

**LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD – AUGUST 26, 2024**

Chairman Pierce called the August 26, 2024, Monthly Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:30 p.m. On call of the roll, 19 Supervisors were present, and 2 were absent. Absent: Supervisors Below, and Sorano. Motion by Supervisor J. Wagner, second by Supervisor Wickersheim to excuse Supervisors Below, and Sorano. All ayes, motion carried. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

**Citizens and Delegations, Recognize others in Attendance:** Chairman Pierce welcomed all in attendance for tonight's meeting.

**Approve or Amend the Agenda:** Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor Curler to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approve or Amend the Minutes of the July 22, 2024 meeting as printed:** Motion by Supervisor Haatvedt, second by Supervisor Mayr to approve the July 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Recognition of County Employees:** Milestones: Jason Kressin, Highway Worker, 5 years. Angie Fischer, Social Worker, 10 years. Retirements/Resignations: Tejah Simmons, Dispatcher, 1 month. Virginia Bowman, Financial Program Assistant, 1 year. Tracy Chernetski, Social Work, 8 years. New Hires: Jamie Gildernick, Admin. Assistant at Forestry, Parks and Rec. Rachael Tulickas, Social Work Supervisor, Health and Social Services. Lisa Klusmann, Deputy Juvenile Court Clerk, Clerk of Court/Register in Probate/Juvenile Clerk. Thomas Ginter, Forestry, Parks and Rec Maintenance Specialist.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence to the Board.

**Old Business:** There is no Old Business for the Board to address at this meeting.

**New Business:**

**Langlade County Senior Center Update: Senior Center Director Kim McCann:** McCann, Director of the Center for over 14 months, discussed the opportunity the Center has to enhance the quality of life for the Seniors of the Community, providing morning coffee, square dancing, line dancing, bingo, music on Fridays, chair yoga, cardio drumming, Stockbox Program, senior dining on Wednesdays, partnering with the Library for Tech Tuesday, mobile Library Services on Wednesday. Licensed Physical Therapist Amanda Treiloff, discussed exercise programs and the Rock Steady Boxing Program that the Seniors of the Community can participate in at the Center, along with a support group for the caregivers of Parkinson's. McCann provided each of the Board members with an application to join.

**Northcentral Wisconsin Tourism Partnership (ITBEC): Overview of the Partnership with Langlade County and surrounding Counties, Langlade County Tourism Impact with Partnership:** Director of Outreach & Member Engagement Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf addressed the Board, explaining the partnership Langlade County has with 9 other Northcentral Counties. The services available to Langlade County include tourism, marketing, networking, and economic development initiatives. Langlade County currently budgets \$711 for annual dues to the Northcentral WI Tourism Partnership. Clyde Nelson, City of Merrill Chamber, and Keri Beck, Langlade County Economic Development also discussed the partnership, buying power, affordable marketing, Facebook, Instagram, travel guides, and email blasts, along with other marketing avenues. Langlade County Board Rep to the Northcentral WI Tourism Partnership is Supervisor Terry Poltrock.

**Economic Development Corporation Update and Annual Report: Economic Development Director Angie Close:** Close provided the Board with a slide show and handout of the 2023 Annual Economic Development Report. Close discussed the mission and vision of Economic Development, formed in 2011, a 501(c)3, 11 member Board. Close highlighted the Pillars of the organization: Business Development/Retention and Expansion Activities to support startups, business growth, and attract new and expanding business to our County. Workforce Development and Education such as partnering in developing the next generation of skilled workers and engaging and building relationships with our youth. Community and Economic Opportunity to improve the quality of life in Langlade County. Tourism Development to deliver exceptional customer service and provide reliable travel information that in return generates an economic impact on businesses and Langlade County.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Supervisor Curler, second by Supervisor Bina to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**Proclamation:** Child Support Awareness Month in the State of Wisconsin

**Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE #6-2024Z**

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

**SECTION 1:** That the lands described as PT NW NW Sec 21 T32N R11E being a 1.5-acre building site (Parcel # 014-0319.001), Town of Neva.

Now comprising a part of the A-2 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: August 26, 2024

APPROVED: Benjamin Pierce  
County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Judy Nagel  
Langlade County Clerk

**ORDINANCE #7-2024Z**

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

**SECTION 1:** That the lands described as PT NW NW Sec 28 T31N R14E (Parcel # 034-0400.007), Town of Wolf River. Now comprising a part of the Commercial 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.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #9-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES**

**INTENT: REQUEST 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**

**WHEREAS**, Langlade County ("County") is concerned that the public mental health system in Wisconsin is in need of additional resources to respond appropriately to the needs of individuals with persistent mental illness and those experiencing a mental health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, state law designates counties with the responsibility for the well-being, treatment, and care of individuals with mental illness, and serving those without private insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medical Assistance program (MA) covers an array of mental health services, ranging from office-based therapy to inpatient hospitalization, and many of these services are delivered by counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Support Programs (CSP) offer intensive community-based care for adults whose mental illness and functional limitations might otherwise require them to need institutionalized care. Counties use CSP services to keep people out of extended hospitalizations and support people in the community following emergency detentions; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are required to provide Crisis intervention services including an emergency mental health services program to serve persons in crisis situations; at a minimum, 24-hour crisis telephone service and 24-hour in-person response on an on-call basis; and

**WHEREAS**, while the state pays the full cost of most MA services, when it comes to county-based CSP and Crisis mental health services, the county finances the cost of the services upfront, and receives MA reimbursement for only the federal share for that service, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Aids funding has not kept pace over the years with increased county costs for services, resulting in counties bearing a disproportionate share of CSP and Crisis service costs from county tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are limited in their capacity to use tax levy revenue due to state levy limits, so the lack of Community Aids increases combined with strict property tax controls makes it difficult for counties to maintain Crisis and CSP services; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the costs to county human service departments, counties, and municipalities also incur law enforcement costs to transport and provide security for persons in a crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the awareness of the 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has made mental health assessment and referral more readily available, resulting in more demand on the mental health crisis systems; and

**WHEREAS**, stagnant state funding results in variations in the extent of services available across counties, wait lists for services, and eligible people receiving limited services; and

**WHEREAS**, the limited state funding for Crisis services makes it difficult for counties to implement new evidence-based services, such as mobile crisis workers that could meet law enforcement officers in the field for crisis calls, that would reduce the need for law enforcement involvement and provide a more trauma-informed response to crisis situations, and;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin’s counties continue to cover the costs of mental health services for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors does hereby request 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, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Langlade County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Langlade County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

Ben Pierce, Chairman  
John Medo  
Bruce McDougal  
Steve Maier  
Andrew Bauknecht  
Justin Sorano  
Todd Mayr

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Bruce McDougal, Chairman  
Teresa Poltrock  
Roy Dieck  
Reinhardt Balcerzak  
Chris Below

Motion by Supervisor Balcerzak, second by Supervisor J. Wagner to adopt RS #9-2024. Voice vote: All ayes. Absent: Supervisors Below, and Sorano. 19 ayes, and 2 absent. RS #9-2024 is adopted.

**Committee Referrals: Reports/Referral of any matters to committees having proper jurisdiction with no discussion or action taken:** Supervisor Curler discussed Langlade County’s opportunity to be involved in the Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, non-profit in NE WI that helps to identify and fund natural resource and Community projects. Supervisor Balcerzak stated that NCWRPC has approved their 2025 budget in which Langlade County’s share for 2025 is \$13,238. Chairman Pierce and Supervisor Maier discussed the City-County Library Taskforce, meeting tomorrow at the Library to continue discussions on the Library Agreement and to also have a tour of the Library.

**County Administrator’s Report:** County Administrator Hilger’s report was provided to the Board before the meeting. The report is available from the County Administrator. Discussion on the loss of a Dispatcher after one month of employment.

**Any other business that may lawfully come before the Board:** Next County Board meeting is September 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., with the location to be determined.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Supervisor Haatvedt, second by Supervisor Mayr to adjourn the August 26, 2024, County Board Meeting at 7:25 p.m. All ayes, motion carried. The Board is adjourned.

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 August 26, 2024. Note: These minutes are not official until they are approved by the County Board at their next meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the County Clerk’s Office.

Judy Nagel  
Langlade County Clerk

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

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