

**Lincoln County Board of Supervisor  
Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2025**

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Chair Boyd called the meeting to order at **6:01 pm**.

2. **Pledge of allegiance** followed.

3. **Roll** was called by Clerk Marlowe with the following in attendance: (In-Person) Bialecki, McCrank, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Thiel, Vorpapel, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Bishop, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Meunier, Wickham, Dorava, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig **(19)** (Excused) Anderson-Malm and Zelinski **(2)**. (Absent) Woellner **(1)**.

4. **Announcements:** None

5. **Appointments:**

a. Re-appointment of Mary Ann Gretenhardt to the Board of Adjustment, 1st Alternate. (Term expiring 6/30/2028)

**M/S Ashbeck/Simon** to approve the appointment. Motion carried by a voice vote.

b. Elect Five Board Members to serve on the Board Rules Ad Hoc Committee.

1) Nominations from the Floor - Nominees: McCrank, Dorava, Cummings, Wickham, Bishop, Lyskawa, Meunier, and Detert (8).

2) Hold Election - Signed Ballot: Top five candidates after a run-off for the final spot are as follows: **Dorava, Cummings, Wickham, Lyskawa, and Meunier**. Vote counts and ballots are available for inspection in the County Clerk's office and will remain with the record. The top five vote getters will serve on the Board Rules Ad-Hoc Committee where their first order of business will be to elect a committee chair.

6. **Awards:** None

7. **Recognitions:** Chair Boyd read the May 2025 Service Recognitions and thanked the recipients for their service.

a. Renee Krueger, Administration - 10 Years (in-attendance)

b. Kevin Orzech, Sheriff's Office - 25 Years

c. Dean Bowe, Forestry - 30 Years (in-attendance)

d. Becky Beyer, Circuit Court - 30 Years

8. **Approval of the Minutes**

a. **April 15, 2025 Minutes** –**M/S Dunphy/Miller** to approve the 3/18/2025 minutes with the following correction to agenda item 17. Chair Boyd **adjourned at 6:45 7:15 PM April 15, 2025**. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

9. **Letters and Memorial:** The board acknowledged the untimely death of Judy Woller, expressing sympathy to her family.

a. Memorial: Judy Rose Woller July 30, 1946–May 7, 2025. (County Board 2021-2022)

10. **Reports of Standing & Special Committees:**

a. **Finance & Insurance Committee:** 2025 Year to Date Budget Report. (Finance Director - Heather Marheine)

Marheine summarized the 2025 year-to-date budget, then fielded questions from the floor. Report will remain with the record.

b. **Finance & Insurance Committee:** 2026 Budget Projection Strategy and Goals. (Committee Chair - Julie DePasse)

DePasse overviewed the Finance Committee's 2026 Budget Strategy and Goals highlighting their timeline and greatest areas of concern. DePasse then fielded questions from the floor. The report will remain on record.

11. **Public Comment** – Six members of the public exercised their right to comment on our May agenda items. Judy Woller was remembered and honored for her life's work and the support she gave our county residents in their time of need. Res 2025-05-22 and the sale of Pine Crest were the other comment topics. Commenters are listed in the order they spoke: Susan Juan-Gilk, Janet Wells, Jane Deau-Janke, Irene Mehlos, Scott Doer, and James Albert (6).

12. **Resolutions**

a. **Res 2025-05-20 Support for Increasing State Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.2 Million**

**M/S Dorava/Dunphy** to approve resolution 2025-0520. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

b. **Res 2025-05-21 Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Authority of Counsel for Lincoln County to Add Additional Defendants to Opioid Litigation, Including in MDL 2804**

**M/S Cummings/Hartwig** to approve resolution 2025-05-21. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

c. **Res 2025-05-22 Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Authority of Lincoln County Administration to Apply for and Pursue a Zoning Amendment as part of the sale of the Pine Crest Nursing Home Process.**

**M/S DePasse/Wickham** to approve resolution 2025-05-22. **M/S Dunphy/Vorpapel** to send this resolution to the

June A&L Committee Meeting for consideration. Discussion followed. **M/S** Simon/DePasse to table the previous motion by Dunphy. Motion to table carried by a voice vote. Original motion to approve Resolution 2025-05-22 carried by a roll call vote. **(12-7)** Ayes: Thiel, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig. **(12)** Nays: Bialecki, McCrank, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Vorpapel, Bishop, and Dorava. **(7)**

**13. Ordinances:**

**a. Ord 2025-05-780** An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln-Chapter 17, 17.2.03, Zoning Ordinance as a Result of a Rezoning Petition by Carter and Paula Schendel for Property in the Town of Schley.

**M/S** Cummings/Wickham to approve ordinance 2025-05-780. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

**b. Ord 2025-05-781** An Ordinance Amending the General Code of the County of Lincoln-Chapter 17, 17.1.12, and 17.2.03, Zoning Ordinance as a Result of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezoning Petition by Irvin and Cheryl Fick for a Property in the Town of Merrill

**M/S** Bialecki/Simon to approve ordinance 2025-05-781. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

**14. Report of Claims:** None

**15. M/S** Miller/Lyskawa to approve mileage and per diem for 19 Supervisors for the May 20, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**16. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 P.M.** Meeting Location: Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452.

**17. Chair Boyd adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.**

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher Marlowe, County Clerk in and for Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify the within and foregoing is true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting, (May 20, 2025)

Christopher Marlowe, County Clerk