



**LINCOLN COUNTY
MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LINCOLN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE ROOM
801 N SALES STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Electronic Attendance: Persons wishing to attend the meeting electronically may enter the meeting prior to the start time indicated above using the following number or address:

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Appointments - None**
- 6. Awards - None**
- 7. Recognitions - None**
- 8. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. July 21, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
- 9. Letters and Memorials - None**
- 10. Reports of Standing & Special Committees**
 - a. Finance & Insurance Committee: July 2026 YTD Budget Reports. (Finance Committee Chair, Julie DePasse)
- 11. Public Comment**
- 12. Resolutions**
 - a. **Res 2026-08-42** Enrollment of PIN 02634071319999 into County Forest Law
 - b. **Res 2026-08-43** Application for Sustainable Forestry Grant for Forest Road Improvements
 - c. **Res 2026-08-44** Conveyance of Real Estate
 - d. **Res 2026-08-45** Resolution Accepting FY2025 Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) Reimbursement Funding
 - e. **Res 2026-08-46** Resolution Accepting FY2025 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Grant Reimbursement Funding

- f. **Res 2026-08-47** Resolution Accepting 2025 Computer and Hazardous Materials Response Equipment Grant (CHREG) Redistribution Funding
- g. **Res 2026-08-48** Resolution to Accept Funding for Sheriff's Office K-9 Program from Bierman Family Foundation
- h. **Res 2026-08-49** Resolution Determining the Existence of an Emergency Related to the County Trunk Highway M Bridge's Critical Need for Repairs to Protect the Public Health and Welfare and to Bypass the Competitive Bidding Requirements
- i. **Res 2026-08-50** Resolution Supporting the Development of Plans for the Replacement of the Lincoln County Highway and Forestry Facilities Using the Existing Merrill and Tomahawk Highway Department Property Sites

13. Ordinances - None

14. Report of Claims - None

15. Approval for Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting

16. Next County Board Meeting Date: Tuesday September 15, 2026, 6:00pm. Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, 2nd Floor Assembly Conference Room, Merrill, WI, 54452.

17. Adjourn

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Other Committee Quorums: There may be a quorum of other Lincoln County Committees present at this meeting. Only business items listed on this agenda and pertaining to this board or committee will be discussed and/or acted on at this meeting.

Christopher J. Marlowe
County Clerk

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COUNTY BOARD MONTHLY ATTENDANCE FORM					
AUGUST 18, 2026 LINCOLN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER					
		ATTENDED			
DISTRICT	SUPERVISOR:	In-Person	Virtual	Excused	Absent
1	Bialecki				
2	Doerr				
3	McCrank				
4	Pergolski				
5	Zelinski				
6	Ashbeck				
7	Dunphy				
8	Thiel				
9	Friske				
10	Boyd				
11	Detert				
12	DePasse				
13	Bishop				
14	Lyskawa				
15	Lemke				
16	Miller				
17	Nelson				
18	Tomaszewski				
19	Dorava				
20	Cummings				
21	Simon				
22	Hartwig				
	TOTALS				

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – 6:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Friske called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Deputy Clerk Hurley called the roll with the following members in attendance: Bialecki, Doerr, McCrank, Pergolski, Zelinski, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Thiel, Friske, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Bishop, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Nelson, Tomaszewski, Dorava, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig **(22)**.
4. **Announcements**
 - a. **WCA Resolution Submissions:** Chair Friske announced that the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) is accepting resolution submissions for consideration at its upcoming Annual Meeting. He requested that Supervisors submit any board-adopted resolutions from the past year to himself or the County Clerk for forwarding. Chair Friske noted that submitted resolutions will be voted on by the WCA membership to help establish the organization's statewide legislative platform.
5. **Appointments - None**
6. **Awards - None**
7. **Recognitions**
 - a. 20 Years - Tyler Iverson -Sheriff's Department. Chair Friske thanked Tyler for his exceptional service as our Chief Deputy.
8. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. **June 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
M/S Bialecki/Simon to approve the June 16, 2026 Minutes as written. The motion to approve was carried by a voice vote.
9. **Letters and Memorials - None**
10. **Reports of Standing & Special Committees**
 - a. **Finance & Insurance Committee:** Lincoln County Year-to-Date Budget (Committee Chair, Julie DePasse)
Supervisor DePasse had nothing outstanding to report and offered to answer questions which there none.
 - b. **Administrative & Legislative Committee:** Continued discussion on the 2026–2028 County Board Strategic Goals. (County Board Chair, Don Friske)
Chair Don Friske reopened the discussion from the June meeting regarding the 2026–2028 County Board Strategic Goals, soliciting input on additional goals and initiatives for board consideration. The following items were brought forward:
 - **Broadband Expansion, Accessibility, & Tax Relief:** Supervisor Doerr advocated for continued countywide broadband expansion while emphasizing the need to keep elderly residents informed as communication technologies change. He also highlighted the need for affordable housing and emphasized keeping property taxes manageable so low-income families are not priced out of their homes.
 - **Zoning Reforms:** Supervisor Dunphy suggested reviewing zoning codes to streamline the building process and lower overall construction costs.
 - **Board Efficiency & Structure:** Supervisor Dorava requested an evaluation of board size and committee structure prior to the next term to increase efficiency and lower costs.

- **Economic Development:** Supervisor Nelson noted Lincoln County's declining population, emphasizing the need to attract industry rather than relying solely on tourism.
- **Solid Waste Planning:** Supervisor Simon noted the county landfill is reaching capacity and recommended an informational report from the Solid Waste Committee regarding future expansion planning.

Chair Comments & Directives: Chair Friske concluded the discussion with the following directives and updates:

- **Highway Facility:** Intends to revisit the 2025 facilities study to address needed Highway Department facility improvements.
- **Wage Study:** Noted that recommendations from the recent wage study will need to be addressed during the 2027 budget process.
- **Resolution Drafting:** Advised Supervisors to work with Department Heads when drafting resolutions aimed at improving county operations and resident quality of life.

11. **Public Comment** – No public comment was offered.

12. Resolutions

a. Res 2026-07-37 Approving Policy Regarding Prohibiting Photography and Video Recording in County

WHEREAS, the "Right to Record" is protected by the First Amendment, specifically, the public may record government actions in public areas; and

WHEREAS, the standards by which government may limit this right are not well defined; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County may restrict this right when necessary to maintain safety and control; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board may pass policy imposing narrowly-defined restrictions to protect the confidentiality of services when the law requires such confidentiality, such as that required for clients of County human services and court services; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Health and Human Services Building currently provides services to the community that are required by state and federal law to maintain confidentiality of services through Lincoln County Social Services, Lincoln County Health Department, Lincoln County Courts and North Central Health Care; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Health Department and Lincoln County Social Services will be moving to the ground level of the Service Center, and North Central Health Care and other subleases will continue to operate out of the Health and Human Services Building that Lincoln County is contractually leasing through July 31, 2030, so any policy needs to include both buildings so there is no lapse in policy/coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Courts (including public access terminal room) and Children's Court/Probate Clerk's office process confidential documents that could be visible/readable with enhancement on video recording, and further require payment for copies of public records, which process could be manipulated if photos of computer screens were taken; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain safety and control and the confidentiality as required for certain clients and services, photography and video recording should be limited to areas which are not accessed for confidential services and to areas where confidential information is not easily viewable.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves a County policy Prohibiting Photography and Video Recording in County Buildings Providing Confidential Services to include the Health and Human Services Building, the Ground Floor of the Service Center, and the Clerk of Courts and Children's Court/Probate Clerk's office areas where confidential documents are processed.

M/S DePasse/Bishop to approve Resolution 2026-07-37. **M/S** McCrank/Boyd to amend the resolution by striking the word "so" in paragraph six line four. The motion to amend was carried by a voice vote. Discussion continued regarding the balance between protecting citizens' privacy rights and managing county liability related to facility-wide video recording bans. Committee members emphasized the ongoing effort to ensure designated, private spaces remain available in county facilities for citizens to conduct confidential business. **M/S** Hartwig/Detert to table the resolution. The motion to table was carried by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Bialecki, Doerr, Pergolski, Zelinski, Thiel, Detert, Lyskawa, Miller, Nelson, Dorava, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig (13). Nays: McCrank, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Friske, Boyd, DePasse, Bishop, Lemke, and Tomaszewski (9).

b. Res 2026-07-38 Approve Reorganization of the Maintenance Department

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Maintenance Department currently has 1 Building and Grounds Superintendent, 1 Lead Worker, 1 Maintenance Electrician (currently vacant), 4 Building Maintenance Workers and 1 Facilities Custodian for a total of 8 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the total full-time positions was increased from 10 to 11 to add a Facilities Custodian; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Custodian position was added as a cost savings after discontinuing a cleaning service contract; and

WHEREAS, after the Sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home and the Health and Human Services buildings in 2025 the total full-time positions were cut from 11 to 8 (with the Maintenance Electrician remaining vacant); and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Custodian position is again vacant and the Maintenance Electrician position has remained vacant; and

WHEREAS, with the current positions, significant savings have occurred in 2026 due to the ability of the employees to self-perform multiple jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Building and Grounds Superintendent in an effort to provide maintenance services in the most cost effective manner is recommending reorganizing the current position to modify the Facility Custodian position to a Building Maintenance Worker and remove the Maintenance Electrician position reducing total to 7 full time employees; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Compensation Study has scoped an appropriate grade for Maintenance Electrician and Maintenance Refrigeration positions to allow flexibility in recruiting future vacancies for Building Maintenance Workers; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Public Property Committee supports this recommendation and has approved the 2027 budget proposal to include these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the Building and Grounds Superintendent's recommendation to reorganize his positions to reduce total full time positions and allow flexibility in hiring specialty positions which increases the ability to self-perform projects that otherwise would be more costly through contracted services.

M/S Cummings/Bialecki to approve Resolution 2026-07-38. The motion to approve was carried by a voice vote.

c. Res 2026-07-39 To Accept Donation of Three Pack 'n Plays to Support Children Served by the Social Services Department

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Department of Social Services works with children and families who are in need of various services; and

WHEREAS, the following donation has been received by the Department of Social Services to support the needs of children and families served by the department:

- Three pack 'n plays (used), with an estimated value of \$30.00 each or \$90.00 total, for the purpose of providing safe sleeping areas for babies served by the department donated by Kay Osterberg.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts the above-referenced donation, and recognizes and thanks Kay Osterberg for their thoughtful and generous donation in support of children in Lincoln County.

M/S Boyd/Thiel to approve Resolution 2026-07-39. The motion to approve was carried by a voice vote.

d. Res 2026-07-40 Resolution Approving the Appointment of the Lincoln County Finance Director

WHEREAS, the Finance and Insurance Committee recommends the appointment of Korey Bloch as the Lincoln County Finance Director.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 16th day of July, 2024, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Korey Bloch as Lincoln County Finance Director effective August 17th, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointee will be placed at Year 4 (\$100,068) of the 2026 pay scale, Grade Q on the salary plan with three weeks of vacation commencing the date of hire through his 13th Anniversary.

YEAR-TO-DATE REVENUES

FOR 2026 07

JOURNAL DETAIL 2026 7 TO 2026 7

	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT USE/COL
0010 GENERAL FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-676,166	-676,166	2,093,524.06	-698,994.77	-2,769,690.06	-309.6%
10 COUNTY BOARD	-2,117,748	-2,117,748	-2,117,748.00	.00	.00	100.0%
20 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	-342,707	-342,707	-342,707.00	.00	.00	100.0%
21 CORPORATION COUNSEL	-232,103	-232,103	-225,067.03	-332.37	-7,035.97	97.0%
22 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	-616,094	-616,094	-615,994.00	.00	-100.00	100.0%
23 COUNTY CLERK	-284,083	-284,083	-216,102.35	-541.00	-67,980.65	76.1%
24 TREASURERS DEPARTMENT	-231,403	-231,403	-231,374.80	.00	-28.20	100.0%
25 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-961,588	-997,494	-971,058.94	.00	-26,435.06	97.3%
26 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	-3,344,581	-3,876,039	-3,224,594.28	-104,561.20	-651,444.72	83.2%
27 VETERANS DEPARTMENT	-234,479	-244,279	-239,030.00	.00	-5,249.00	97.9%
30 CLERK OF COURTS	-652,022	-652,022	-597,629.15	-105,019.81	-54,392.85	91.7%
31 CIRCUIT COURT (PROBATE)	-383,975	-383,975	-417,532.39	-65,092.23	33,557.39	108.7%
32 FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER	-54,903	-56,863	-33,334.45	-650.73	-23,528.55	58.6%
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE	-423,152	-423,152	-388,973.14	-19,600.55	-34,178.86	91.9%
41 LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT	-1,456,745	-1,456,745	-1,282,774.48	-25,634.00	-173,970.52	88.1%
43 REGISTER OF DEEDS	-272,464	-272,464	-198,686.87	-44,830.83	-73,777.13	72.9%
44 UW EXTENSION	-45,000	-50,330	-45,000.00	.00	-5,330.00	89.4%
50 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	-10,178,408	-10,316,015	-7,502,118.53	-299,618.47	-2,813,896.47	72.7%
51 CORONERS DEPARTMENT	-86,951	-86,951	-64,601.00	-315.00	-22,350.00	74.3%
52 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	-140,728	-140,728	-114,516.13	-42,288.13	-26,211.87	81.4%
60 CHILD SUPPORT	-329,505	-329,505	-226,818.40	-88,616.09	-102,686.60	68.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-23,064,805	-23,786,866	-16,962,136.88	-1,496,095.18	-6,824,729.12	
0020 COUNTY ROADS FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-4,703,634	-4,870,112	-4,576,775.15	-619,020.10	-293,336.85	94.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-4,703,634	-4,870,112	-4,576,775.15	-619,020.10	-293,336.85	
0021 JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-27,000	-27,000	-13,776.48	-2,092.94	-13,223.52	51.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-27,000	-27,000	-13,776.48	-2,092.94	-13,223.52	
0022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND						

YEAR-TO-DATE REVENUES

FOR 2026 07

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	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT USE/COL
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-2,611,645	-2,790,306	-1,798,080.86	-10.00	-992,225.14	64.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	-2,611,645	-2,790,306	-1,798,080.86	-10.00	-992,225.14	
0023 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-1,219,452	-1,269,055	-1,006,800.88	-36,269.64	-262,254.12	79.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	-1,219,452	-1,269,055	-1,006,800.88	-36,269.64	-262,254.12	
0024 SOCIAL SERVICES FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-3,520,428	-3,521,415	-2,112,478.86	-3,852.00	-1,408,936.14	60.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-3,520,428	-3,521,415	-2,112,478.86	-3,852.00	-1,408,936.14	
0027 OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	-28,904.49	.00	28,904.49	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	-28,904.49	.00	28,904.49	
0029 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	-3,338.64	.00	3,338.64	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	-3,338.64	.00	3,338.64	
0030 DEBT SERVICE FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-1,832,300	-1,832,300	-1,821,682.00	.00	-10,618.00	99.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	-1,832,300	-1,832,300	-1,821,682.00	.00	-10,618.00	
0050 DOG LICENSE FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-30,000	-30,000	-24,566.75	-1,894.15	-5,433.25	81.9%
TOTAL REVENUES	-30,000	-30,000	-24,566.75	-1,894.15	-5,433.25	
0051 SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND						

YEAR-TO-DATE REVENUES

FOR 2026 07

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	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT USE/COL
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	-224.90	.00	224.90	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	-224.90	.00	224.90	
0060 SOLID WASTE FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-2,410,246	-2,410,246	-1,142,865.09	-52,305.62	-1,267,380.91	47.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	-2,410,246	-2,410,246	-1,142,865.09	-52,305.62	-1,267,380.91	
0061 PINE CREST NURSING HOME						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	-215.56	.00	215.56	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	-215.56	.00	215.56	
0062 FORESTRY						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-2,232,758	-2,232,758	-855,566.42	-128,895.04	-1,377,191.58	38.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	-2,232,758	-2,232,758	-855,566.42	-128,895.04	-1,377,191.58	
0070 HIGHWAY FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	-7,725,660	-7,725,660	-5,283,260.12	-2,803.12	-2,442,399.88	68.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	-7,725,660	-7,725,660	-5,283,260.12	-2,803.12	-2,442,399.88	
0071 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	-2,721,905.37	.00	2,721,905.37	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	0	-2,721,905.37	.00	2,721,905.37	
GRAND TOTAL	-49,377,928	-50,495,718	-38,352,578.45	-2,343,237.79	-12,143,139.55	76.0%

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YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES

FOR 2026 07

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0010 GENERAL FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	676,166	676,166	944,306.05	8,147.69	-268,140.05	139.7%
10 COUNTY BOARD	2,117,748	2,117,748	1,325,996.94	55,434.01	791,751.06	62.6%
20 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	342,707	342,707	184,694.85	35,808.58	158,012.15	53.9%
21 CORPORATION COUNSEL	232,103	232,103	124,648.33	13,389.62	107,454.67	53.7%
22 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	616,094	616,094	372,335.51	58,934.96	243,758.49	60.4%
23 COUNTY CLERK	284,083	284,083	154,309.04	21,463.10	129,773.96	54.3%
24 TREASURERS DEPARTMENT	231,403	231,403	124,751.99	17,269.89	106,651.01	53.9%
25 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	961,588	997,494	711,269.92	57,570.00	286,224.08	71.3%
26 MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	3,344,581	3,876,039	1,042,063.52	89,365.62	2,833,975.48	26.9%
27 VETERANS DEPARTMENT	234,479	244,279	131,467.71	17,271.43	112,811.29	53.8%
30 CLERK OF COURTS	652,022	652,022	333,948.36	40,043.45	318,073.64	51.2%
31 CIRCUIT COURT (PROBATE)	383,975	383,975	231,243.51	29,765.77	152,731.49	60.2%
32 FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER	54,903	56,863	20,134.25	.00	36,728.75	35.4%
33 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE	423,152	423,152	204,887.36	27,893.45	218,264.64	48.4%
41 LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT	1,456,745	1,456,745	765,375.90	94,573.99	691,369.10	52.5%
43 REGISTER OF DEEDS	272,464	272,464	147,146.67	19,322.09	125,317.33	54.0%
44 UW EXTENSION	45,000	50,330	728.65	41.23	49,601.35	1.4%
50 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	10,178,408	10,316,015	5,190,811.49	625,666.75	5,125,203.51	50.3%
51 CORONERS DEPARTMENT	86,951	86,951	35,284.44	4,383.15	51,666.56	40.6%
52 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	140,728	140,728	75,167.94	11,036.36	65,560.06	53.4%
60 CHILD SUPPORT	329,505	329,505	167,380.62	22,702.52	162,124.38	50.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,064,805	23,786,866	12,287,953.05	1,250,083.66	11,498,912.95	
0020 COUNTY ROADS FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	4,703,634	4,870,112	3,466,193.84	.00	1,403,918.16	71.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,703,634	4,870,112	3,466,193.84	.00	1,403,918.16	
0021 JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	27,000	27,000	.00	.00	27,000.00	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,000	27,000	.00	.00	27,000.00	
0022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND						

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00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,611,645	2,790,306	1,222,545.74	4,382.87	1,567,760.26	43.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,611,645	2,790,306	1,222,545.74	4,382.87	1,567,760.26	
0023 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,219,452	1,269,055	719,500.76	91,246.43	549,554.24	56.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,219,452	1,269,055	719,500.76	91,246.43	549,554.24	
0024 SOCIAL SERVICES FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	3,520,428	3,521,415	2,181,530.20	207,826.98	1,339,884.80	62.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,520,428	3,521,415	2,181,530.20	207,826.98	1,339,884.80	
0027 OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	21,223.96	.00	-21,223.96	100.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	21,223.96	.00	-21,223.96	
0029 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	283,415.83	205.00	-283,415.83	100.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	283,415.83	205.00	-283,415.83	
0030 DEBT SERVICE FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,832,300	1,832,300	1,128,725.00	.00	703,575.00	61.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,832,300	1,832,300	1,128,725.00	.00	703,575.00	
0050 DOG LICENSE FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	30,000	30,000	976.76	.00	29,023.24	3.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	30,000	30,000	976.76	.00	29,023.24	
0051 SEC 125 BENEFIT FUND						

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES

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	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	ACTUAL MTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	364.80	.00	-364.80	100.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	364.80	.00	-364.80	
0060 SOLID WASTE FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,410,246	2,410,246	840,931.53	92,141.15	1,569,314.47	34.9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,410,246	2,410,246	840,931.53	92,141.15	1,569,314.47	
0061 PINE CREST NURSING HOME						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	19,719.63	.00	-19,719.63	100.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	19,719.63	.00	-19,719.63	
0062 FORESTRY						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,232,758	2,232,758	1,268,206.62	107,236.62	964,551.38	56.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,232,758	2,232,758	1,268,206.62	107,236.62	964,551.38	
0070 HIGHWAY FUND						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	7,725,660	7,725,660	6,223,085.24	1,197,134.65	1,502,574.76	80.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,725,660	7,725,660	6,223,085.24	1,197,134.65	1,502,574.76	
0071 SELF FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE						
00 NON-DEPARTMENTAL	0	0	2,294,261.95	5,365.87	-2,294,261.95	100.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	2,294,261.95	5,365.87	-2,294,261.95	
GRAND TOTAL	49,377,928	50,495,718	31,958,634.91	2,955,623.23	18,537,083.09	63.3%

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Resolution 2026-08-42

Motion by:

Second by:

Enrollment of PIN 02634071319999 into County Forest Law

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Doerr			
3	McCrank			
4	Pergolski			
5	Zelinski			
6	Ashbeck			
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WHEREAS, Lincoln County has acquired the parcel identified as PIN 02634071319999 through a land exchange; and

WHEREAS, the parcel is entirely surrounded by Lincoln County Forest and is appropriate for long-term forest management; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee has reviewed the parcel and determined that it meets the criteria for inclusion in the Lincoln County Forest under County Forest Law; and

WHEREAS, enrollment will ensure the parcel is managed in accordance with the Lincoln County Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021–2035 and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Forest Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes enrolling PIN 02634071319999 into County Forest Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry, Land and Parks Department is directed to complete all required documentation and filings with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the County Clerk to finalize enrollment, including attaching the legal description of the parcel as Exhibit A.

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Greg Hartwig – District 22 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Don Nelson – District 17 Supervisor

Committee: Forestry, Land, and Parks Committee

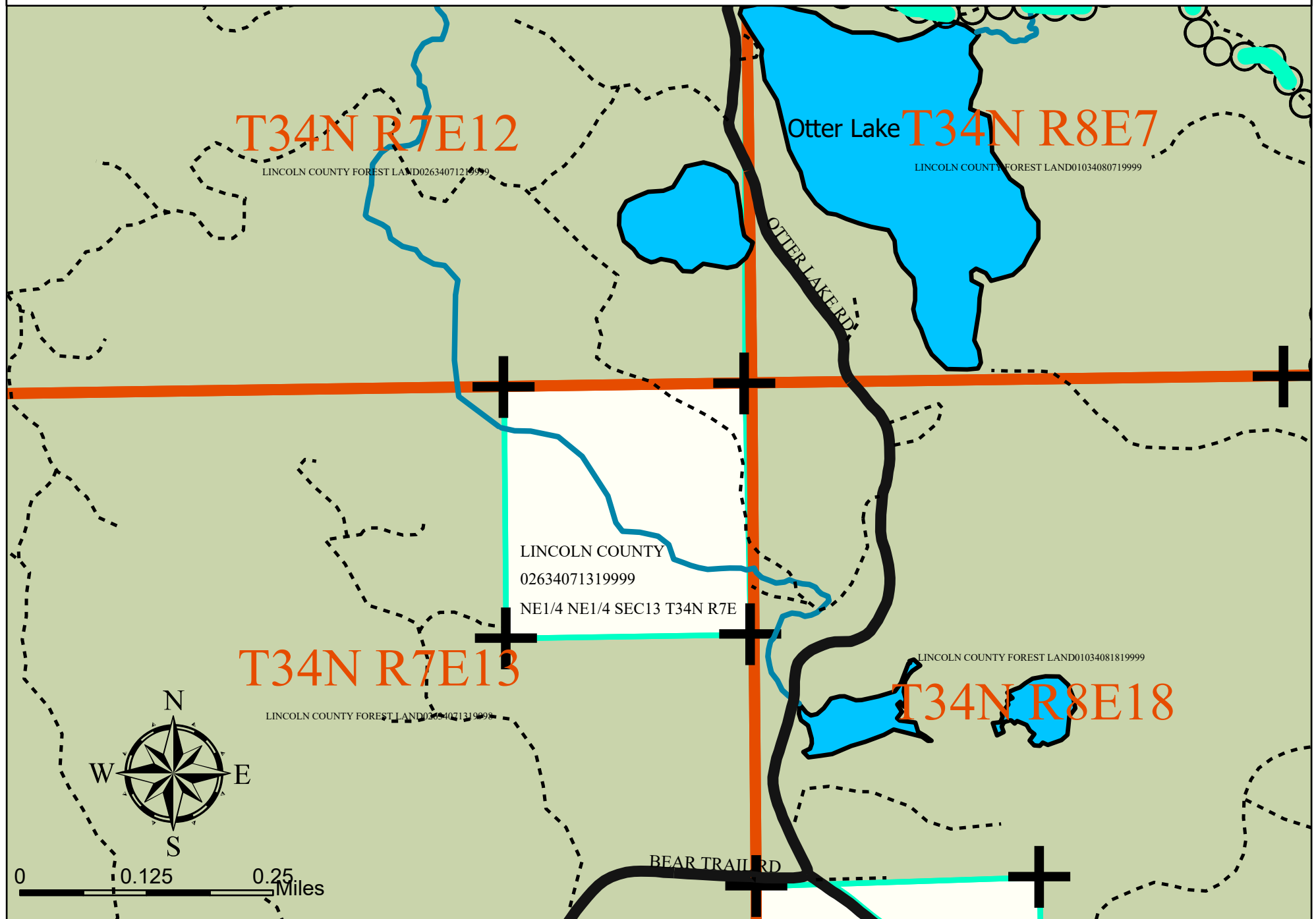
Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: July 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Lucas Williams – Forest Administrator

EXHIBIT A



LINCOLN COUNTY 0263407139999

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Resolution 2026-08-43

Motion by:

Second by:

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Doerr			
3	McCrank			
4	Pergolski			
5	Zelinski			
6	Ashbeck			
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Application for Sustainable Forestry Grant for Forest Road Improvements

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department manages forest roads needed for timber access and forest operations; and

WHEREAS, an existing forest access road off Armstrong Creek Road in the Town of Tomahawk has deteriorated and no longer provides reliable access for forest management activities; and

WHEREAS, these conditions limit the County's ability to complete planned harvests and conduct routine forest management; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will improve drainage and road structure consistent with Wisconsin Best Management Practices; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Forestry Grant Program provides financial assistance for eligible forest management and infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the project meets program eligibility and supports the Lincoln County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves submitting an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a Sustainable Forestry Grant to improve an existing forest access road off Armstrong Creek Road in the Town of Tomahawk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sustainable Forestry Grant Program does not require a county match, and eligible project costs will be reimbursed in accordance with program requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department is authorized to submit all required materials and administer the grant if awarded.

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Greg Hartwig – District 22 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Don Nelson – District 17 Supervisor

Committee: Forestry, Land, and Parks Committee

Committee Vote: Carried by a voice vote **Date Passed:** July 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Lucas Williams – Forest Administrator

COUNTY FOREST SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION

Fiscal Year: FY27

County Forest: Lincoln

CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary County Forest Contact:

Name: Luke Williams
Title: County Forest Administrator
Mailing Address: 801 N. Sales Street
City, State, Zip Code: Merrill, WI 54452
Phone: 715-539-1035
Email: lucas.williams@co.lincoln.wi.us

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Describe the project in detail and benefits:

Lincoln County is requesting funding through the Sustainable Forestry Grant Program to improve an existing forest access road that provides access to approximately 984 acres of County Forest. The road traverses seasonally wet soils and lacks adequate drainage and a properly crowned surface. Rutting from motor vehicle traffic has further degraded the roadway, making it soft and difficult to travel. These conditions limit reliable access for logging equipment and loaded log trucks, even during periods when adjacent forest stands are suitable for harvesting. A timber sale established in 2017 was sold and partially harvested, but was later resold and remains only partially completed due to difficult access and operational constraints associated with the existing road conditions. As a result, the condition of the road, rather than the operability of the forest stands, is the primary constraint to implementing planned timber harvests.

The proposed project will reshape and crown the roadway, restore roadside ditches to improve drainage, and resurface the road with pit run gravel. These improvements will provide a stable, well-drained travel surface that supports safe and dependable access for forest management activities and will bring the road into full compliance with Wisconsin Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The road provides access to approximately 984 acres of Lincoln County Forest. Of this area, approximately 555 acres consist of northern hardwoods that will be managed under an uneven-aged silvicultural system using periodic selection harvests. Within these stands, approximately 15% of the stocking is ash, representing an estimated 330 MBF of merchantable volume. This ash is highly susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and is expected to require salvage harvesting in the near term. Because these stands require repeated harvest entries over time, the benefits of the proposed road improvements will persist across multiple timber sales and provide long-term value to the County Forest program.

The remaining 383 acres are primarily aspen. Improved access will allow Lincoln County to better achieve its objective of maintaining a diversity of aspen age classes by implementing smaller,

strategically located timber sales. Reliable road access will improve operational flexibility, facilitate timely harvests during favorable conditions, and support successful regeneration of aspen across the landscape.

In addition, approximately 46 acres of swamp hardwoods dominated by black ash are located within the project area. These stands are at risk of decline due to the spread of Emerald Ash Borer, and improved access will support timely entry for salvage and regeneration harvesting as conditions deteriorate. This will allow the County to respond proactively to emerging forest health concerns.

Construction will utilize an excavator and bulldozer to reshape the existing roadway, establish a proper crown, and restore roadside ditches. A tracked dump truck will be rented to haul and place pit run gravel from a county gravel pit. The road surface will be reconstructed with approximately 8-12 inches of compacted pit run gravel, placed following crowning and drainage improvements to provide a stable, well-drained travel surface suitable for logging equipment and loaded log trucks while improving drainage and reducing future maintenance needs. All improvements will be completed in accordance with Wisconsin Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Investing in these road improvements will provide durable infrastructure that supports sustainable forest management across nearly 1,000 acres of Lincoln County Forest. The project will improve access for recurring uneven-aged management in northern hardwood stands, facilitate effective management of aspen age-class diversity, enable timely response to declining black ash stands, improve operational safety and efficiency, and ensure reliable access for future timber harvests and other forest management activities while meeting Wisconsin Best Management Practices for forest roads.

PROJECT COST SUMMARY INFORMATION

Eligible Item*/Task Description	Cost of Item/Task
1. Equipment & Machinery	\$ 26,100
2. Road Base	\$ 21,800
3. Culverts and Geotextile Fabric	\$ 5,200
4. Seed for Site Stabilization	\$ 500
Total Cost of Project:	\$ 53,600

GRANT REQUEST:

* Salaries/benefits of full/part time employees of the Forestry Department are not an eligible expense.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Project proposal requests will be divided into two preference categories as follows (from Public Forest Lands Handbook):

1st Preference:

- Storm – related projects
- Hiring of temporary staff to address short-term workload projects

2nd Preference:

- Infrastructure road improvements to access summer/fall timber sales
- Invasive species inventories
- Drones for reconnaissance
- Timber mats
- All other eligible projects

Within a preference category, projects in counties that have received grants the most recently shall be given the lowest priority. A county may have no more than 2 projects open at one time.

** Projects that are considered part of County Forest Time Standards are not eligible. (See Public Forest Lands Handbook)*

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Round: August 15th

Second Round: December 1st

Final Round (After Dec. 1, final FY of Biennium pending available funds)

SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATION

CFA Signature:

Date:

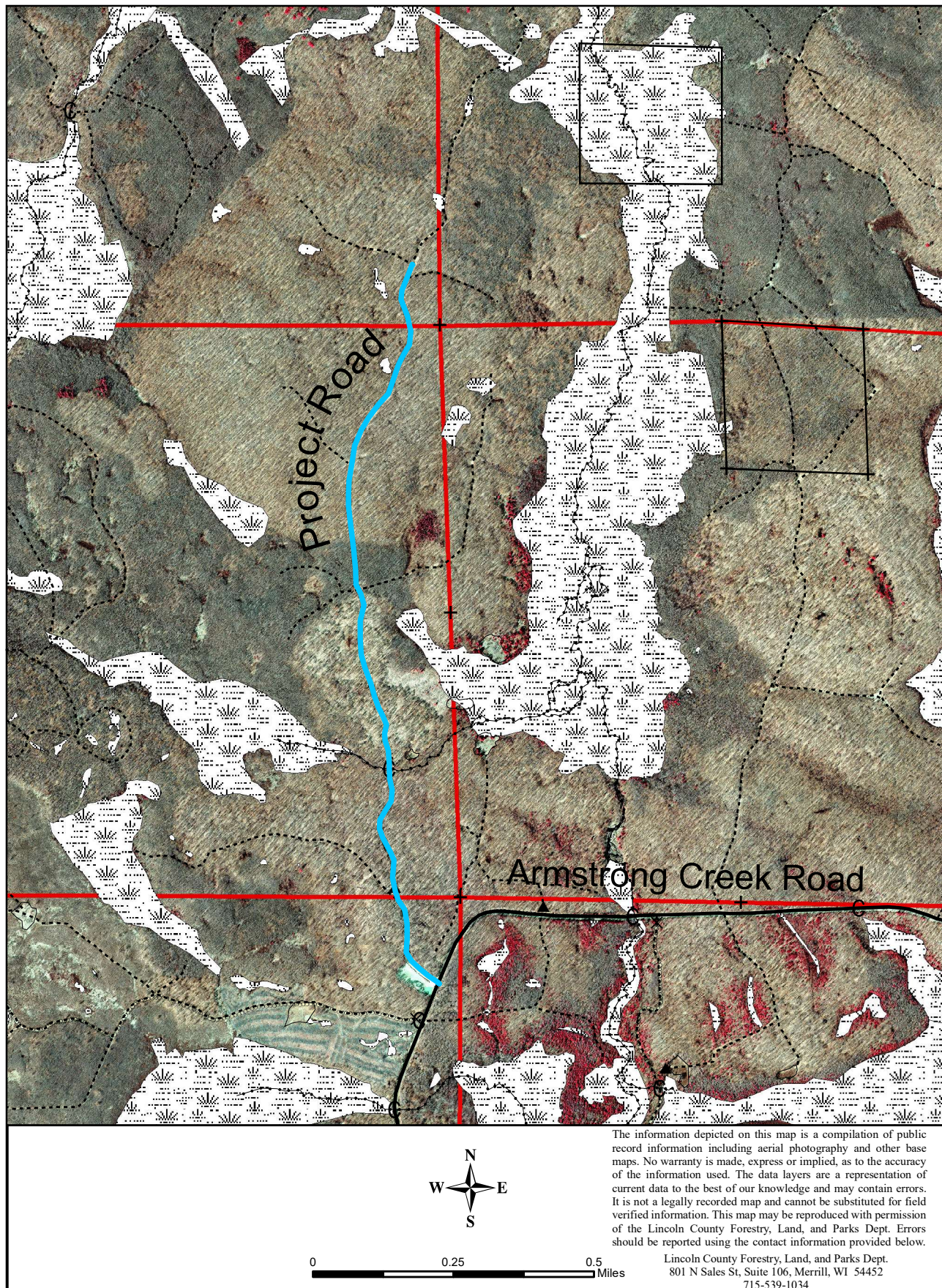
DNR-Liaison Signature:

Date:

Attach Forestry Committee Minute Approvals

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Grant Adjustment Amount, if applicable:	
Final Grant Allocated:	
Justification:	
Certified by:	
Date:	

Armstrong Creek Project



Road Length - 1.36 Miles or 7,200 Feet

Motion by:

Second by:

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Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk

Resolution 2026-08-44

Approving Conveyance of Real Estate

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 18th day of August, 2026 that the following conveyance of real estate be made by the County Clerk on behalf of Lincoln County, be and same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Psalm 23 Family Trust		\$22,364.00
	The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW1/4 SE1/4), Section Five (5), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Seven (7) East, Town of Birch, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. EXCEPTING lands conveyed in Volume 138 of Deeds, Page 313 as Document 136485. (Vacant Land- Chase Hill Drive)	
	P.I.N. 00233070549995 - 2 acres	
B & M Solutions		\$ 36,000.00
	Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6) of Block Ten (10) of the Mathews & Cotters Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (Vacant Land, S. Foster Street)	
	P.I.N. 25131061510072	
Shannon Peterson		\$ 1,500.00
	A parcel of land located in and described as being the South .875 acres of the North half (N ½) of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼ SW ¼) of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Thirty-Two (32) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Merrill, Lincoln, County, Wisconsin. (Vacant Land – Champagne Drive)	
	P.I.N. 01432063539996 - 0.875 acres	
The Tom and Becky Hofacker Family Trust		\$197,650.00
	The following described property located in Government Lot Five (5), Section Sixteen(16), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Rock Falls,Lincoln County, Wisconsin;Commencing at the intersection of the West line of said Section 16 with the North lineof State Trunk Highway 107; thence East along the North line of State Trunk Highway107, 662 feet to an iron stake, the place of beginning; thence North 26° West 331.3feet to an iron stake on the shore of the Wisconsin River (this line is the same line as the East line of Lot Five (5) of the unrecorded plat of Bushar's Pine Garden Lots); thence Northeasterly in a straight line along the high water mark of the Wisconsin River 100 feet to an iron stake; thence South 26° East to an iron stake located on the North line of state Trunk Highway 107; thence Westerly along the North line of State Trunk Highway 107, 100 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting any and all matters relating to flooding or flowage. Said land being in theTown of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (N6315 State Road 107, Tomahawk)	
	P.I.N. 01833061639983 – 0.75 acres	

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joshua M. Muenchow	A one acre parcel of land situated in the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE1/4), Section One (1), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Seven (7) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Corner Stone of the Northeast Corner of the NE1/4 NE1/4. Section 1, as above described and thence running South 16 Rods; thence West 10 Rods; thence North 16 Rods; thence East 10 Rods to the place of beginning. (N4895 Prairie Drive, Gleason, Wisconsin, 54435) P.I.N. 02232070119998- 1 acre	\$ 46,001.00
ADT Holdings, LLC	The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE1/4), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Thirty-five (35) North, Range Six (6) East, City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (900 County Road A, Tomahawk) P.I.N. 28635062710001 - 40 acres	\$ 160,010.00

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Greg Hartwig – District 22 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Andrew Zelinski – District 5 Supervisor

Committee: Forestry, Land & Parks Committee

Committee Vote: Carried by a voice vote **Date Passed:** July 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Drafted by: Lucas Williams, Forest Administrator

Resolution Accepting FY2025 Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) Reimbursement Funding

Motion by:

Second by:

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Doerr			
3	McCrank			
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I hereby certify that this resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors on:

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Lincoln County Clerk

WHEREAS; the Lincoln County Emergency Management Department is responsible for coordinating the County’s efforts to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS; the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides Emergency Management Performance Grant funding to assist state, local, and tribal governments in building and sustaining comprehensive emergency management capabilities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management administers this funding within the State of Wisconsin and establishes annual performance requirements for participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS; during the January 1 through December 31, 2025 performance period, Lincoln County Emergency Management completed the required planning, training, exercise, public outreach, and intergovernmental coordination activities within Lincoln County and in collaboration with local, regional, and state partners; and

WHEREAS; this work included maintaining and updating county emergency plans, establishing preparedness priorities, advancing emergency management training and exercises, educating the public, and strengthening coordination with government officials and whole-community partners; and

WHEREAS; these activities enhanced Lincoln County’s operational readiness, public information capabilities, intergovernmental coordination, and overall capacity to protect residents, visitors, property, and critical infrastructure during emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS; following completion of the FY2025 performance requirements, Wisconsin Emergency Management issued Lincoln County a final reimbursement payment of \$33,955.79 on July 20, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the final FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant reimbursement of \$33,955.79 from Wisconsin Emergency Management on behalf of the Lincoln County Emergency Management Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the appropriate County officials are authorized to receive, deposit, and account for the reimbursement in accordance with applicable federal, state, and County requirements; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognizes the work performed by Lincoln County Emergency Management and its partners to fulfill the FY2025 program requirements and strengthen emergency preparedness throughout Lincoln County.

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Laurie Thiel, District 8 Supervisor
Co-Sponsored by: Marguerite Lyskawa, District 14 Supervisor
Committee: Public Safety
Committee Vote: Carried by a voice vote **Date Passed:** 8.12.26
Fiscal Impact: -Receipt of \$33,955.79 in federal reimbursement funding.

Drafted by: Tyler Verhasselt, Emergency Management Director

Resolution Accepting FY2025 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Grant Reimbursement Funding

Motion by:

Second by:

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Doerr			
3	McCrank			
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WHEREAS; the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of emergency planning and the ongoing support of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, provides Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Planning Grant funding to county emergency management programs for LEPC administration, hazardous materials planning, community preparedness, and public outreach; and

WHEREAS; during the FY2025 performance period of January 1 through December 31, 2025, Lincoln County Emergency Management maintained LEPC operations and records, managed Tier II and planning-facility information, supported public access to EPCRA information, and maintained required compliance documentation and by-laws; and

WHEREAS; Lincoln County Emergency Management annually revised the Countywide Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan and completed eleven (11) active planning-facility off-site plans, exceeding the required target of ten (10) plans and ensuring responders have current facility and hazard information; and

WHEREAS; Lincoln County Emergency Management completed required EPCRA outreach initiatives through brochure distribution, a National Preparedness Month campaign, and publication of a Community Right-to-Know article to increase public awareness, access, and transparency; and

WHEREAS; EPCRA grant funds reimbursed eligible personnel costs necessary to sustain these planning, coordination, compliance, and outreach activities, and WEM approved Lincoln County's final program report following completion of all required work products and performance measures; and

WHEREAS; WEM issued Lincoln County Emergency Management a final reimbursement payment of \$7,982.12, with no de-obligation, and confirmed that all grant conditions were met; and

WHEREAS; these activities fulfill responsibilities established under 42 U.S.C. Chapter 116 and Wisconsin Statutes §59.54(8)(a), §323.60, and §323.61 while strengthening hazardous materials preparedness, public right-to-know, and coordinated emergency response throughout Lincoln County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby formally accepts and directs the receipt and deposit of \$7,982.12 from Wisconsin Emergency Management as final reimbursement for Lincoln County Emergency Management's successful completion of the FY2025 EPCRA Planning Grant requirements.

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Angela Cummings, District 20 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Marguerite Lyskawa, District 14 Supervisor

Committee: Public Safety

Committee Vote: Carried by a voice vote **Date Passed:** 8.12.26

Fiscal Impact: -Receipt of \$7,982.12 from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Military Affairs, Wisconsin Emergency Management.

Drafted by: Tyler Verhasselt, Emergency Management Director

Resolution 2026-08-47**Motion by:****Second by:****Resolution Accepting 2025 Computer and Hazardous Materials Response Equipment Grant (CHREG) Redistribution Funding**

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	Abs
1	Bialecki			
2	Doerr			
3	McCrank			
4	Pergolski			
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WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), through the Department of Military Affairs, administers the Computer and Hazardous Materials Response Equipment Grant (CHREG) pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 323.60 and § 323.61 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter WEM 5; and

WHEREAS; CHREG supplements local funding for authorized computer equipment supporting county emergency management programs and hazardous materials response equipment used to maintain or increase local capability to respond to hazardous substance releases; and

WHEREAS; during the 2025 grant period, Lincoln County Emergency Management and the Local Emergency Planning Committee completed the approved project by purchasing authorized equipment to support the County's emergency management program and strengthen hazardous materials response capability; and

WHEREAS; Lincoln County documented its eligible expenditures and required twenty percent (20%) local contribution and submitted the final program and fiscal reports, invoices, proof of payment, and reimbursement documentation required by WEM; and

WHEREAS; after verifying the completed activities and expenses, WEM issued Lincoln County an initial closeout reimbursement of \$5,220.36, with no de-obligation, as the final award payment under the County's 2025 CHREG award; and

WHEREAS; WEM subsequently redistributed unused 2025 CHREG allocations and issued Lincoln County an additional reimbursement of \$350.22 based on the County's eligible expenses, increasing total reimbursement for the completed project to \$5,570.58; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts and authorizes the deposit of the additional \$350.22 in 2025 Computer and Hazardous Materials Response Equipment Grant redistribution funding from Wisconsin Emergency Management on behalf of the Lincoln County Emergency Management Department, bringing total 2025 CHREG reimbursement revenue to \$5,570.58.

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Lincoln County Clerk

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Dana Miller, District 16 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, District 20 Supervisor

Committee: Public Safety

Committee Vote: Carried by a Voice Vote

Date Passed: 8.12.26

Fiscal Impact: Receive and deposit \$350.22 in additional CHREG revenue, bringing total FY25 CHREG reimbursement funding to \$5,570.58.

Drafted by: Tyler Verhasselt, Emergency Management Director

Resolution 2026-08-48**Motion by:****Second by:****Resolution to Accept Funding for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Program
From the Bierman Family Foundation**

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office re-established a K-9 program in 2014 through funds that were secured from the Bierman Family Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, both K-9 Poncho and K-9 Nina, who were purchased with the funds from this grant, and provided many years of service to the Citizens of Lincoln County, have now retired; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Schneider, in recognizing the significant benefits that a K-9 program has, both to our office and the citizens of Lincoln County, sent a letter to the Bierman Family Foundation, requesting funding for two K-9's and the requisite training; and

WHEREAS, the Bierman Family Foundation responded the request with a grant award of \$35,315, which will allow the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office K-9 program to continue with no additional tax levy funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lincoln County accepts funding from the Bierman Family Foundation in the amount of \$35,315 to be used for the purchase of two K-9's and handler training and equipment costs for a new K-9 deputy.

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 Christopher J. Marlowe
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Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Laurie Thiel, District 8 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Angela Cummings, District 20 Supervisor

Committee: Public Safety

Committee Vote: Carried by a Voice Vote **Date Passed:** 8/12/26

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Drafted by: Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson

Motion by:

Second by:

Resolution 2026-08-49

Resolution Determining the Existence of an Emergency Related to the County Trunk Highway M Bridge's Critical Need for Repairs to Protect the Public Health and Welfare and to Bypass the Competitive Bidding Requirements

WHEREAS, County Highway M Bridge (B350079) was inspected on July 10, 2026 and subsequently posted with a 10-Ton Weight Limit on July 11, 2026. According to the inspector, the bridge has had significant deterioration since its last inspection and critically needs repair; and

WHEREAS, the bridge cannot be safely maintained for winter use with a 10-ton posting, and it is likely that, if left unrepaired, the bridge will close within the next 3-4 months because of the posting and for safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, if the bridge were to close, the closure would significantly limit access to a portion of the County, both for residents needing to travel and for other services in reaching said area of the County, including snowplowing, law enforcement and ambulance services, as the only means of travel/access would be by gravel town roads; and

WHEREAS, because of the location of the bridge in relation to the Copper River, and the necessity that work be performed in the stream bed, there is a deadline of September 15 for completion under Wisconsin DNR rules because the Copper River is trout waters, which makes the competitive bidding process even more challenging to complete; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute §59.52(29)(a)1. requires all public work over the bidding threshold amount to be competitively bid with the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute §59.52(29)(b) provides that the provisions of subparagraph (a) are not mandatory for “the repair or reconstruction of public facilities when damage or threatened damage thereto creates an emergency, as determined by resolution of the board, in which the public health or welfare of the county is endangered”; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute §66.0617(1)(f) defines “public facilities” to include “Highways as defined in s. 340.01 (22), and other transportation facilities, traffic control devices....” Wisconsin Statute §340.01(22) defines “Highway” as “all public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same”; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of repairing the steel piles of the bridge is \$325,000.00, and the Highway Department has funding to cover the cost of design and the associated professional services, which is estimated at \$58,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Finance and Insurance Committee approved the funding request for the remaining amount of \$267,000.00 from the general fund at its August 7, 2026 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Highway Commissioner is requesting the County Board determine that under these circumstances an emergency exists which endangers the public health and welfare, such that the competitive bidding process is not required to solicit bids for the bridge repair.

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Resolution 2026-08-49 (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that the damage to and imminent risk of closure of Lincoln County Highway M Bridge (B350079) creates an emergency, which endangers the public health and welfare, given the likely impact on access and transportation to a portion of the County, and the impact on other services such as snowplowing, law enforcement and ambulance access. The County Board of Supervisors further determines that such emergency shall cease to exist upon completion of the Highway M Bridge repair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Highway Commissioner shall solicit bids from three (3) contractors for the work and shall contract with the individual or entity who submits the lowest bid while still meeting all work requirements. Lincoln County Highway Commissioner shall also follow all rules and obtain any required permits necessary for completion of the work.

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Don Friske, Supervisor, District 9/Board Chair

Co-Sponsored by: Don Nelson, Supervisor, District 17

Committee: N/A

Committee Vote: N/A

Date Passed: N/A

Fiscal Impact: \$267,000.00

Drafted by: Karry A. Johnson, Corporation Counsel

Lincoln County Highway Department

100 S. Cooper Street Merrill, WI 54452

Phone (715) 539-2500 Fax (715) 536-2901

Jason Lemmer – Highway Commissioner

Tracy Breckheimer – Accountant/Office Manager

Nicole Blott – Program Assistant



Dear Finance Committee Members:

Lincoln County Highway M Bridge (B350079) was inspected on July 10, 2026 and subsequently posted with a 10-Ton Limit July 11, 2026. According to the inspector, the bridge has had significant deterioration since its last inspection and critically needs repair. Due to changes in the WisDOT Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program, *funding* for repairs would not be available for another 4-6 years from today, if even selected by the DOT program. Replacement under the current program would not occur as the majority of the bridge is in good condition. Furthermore, the bridge cannot be safely maintained for winter use with a 10-ton posting. It is likely that the bridge will be closed within the next 3-4 months because of posting and safety. In order to repair the steel piles, it will cost approximately \$325,000. The Engineers say this repair will last 50+ years, and the rest of the bridge will last the same time or more. The proposed repairs will finally take care of the poor steel on the pier that has been an issue on this bridge for many years. At this time, I have the funding to cover the cost of Design and all associated Professional Services, which is estimated at \$58,000.

I am requesting funding for the remaining cost of the repairs (\$267,000) in hopes to avoid closing this stretch of road for any duration. For transparency, the committee should know that even if funds are approved, the repair timeline depends on weather, permitting and contractor availability to complete the work before winter or a possible closure until repairs are completed. The current goal is to have all the work done prior to winter maintenance starting later this calendar year.

Sincerely,

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Jason Lemmer
Commissioner

Motion by:

Second by:

Resolution 2026-08-50

Resolution Supporting the Development of Plans for the Replacement of the Lincoln County Highway and Forestry Facilities Using the Existing Merrill and Tomahawk Highway Department Property Sites

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Highway Committee is responsible for developing and overseeing policies for the efficient operation of the County Highway Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway committee reviewed the report prepared by the Ad Hoc Facility Committee and agreed with their conclusion that the Highway Department Facilities, which include the existing building in Tomahawk and Merrill, are the highest priority county facilities currently in need of renovation; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee also reviewed the Lincoln County Board of Supervisor's Ad Hoc Facility Committee's report and presentations that reviewed whether the Highway Facilities should be renovated or repaired, reconstructed or replaced on site or at a new site, or combined into a single facility. The Highway Committee agreed with the Ad Hoc Facility's Committee that the best approach was to build new highway buildings on each of the two existing sites to provide better service to County Highways and County Highway Customers such as WisDOT and local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee also independently reviewed the two existing highway facilities and reviewed the capacity of the existing buildings to be renovated to meet current and future needs. Furthermore the Highway Committee examined the costs associated with constructing new buildings on the existing sites, on a new site near each existing facility or building a larger combined facility at a new site. Based on the estimated costs to buy land with suitable utilities, the costs to replace existing support structures such as fueling stations, scales, salt and sand storage buildings, the response time to adequately serve existing Highway Department customers and the potential impact to employee recruitment and retention if the existing facilities were combined or relocated, the Highway Committee also independently determined that the preferred option was to construct new buildings at the existing Tomahawk and Merrill sites; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee also reviewed the potential to combine the Forestry Department with a new highway facility to help reduce county expenses for buildings, land and equipment, and in doing this review met with the County Forester. Although a plan to combine these Departments into new Highway Buildings was not fully developed we believe there are potential savings available with such a plan and suggest additional review.

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Resolution 2025-08-50 (Continued)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors support the Highway Committee's conclusion and belief that new Highway Buildings are necessary to meet the Highway Departments current and future needs for equipment storage and maintenance. These new buildings shall be constructed at the existing highway department sites in Tomahawk and Merrill, because the overall cost will be lower, existing highway department customers will be more easily served, and employee retention and recruitment will be enhanced. In addition, the county may save additional costs by combining Forestry staff into new highway department buildings, by sharing equipment among these two county departments, and potentially selling the Forestry Department land and buildings in Irma; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highway Committee recognizes that the Public Property Committee is the appropriate committee and shall assume responsibility for the advancement of this project to the County Board and will have primary oversight including any eventual contractors and vendors engaged as part of the project.

Dated: August 18, 2026

Authored by: Joe Dorava (District 19 Supervisor)

Co-Sponsored by: Marty Lemke (D15) and Randy Detert (D11)

Committee: Highway Committee

Committee Vote: Carried on voice vote **Date Passed:** 07.02.2026

Committee: Public Property

Committee Vote: Carried on voice vote **Date Passed:** 07.21.2026

Fiscal Impact: To be determined

Drafted by: Joe Dorava, District 19 Supervisor