

Lincoln County Board of Supervisor

Meeting Minutes: June 17, 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, DePasse, Bishop, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller Meunier, Wickham, Dorava, Cummings, Simon, Hartwig, Anderson-Malm, Woellner and Zelinski. (22)
4. **Announcements:** Chair Boyd announced that on June 23, 2025 the 2nd floor of the Service Center will be closed from 8:00am to 12:00pm and the 1st floor will be closed from 12:00pm to 4:00pm for County Active Threat Training.
5. **Appointments:**
 - a. Appointment of Sarah Brooks to the Local Emergency Planning Committee to fill the unexpired term of Cheryl Skoug. (Term is indefinite) **M/S** Bialecki/McCrank to approve the appointment. All ayes. Motion carried by a voice vote.
 - b. Appointment of Kathleen Morris to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service Board to fill the unexpired term of Diane Peterson. (Term expiring 12/31/2025) **M/S** McCrank/Zelinski to approve appointment. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.
 - c. Appointment of Craig Lau to the Civil Service Commission. (Term expiring 12/31/2029). **M/S** Lemke/Wickham to approve appointment. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.
 - d. Appointment of Jeff Berry to the Civil Service Grievance Commission. (Term expiring 4/1/2029). **M/S** Hartwig/Meunier to appointment. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.
6. **Awards:** None
7. **Recognitions:** Chair Boyd read the June 2025 Service Recognitions and thanked the recipients for their service.
 - a. Robbin Gigl, Treasurer- 10 Years (in-attendance)
 - b. Travis Spoehr, Information & Technology Director- 15 Years
8. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. **May 20, 2025 Minutes** –**M/S** Cummings/Dorava to approve the 5/20/2025 minutes. All ayes. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.
9. **Letters and Memorial:** None
10. **Reports of Standing & Special Committees:**
 - a. **Finance & Insurance Committee:** 2025 Year to Date Budget Report. (Finance Director - Heather Marheine) Marheine presented the year-to-date budget report stating that overall, the budget appeared to be in order. Brief discussion followed. The report will remain in the record.
 - b. **Finance & Insurance Committee:** 2026 Budget Tax Levy (Finance Director – Heather Marheine) (Committee Chair - Julie DePasse) DePasse provided a preliminary overview of the 2026 tax levy, clarifying that the provided summary focuses on items funded by local property taxes. The total county budget is approximately 48 million, much of which is funded by county revenues and State and Federal Grants. Discussion followed. DePasse and Marheine fielded questions from the floor. The report will remain in the record.
11. **Public Comment** – 15 members of the public exercised their right to comment on our agenda items. All of which commented on Res 2025-06-29 (Approval of Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement and Operations Transfer Agreement between Lincoln County and Merrill Health Holdings, LLC and Jack Pines Healthcare, LLC). Commenters and dialogue may be viewed by watching the video recording.
12. **Resolutions**
 - a. **Res 2025-06-23 Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Merrill/Tomahawk High School Girls Bowling Team for Winning the 2025 BCAW Wisconsin State Championship**
M/S Dunphy/DePasse to approve resolution 2025-06-23. All ayes. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.
 - b. **Res 2025-06-24 Authorizing the Administrative Coordinator to Approve Department Head Timesheets**
M/S Cummings/Dunphy to approve resolution 2025-06-24. All ayes. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote. Expense reports are not included in this resolution and will continue to be approved on a committee level.
 - c. **Res 2025-06-25 Resolution to Accept Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)**

M/S McCranks/Thiel to approve resolution 2025-06-25. All ayes. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

d. Res 2025-06-26 Resolution Accepting FFY2024 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Funding from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)

M/S Cummings/McCranks to approve resolution 2025-06-25. All ayes. Motion to approve carried by a voice vote.

e. Res 2025-06-27 Resolution Authorizing the Replacement of Expired, Non-Compliant AEDs and Implementation of Countywide First Aid Service

M/S Wickham/Dorava to approve resolution 2025-06-27. Discussion followed.

M/S McCranks/Miller to amend resolution 2025-06-27 as follows: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes the expenditure of levy funds to contract for the ~~purchase~~, installation, and management of AEDs, first aid cabinet, and mobile trauma kits as outlined by Cintas; Motion to amend carried on a voice vote. The resolution, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

f. Res 2025-06-28 Resolution Approving \$50,000 Grant Match of Opioid Settlement Funds

M/S Cummings/Miller to approve resolution 2025-06-28. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

Supervisor McCranks identified a spelling correction in the third paragraph second line,: WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Opioid Settlement Task Force is requesting up to \$50,000 Opioid Settlement Funds be used "f"rom July 2025 – June 2026. An amendment is not necessary for a clerical issue. Clerk Marlowe will make the correction before certifying the resolution.

g. Res 2025-06-29 Approval of Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement and Operations Transfer Agreement between Lincoln County and Merrill Health Holdings, LLC and Jack Pines Healthcare, LLC

M/S Simon/DePasse to approve resolution 2025-06-29. Discussion followed.

M/S McCranks/Woellner to postpone the motion to approve resolution 2025-06-29 until the lease agreement is finalized. Motion to approve postponement was defeated by a roll call vote (6-16). Ayes: McCranks, Woellner, Dunphy, Vorpapel, Bishop, Dorava (6). Nays: Bialecki, Anderson-Malm, Zelinski, Ashbeck, Thiel, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, Simon, Hartwig (16).

M/S Woellner/Dunphy to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting was defeated by a roll call vote (4-18) Ayes: McCranks, Woellner, Dunphy, and Vorpapel (4). Nays: Bialecki, Anderson-Malm, Zelinski, Ashbeck, Thiel, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Bishop, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Meunier, Wickham, Dorava, Cummings, Simon, and Hartwig (18).

M/S Woellner/Dunphy to amend the resolution by striking out ~~ascertained~~ on the fourth Whereas and replace it with partly decided. Motion failed by a voice vote. Resolution will remain before the board as presented.

M/S Wickham/Cummings to Close Debate. Motion to close debate passed by roll call vote (21-1) Ayes: Bialecki, Anderson-Malm, McCranks, Woellner, Zelinski, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Thiel, Vorpapel, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Bishop, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, Simon, Hartwig (21) Nays: Dorava (1) Motion carried. The original **M/S Simon/DePasse**, to approve resolution 2025-06-29, passed by a roll call vote (14-8) Ayes: Anderson-Malm, Zelinski, Thiel, Boyd, Detert, DePasse, Lyskawa, Lemke, Miller, Meunier, Wickham, Cummings, Simon, Hartwig (14) Nays: Bialecki, McCranks, Woellner, Ashbeck, Dunphy, Vorpapel, Bishop, Dorava (8) Motion carried.

13. Ordinances: None

14. Report of Claims: None

15. M/S DePasse/Bialecki to approve mileage and per diem for 22 Supervisors for the June 17, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

16. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 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 8:42 PM.

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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, (June 17, 2025)

Approved as amended on July 15, 2025

Christopher Marlowe, County Clerk

Motion By: Dunphy

Second By: DePasse

Resolution 2025-06-23

Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Merrill-Tomahawk High School Girls Bowling Team for Winning the 2025 BCAW Wisconsin Division 2 State Championships

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors should recognize the young people of the county who excel in activities that bring great pride to the Lincoln County community, and

WHEREAS, the Merrill-Tomahawk Girls Bowling Team defended their 2024 State Championship with a repeat performance at the Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin 2025 Division 2 State Championship held in the Fox Cities area (Neenah and Oshkosh) on March 7-9, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the BCAW awards over \$30,000 in scholarships annually to youth bowlers in Wisconsin where the winning team in each division, receives \$5000 in scholarships for their players, and

WHEREAS, the Merrill-Tomahawk HS Girls Bowling Team earned this title and scholarships by defeating Watertown in the championship match by a score of 355-324.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors takes honor in congratulating and commending the Merrill-Tomahawk High School Girls Co-op Bowling Team for winning the 2024 and 2025 WIAA Division 2 State Championship Titles.



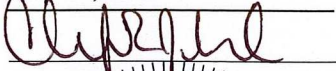
**MERRILL-TOMAHAWK HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM
2024 AND 2025 BCAW DIVISION 2 STATE CHAMPIONS**

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Dated: (June 17, 2025)

Authored by: Marty Lemke – District 15 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Lori Anderson-Malm – District 2 Supervisor

Committee: N/A

Committee Vote: N/A

Date Passed: N/A

Fiscal Impact: None

Drafted by: Marty Lemke and Chris Marlowe

Motion By: Cummings
Second By: Dunphy

Resolution 2025-06-24

Authorizing the Administrative Coordinator to Approve Department Head Timesheets

WHEREAS, Lincoln County currently has department heads' timesheets brought forward to their respective oversight committees for approval; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has committed to electronic timekeeping and a Print Services Project in order to create efficiencies and reduce paper copies; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Ordinance 2.07 – COMMITTEES – GENERAL under (6) DUTIES, outlines the responsibilities of committees and does not include oversight or approval of timesheets; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Ordinance 1.13 – ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR under (1) INTENT, references as required by Wis. Stats. §59.19, is to provide a clear description of the duties and powers of the Administrative Coordinator as an employee appointed by the County Board to supervise and manage the daily operations of County government; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Ordinance 1.13 – ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR under (4) DUTIES AND POWERS, states "To coordinate and direct administrative and management functions of County government"; and

WHEREAS, the position description for the Administrative Coordinator states "The purpose of this position is to serve as chief administrative officer for the county; to supervise and coordinate the administrative and management functions for the County; and to perform other administrative duties as assigned by the County Board. This work is performed under the direction of the County Board and in accordance with sec. 59.19, Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the position description further identifies the following duties:

- Assists and participates in the oversight committees' performance evaluation of the department heads and conducts regular staff meetings with the department heads
- Oversees county human resource functions including, but not limited to recruitment, discipline, employee classification and evaluation, benefits (including a self-funded health plan)
- The Administrative Coordinator shall have oversight responsibilities/authority

WHEREAS, the current process of timesheet approvals for department heads extends beyond the payroll cycles, is counter-productive to processes designed to create efficiencies, and results in less meaningful oversight of department heads by the administrative coordinator who has greater interaction with daily operations; and

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WHEREAS, the Administrative Coordinator reports to the oversight committees and is expected to report on any personnel related concerns; and

WHEREAS, there are additional non-elected county positions that could be approved by the Administrative Coordinator that are supervised by non-county personnel *i.e.*, the Register of Probate who is appointed by the Judges of the County pursuant to Wis. Stats. §851.71(1); and

WHEREAS, the department head timesheets are personnel records and the Administrative Coordinator is the Records Custodian for any records request pertaining to personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, any public dissemination and discussion of personnel information should be vetted to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and done so in a manner that balances transparency of government with personal privacy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the role of the Administrative Coordinator is to supervise and coordinate the administrative and management functions for the County and authorizes the Administrative Coordinator to approve department head timesheets accordingly in lieu of bringing department head timesheets to the respective oversight committees.

Dated: June 17, 2025

Authored by: Jesse Boyd, Supervisor, District 10

Co-Sponsored by: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee: Administrative and Legislative Committee

Committee Vote: Approved by a Voice Vote Date Passed: June 4, 2025

Fiscal Impact: none

Drafted by Renee Krueger

Motion By: McCrank
Second By: Thiel

Resolution 2025-06-25

Resolution to Accept Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)

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WHEREAS; the Lincoln County Emergency Management Department is responsible for coordinating the County’s efforts across all five mission areas of emergency management—prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery—in the event of natural or manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS; federal law under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S. § 5121 et seq.), along with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 323, mandates the establishment and maintenance of county-level emergency management programs to ensure coordinated preparedness and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), a division of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), receives Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and passes through this funding to counties to support and sustain local emergency management programs; and

WHEREAS; Lincoln County is eligible to receive an estimated award of \$34,072.23 through the FFY2024 EMPG program, requiring a 50% cost share/match of eligible expenditures, as outlined in the EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); and

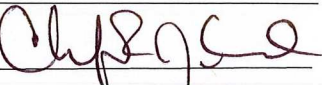
WHEREAS; for the first time in Lincoln County history, the Emergency Management Department has fully utilized its available EMPG allocation, avoiding any de-obligation of funds through strategic planning, effective execution of preparedness activities, and comprehensive reporting; and

WHEREAS; EMPG funding will continue to support salary and benefits for the Emergency Management Director position and related allowable emergency management activities such as planning, training, outreach, exercises, and grant administration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby accept \$34,072.23 from Wisconsin Emergency Management on behalf of the Emergency Management Department who is responsible to implement prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities.

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Dated: June 17, 2025
Authored by: Greg Hartwig, District 22
Co-Sponsored by: Dana Miller, District 16
Committee: Public Safety Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: May 14, 2025
Fiscal Impact: Receive \$34,072.23 from the State of Wisconsin

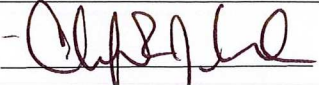
Drafted by: Tyler Verhasselt, Director of Emergency Management

Motion By: Cummings
Second By: McCrank

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Resolution 2025-06-26

Resolution Accepting FFY2024 Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Funding from Wisconsin Emergency
Management (WEM)

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 ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS; the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is funded through the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA) grant, supporting its mission critical activities; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs—Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) has awarded Lincoln County Emergency Management an EPCRA planning grant in the amount of \$8,466.88 for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY2024); and

WHEREAS; the EPCRA program directly enables the development and maintenance of the Lincoln County Hazardous Materials Strategic Plan and Off-site Response Plans (ORP) for eleven (11) Tier II planning facilities that store extremely hazardous chemicals (EHS) in quantities exceeding the Environmental Protection Agency’s threshold planning quantity (TPQ); and

WHEREAS; these plans are essential to ensure effective emergency response to chemical spills, fires, and other hazardous materials incidents. HAZMAT ORPs provide first responders with the information and procedures necessary to protect public safety and mitigate environmental harm. These plans also demonstrate the County’s compliance with federal and state laws mandating emergency preparedness for hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS; implementation of the LEPC and associated hazardous materials planning activities is mandated under federal law (42 USC 11001-11050), Wisconsin state law (§59.54, § 323.60, and §323.61), and is critical to local emergency preparedness and environmental safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors hereby accept \$8,466.88 from Wisconsin Emergency Management on behalf of the Emergency Management Department who is responsible to implement prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act grant.

Dated: June 17, 2025
Authored by: Laurie Thiel (District 8)
Co-Sponsored by: Al Bishop (District 13)
Committee: Public Safety Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: June 11, 2025
Fiscal Impact: Receive \$8,466.88 from the State of Wisconsin

Drafted by: Tyler Verhasselt, Director of Emergency Management

Motion By: Wickham

Second By: Dorava

Resolution 2025-06-27

Resolution Authorizing the Replacement of Expired, Non-Compliant AEDs and Implementation of Countywide First Aid Service

WHEREAS; Lincoln County is committed to promoting and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for its employees, citizens, and visitors; and

WHEREAS; Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are critical life-saving tools proven to significantly increase the chances of survival following sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS; a review of Lincoln County's current AED inventory has identified that all units are expired by over five (5) years. This situation creates an implied liability and increases legal exposure. It also fosters a false sense of preparedness for emergency response; and

WHEREAS; the Emergency Management department has worked diligently to consolidate Occupational Safety and Risk Management (OSRM) responsibilities previously distributed across multiple departments—this centralizing accountability, streamlining compliance, and ensuring consistent safety standards across all County operations. Resulting in improved efficiency, reduced administrative duplication, and better resource allocation; and

WHEREAS; the Cintas corporation provides a comprehensive service program that includes new ZOLL AED 3 units, professional installation, scheduled maintenance, program management through LifeREADY 360™ platform, and on-site servicing of First Aid cabinets and mobile trauma kits; and

WHEREAS; the proposed agreement includes 14 leased AED units at a rate of \$125 per unit, resulting in a monthly cost of \$1,750 and a projected impact of \$8,750 for the remainder of FY2025 and \$21,000 for FY2026 and subsequent fiscal years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes the expenditure of levy funds to contract for the ~~purchase~~, installation, and management of AEDs, first aid cabinet, and mobile trauma kits as outlined by Cintas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges the importance maintaining current and effective life-saving equipment throughout County facilities and recognizes Emergency Management as the lead agency for program implementation and oversight.

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Dated: June 17, 2025

Authored by: Greg Hartwig (District 22)

Co-Sponsored by: Jim Meunier (District 17)

Committee: Public Safety Committee Vote: 5-0 Date Passed: June 11, 2025

Fiscal Impact: \$8,750 for the remainder of FY2025 and \$21,000 for FY2026 and subsequent years; levy funded.

Drafted by: Tyler Verhasselt, Director of Emergency Management

Resolution/ Ordinance # 2025-06-27

Motion: McCrank

Second: Miller

To Amend as follows: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors authorizes the expenditure of levy funds to contract for the purchase, installation, and management of AEDs, first aid cabinet, and mobile trauma kits as outlined by Cintas;

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Voice Vote

Roll Call

Motion By: Cummings

Second By: Miller

Resolution 2025-06-28

Resolution Approving \$50,000 Grant Match of Opioid Settlement Funds

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WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Opioid Settlement Task Force was created to make a plan for the use of the Opioid Settlement dollars that will support the Lincoln County residents to combat the current opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Opioid Settlement Task Force is eligible to receive up to \$50,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund Matching Request provided by Vital Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Opioid Settlement Task Force is requesting up to \$50,000 Opioid Settlement Funds be used from July 2025 – June 2026 to match awarded funds; and

WHEREAS, the projects outlined in the grant application include:

- Community forums and public education campaigns to provide education on substance use as a disease, overdose response and harm reduction principles.
- Increasing access to naloxone through targeted outreach.
- Introducing peer support services through a partnership with North Central Health Care.
- Establish and implement comprehensive interagency intervention plan aimed at reducing child removals related to caregiver substance use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors approves the use of up to \$50,000 in Opioid Settlement funds to match money awarded to the county if it receives the Vital Strategies Grant.

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Authored by: Laurie Thiel, District 8 Supervisor

Co-Sponsored by: Dana Miller, District 16 Supervisor

Committee: Lincoln County Opioid Settlement Task Force

Date Passed: 6/11/2025

Committee Vote: Passed by a Voice Vote

Fiscal Impact: Spending \$50,000 Opioid Settlement funds to match awarded grant amount towards the implementation of the projects identified above.

Drafted by: Erin Ray, Lincoln County Opioid Settlement Grant Coordinator, Lincoln County Health Department

Motion By: Simon

Second By: DePasse

Resolution 2025-06-29

Approval of Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement and Operations Transfer Agreement between Lincoln County and Merrill Health Holdings, LLC and Jack Pines Healthcare, LLC

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1	Bialecki		X	
2	Anderson-Malm	X		
3	McCrank		X	
4	Woellner		X	
5	Zelinski	X		
6	Ashbeck		X	
7	Dunphy		X	
8	Thiel	X		
9	Vorpagel		X	
10	Boyd	X		
11	Detert	X		
12	DePasse	X		
13	Bishop		X	
14	Lyskawa	X		
15	Lemke	X		
16	Miller	X		
17	Meunier	X		
18	Wickham	X		
19	Dorava		X	
20	Cummings	X		
21	Simon	X		
22	Hartwig	X		
Totals		14	8	
☒ Carried				
☐ Defeated				
☐ Amended				
☐ Voice vote				
☒ Roll call				

WHEREAS, Pine Crest Nursing Home Ad Hoc Committee was created in 2022 for the purpose of studying Pine Crest Nursing home and its financial condition, which study resulted in a need for Lincoln County to either sell the Nursing Home or to increase tax levy to fund the needed operations and maintenance sufficiently to continue operations; and

WHEREAS, by Lincoln County Resolution 2024-02-09, the County Board of Supervisors previously approved the sale of the Pine Crest Nursing Home and Health & Human Services Building; and

WHEREAS, the prior prospective purchasers provided notice to Lincoln County on June 29, 2024 that they were terminating the Asset Purchase Agreement due to an unresolved lawsuit filed by Donald J. Dunphy challenging the sale of the Pine Crest Nursing Home and Health & Human Services building; and

WHEREAS, after pausing to review its options and ascertaining that the sale of the Pine Crest Nursing Home remained the best option for the County, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, by Resolution 2024-09-56, authorized and directed the A&L Committee to carry out such actions as may be necessary to identify and negotiate with qualified buyers to purchase the Pine Crest Nursing Home with the option to include the Health & Human Services building; and

WHEREAS, a new Buyer was identified and selected by the Administrative & Legislative Committee for purposes of negotiating a sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home and the Health & Human Services building, with said Buyer being Merrill Health Holdings, LLC, who, concurrently with Buyer's acquisition of the Real Property, intends to lease the property to Buyer's affiliate, Jack Pines Healthcare, LLC, who will take over operation of the Pine Crest Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Buyer owns several other skilled nursing facilities in the United States including three in Wisconsin, and has expressed its intent to continue to operate Pine Crest Nursing Home as a skilled nursing facility, with the further intent to keep both residents and employees at the facility; and

WHEREAS, Buyer has expressed its intent to lease the Health & Human Services building back to Lincoln County, and will allow Lincoln County to enter into subleases with all current tenants of the Health & Human Services building; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Crest Nursing Home and its staff has a distinguished history of providing quality long-term and recuperative health care services to the citizens of Lincoln County, and the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors believes the sale of the skilled nursing facility to Merrill Health Holdings, LLC, will allow that level of service to continue to the residents of Lincoln County; and

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

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:
June 17, 2025

Christopher J. Marlowe
Lincoln County Clerk



