

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 9, 2025 - 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, Dana Miller, James Meunier, Marty Lemke, Donald Dunphy

MEMBERS EXCUSED: none MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: none

DEPARTMENT HEAD(S): Jessi Rumsey, Amber Rehberg (virtual)

VISITORS: Mickala Ferge, Johanna Miller, Katie Badeau, Kyler

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve Minutes from May 12, 2025

M/S Lemke/Miller to Approve Minutes from May 12, 2025. Motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Public Comment

None

5. UW Extension Financial

a. 2025 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

b. Expense Report Approval

None

6. Social Services Financial

a. 2025 YTD

Report(s) placed on file.

b. Director Timesheet Approval for 4/28/2025 - 5/25/2025

M/S Dunphy/Miller to approve Director Timesheet for 4/28/25 - 5/25/25. Motion passed by a voice vote.

c. 4:30pm Public Hearing (See Public Hearing Notice)

The Lincoln County Social Services Committee will be holding a public hearing on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 4:30 pm for the purpose of soliciting input & reactions on the item(s) listed below. The public hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center, Room 247/248, at 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI. All parties wishing to be heard are requested to be present. Both written and oral testimony will be entered into the record.

M/S Miller/Meunier to Recess to Public Hearing. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Public Participation for Social Services 2026 Budget Pursuant to WI Stats. §46.031(2)

1. Call Public Hearing to Order - Public Hearing called to Order at 4:30 pm.
2. General Overview of 2026 Preliminary Social Services Programs & Budget
3. Public Input Regarding 2026 Preliminary Social Services Programs & Budget - None

4. Closing Comments

5. Adjourn Public Hearing - Public Hearing adjourned 4:34 pm.

M/S Dunphy/Miller to Reconvene back into the Social Services Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

d. ACTION ITEM: Approve Preliminary 2026 Child Support Budget

M/S Meunier/Miller to Approve Preliminary 2026 Child Support budget. Motion passed by a voice vote.

e. ACTION ITEM: Approve Preliminary 2026 Social Services Budget

- **Two budget proposals to be considered: One with Energy Assistance Program and one without Energy Assistance.**

M/S Meunier/Lemke to Approve Preliminary 2026 Social Services Budget without the Energy Assistance Program. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The Committee granted authority to the Director of Social Services to work with DOA on the best timing for transitioning the Energy Assistance Program out.

7. Social Services Department Report

a. Director's Report/Update

Verbal report provided.

b. Lived Experience Presentation

Information presented by individual with lived experience with the Child Welfare system. Discussion and questions with the committee.

8. UW Extension Departmental Updates

a. Area Extension Director's Update

i) Department Report

Verbal report/updated provided.

9. Resolutions & Ordinances

a. None

10. Future Agenda Items

Informational/Departmental presentations as time permits.

11. Set Next Meeting Date(s)

July 14, 2025 - 4:00 pm

12. Adjourn

Chair Thiel adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.

