

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, September 15, 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** – Clerk Marlowe called the roll with the following members in attendance: Bialecki, Doerr, Pergolski (V), Zelinski, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Thiel, Friske, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Bishop, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Nelson, Tomaszewski, Dorava, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig **(17)**. Excused: McCrank and Thiel **(2)**. Absent: Lyskawa, Nelson, and Tomaszewski **(3)**
4. **Announcements** – Chair Friske brought to the floors' attention that Department Heads Evaluations would occur in October. Committee members were encouraged to direct their input regarding the department heads evaluation to their committee chair.
5. **Appointments** - None
6. **Awards** - None
7. **Recognitions** - None
8. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. **August 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
M/S Bialecki/Dorava to approve the August 18, 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:** 2026 Year-to-Date Budget Report — Korey Bloch (Director of Finance)
Director Bloch had no concerns and there were no questions regarding the YTD Budget Reports.
 - b. **Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Board (ADRC/CW):** 2025 Annual Report - Michael Rhea (Executive Director)
Director Rhea reported ongoing financial challenges due to flat funding versus rising costs. He cited the following measures used to manage the budget restraints:
 - Reductions in the Meals on Wheels program by 29,000 meals in 2025. In doing so they implemented a prioritization tool for meal distribution to support high-risk individuals.
 - Reduced staffing through attrition within leadership and organizational roles to meet fiscal goals.
 - Secured regional grants.
 - Established a donation account with the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin.Rhea's report will remain on record.
 - c. **Finance & Insurance Committee:** 2025 Audit Review – Clifton Larson Anderson Accounting Firm (Stuart Randall and Jon Trautman)
Auditor Stuart Randall of Clifton Larson Anderson (CLA) reported that an unmodified opinion on the county's financial statements was issued. He identified material adjustments regarding ARPA grant expenditures and Pine Quest Nursing Home sale revenue recognition. He noted a single audit finding regarding the failure to proactively

request and review third-party vendor audits. Randall concluded his report by citing cyber security as a critical operational risk and recommended periodic assessments. He then fielded question from the floor. The full audit report is available, for the public's viewing, in the county clerk's office.

d. Administrative & Legislative Committee: Discover Wisconsin Analytics – Director of Content Strategy and Partnerships at Discover Mediaworks (Josh Ostermann)

Ostermann reported very positive feedback regarding Discover Wisconsin's coverage of Lincoln County. He cited the following numbers as proof of the effects the series had on our tourism:

- Total economic impact grew 11.65% from 2022 to 2025.
- Visitor spending increased 12.59% over the same three-year period.
- Content strategy achieved over 10 million broadcast viewers and nearly 1 million digital views.

Ostermann wrapped up his report by listing the primary audience markets for the digital content he created. These markets include Chicago, Michigan, Indiana, and Minneapolis.

11. Public Comment – No public comment was offered.

12. Resolutions

a. Res 2026-09-51 Approving Conveyance of Real Estate

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 15th day of September, 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:

Purchaser	Description	Amount
Schwarczkopf Properties LLC		\$25,001.00
	Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and the East One-half (E 1/2) of Lot Four (4), and the East One-half (E 1/2) of Lot Eleven (11), and all of Lots Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block "A" of the Plat of Doering, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Together with that portion of the vacated alley lying between said Lots and; Together with the 33 foot alley lying adjacent to and East of Lots 1 and 14 and; Together with that portion of Doering Street lying immediately adjacent to the North of the E1/2 of Lot 11 and Lots 12, 13, and 14, Block "A", Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. (W706 County Road C, Gleason)	

P.I.N. 02232082349991 1.36 acres

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4), of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows, to wit: The East One-Half (E1/2) of the following described parcel of land: A parcel of land being at the Northeast corner of Doering Street and its intersection with the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, at a point marked by an iron stake; being the place of beginning; thence North along the East line of said forty 91 feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence West 395 feet to a point marked by an iron stake situated on the East line of the abandoned right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company right-of-way there situated; thence Southerly along the East line of said abandoned railroad right-of-way 91 feet to a point marked by an iron stake; thence East along the North line of Doering Street 404 feet more or less to the place of beginning. Together with that portion of vacated Street lying immediately South and contiguous to said parcel.

(Vacant Land – County Road C, Gleason)
P.I.N. 02232082339995 0.365 acres

M/S Cummings/Boyd to approve Resolution 2026-09-51. The motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

b. Res 2026-09-52 Resolution Approving the Reorganization of the Sheriff's Office to Eliminate One Lieutenant Position and Create a Civilian 911 Dispatch Supervisor

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has adopted the Civil Service System for its law enforcement personnel and has current Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association for both deputies and supervisors (lieutenants); and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreements do not control the number of deputies or supervisors (lieutenants) employed by the County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Personnel Policy provides for vacant positions to be refilled and approved by the Administrative Coordinator without consideration by the oversight committee or County Board, except in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, unless the Lincoln County Board takes proactive steps to freeze or eliminate an existing position within the County, the position would likely be refilled without any consideration by the oversight committee or County Board; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County, in its continued effort to be fiscally responsible and to review possible cost-saving measures, including the combination or elimination of positions, believes it is appropriate to eliminate one-lieutenant position at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.22, the County Board has the power to establish the number of employees in any department or office, including deputies to elective officers; and

WHEREAS, the County Board believes the best way to accomplish the elimination of a lieutenant position is through natural attrition, such as a retirement, resignation or other factors that result in a vacancy being created in the lieutenant staffing, at which time the lieutenant position would be eliminated and the funding for the position removed from the Sheriff's budget; and

WHEREAS, if such elimination of a lieutenant position results in a vacancy of the 911 Administrator/Lieutenant position, then a civilian 911 Dispatch Supervisor position could be created to fill that role resulting in a cost savings to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the elimination of one lieutenant position at the Sheriff's Office, such that the total number of lieutenants shall be five instead of six, and that such position elimination shall not be immediate, but shall be effective upon any vacancy occurring in any of the now-existing six lieutenant positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this position elimination shall occur automatically upon a vacancy in an existing lieutenant position and shall not require any further action by the County Board to take effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if such elimination of a lieutenant position results in the elimination of the current 911 Administrator/Lieutenant position, then a civilian 911 Dispatch Supervisor position shall be created and funded according to where Cottingham & Butler adds the position into the new wage study scale.

M/S Boyd/DePasse to approve Resolution 2026-09-52. The motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

13. Ordinances

a. Res 2026-08-42 Enrollment of PIN 02634071319999 into County Forest Law

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain:

Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended such that property located in Section 26, T34N-R7E, in the Town of Skanawan, tax pin# 02634072649995, will be rezoned from Forestry (F) to Rural Lands (RL4).

Any areas designated as Wetlands on the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory Map will not be rezoned to upland.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

M/S DePasse/Zelinski to approve Ordinance 2026-09-809. The motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

15. Report of Claims – None

16. Approval of Mileage and Per Diem for Board Meeting

M/S Simon/Dorava to approve mileage and per diem for today's meeting. The motion to approve was carried by a voice vote.

- 17. Next County Board Meeting:** Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00pm. Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 255/258 (Assembly Conference).
- 18. Adjourn** – Chair Friske adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk in and for said Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify the within and foregoing is a true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their regular September meeting held on Tuesday **September 15, 2026.**

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk