

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 9, 2026 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Committee Meeting to Order

Chair Thiel called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Thiel, James Meunier, Marty Lemke, Dana Miller, Donald Dunphy

MEMBERS EXCUSED: none MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: none

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Amber Rehberg, Jessi Rumsey

VISITORS: none

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. Approve Minutes From: January 12, 2026

M/S Meunier/Dunphy to approve the minutes from January 12, 2026. Motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Public Comment

None

5. UW Extension Financial

a. 2025 Expenses and Revenues

Report(s) placed on file.

b. 2026 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

6. UW Extension Departmental Update

a. Area Extension Director's Update

Staff have completed the major task of sorting, downsizing, and moving office files and supplies. Extension is completely moved into the new office and storage spaces. This was a significant undertaking for a small team, and maintenance and administrative staff were very helpful throughout the process. Planning an "open house" for volunteers. With the move finished and re-enrollment nearly complete, staff anticipate an increase in project work and educational programming in the coming months.

4-H Summer Camp planning is underway with Price County and Taylor County. Staff are collaborating with older youth to design and lead camp activities, with support from volunteers, which helps keep participant costs low. The team is also exploring ways to provide opportunities for community youth who may not otherwise be able to participate.

7. Social Services Financial

a. 2025 Expenses and Revenues

Rumsey explained that the Department is still in the process of finalizing 2025 financials. As explained last month, the revenues and expenditures are inflated due to Lincoln County being the financial administrator of the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium Child Care contract. Additionally, as indicated in prior months,

the department is anticipated to be over budget due to out of home placements exceeding what was budgeted for 2025.

Report(s) placed on file.

b. 2026 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

8. Social Services Department Report

a. Update on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding

Discussion and update provided regarding WI DHS funding request to the State of Wisconsin to offset changes made at the federal level for the SNAP program.

b. Director's Report/Departmental Update

Discussion held.

c. Fourth Quarter 2025 Data/Performance

Report(s) placed on file.

9. Resolutions and Ordinances

10. Future Agenda Items

2025 Budget Modifications and Carryovers
Other items may be added as requested.

11. Next Meeting Date(s)

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.