeting in honor of Supervisor Benishek.

Any other business that may lawfully come before the Board: The next County Board meeting is April 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Benishek, second by Chairman Pierce to adjourn the March 25, 2024 meeting at 7:24 p.m.

I, Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk, Antigo, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Langlade County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting of March 25, 2024. Note: These minutes are not official until they are approved by the County Board at their next meeting.

Judy Nagel
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 28th day of March 2024.
