



Notice of Public Meeting

COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Committee:	County Board of Supervisors
Date:	Monday, October 26, 2026
Time:	7:00 P.M.
Location:	3 rd Floor County Board Room, 407 S. 2 nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
Remote Access:	https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29456918822918?p=Z3hcx1dlejYeBKmpzY

This meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be reviewed, discussed and acted upon by the County Board of Supervisors at this meeting. Please note that deviations from the order shown may occur.

BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD MEETING	
1.	Call to Order
2.	Roll Call of County Board of Supervisors
3.	Pledge of Allegiance
4.	County Clerk Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance
5.	Approve Agenda
6.	Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
7.	Public Comment
8.	Resolution #26-10-01 A Resolution Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Local Public Health Departments
9.	Resolution #26-10-02 A Resolution Approving Health Insurance Benefit Plans for 2027
10.	Committee Chair Reports
11.	County Board Chair Report
12.	County Administrator Report
13.	Correspondence
14.	Future Agenda Items
15.	Next Meeting Date and Time: November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
16.	Adjournment

Date: October 22, 2026

Dennis Bork, Chair

By: Lisa Schmitt, County Clerk

Board Members: If unable to attend, please contact the Chair. If the Chair is unavailable, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-685-6209. If the Chair and the County Clerk are not available, please call the Administrative Coordinator at 608-685-6234.

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Public Access to the Courthouse: The South Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:00 p.m. on Monday – Thursdays and after 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. *Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.*

BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEPTEMBER SESSION
Monday, September 28, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

The Board met. Mr. Bork in the Chair.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Buffalo County Board of Supervisors: Roll call was taken and all members were present, except Mr. Brian Michaels who was excused.

Others present in person at the meeting: Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Lisa Schmitt, Ms. Carri Renchin, Ms. Stacy Lewellyn, and Mr. Tom Webb. Joining online was Ms. Julie Vollmer and others.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Clerk Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Ms. Schmitt verified that proper notice of the meeting was given in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Mr. Stanton made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Public Comment: Ms. Stacy Lewellyn with Animal Friends of Alma spoke regarding stray and abandoned cats in the county. Mr. Tom Webb gave an update on the work of Congressman Derek Van Orden.

County Board Supervisor Term Limit Length: The Committee of the Board discussed changing term limit lengths at their recent meeting and decided to bring this for discussion to the full board. The idea of having half of the districts at the next election be for a four-year term and the other half be for a two-year term was discussed. After the initial election to implement this, all supervisors would be for a 4-year term. The board members will discuss this again at a future meeting.

Resolution #26-09-01 A Resolution to Identify Delinquent 2023 Real Estate Taxes: Mr. Engfer explained that there were two properties with delinquent 2023 taxes that were brought to the recent Finance-Human Resources meeting. Mr. Charles Kopplin, Town of Naples, appeared at the Finance-Human Resources meeting and has been given a 6-month extension to pay. The sole property on the resolution is a vacant lot in the City of Mondovi owned by Mr. James Ketter. Motion made by Mr. Ruff to approve the resolution to acquire a Tax Deed on the property located in the City of Mondovi, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

Resolution #26-09-02 A Resolution Increasing the Fee for Marriage Licenses: Ms. Schmitt reported that the fee for a marriage license has not been increased since 2006. The current fee is

\$75 and it is being proposed to raise this to \$100 effective January 1, 2027. Mr. Stanton made a motion to approve the resolution raising the fee to \$100, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Carried.

Resolution #26-09-03 A Resolution Creating One Additional Economic Support Specialist Position Pursuant to Funding Authorized Under 2025 Wisconsin Act 116: Ms. Renchin explained this position and the funding available to pay for this. There will be no cost to the county. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution to create another Economic Support Specialist position, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Resolution #26-09-04 A Resolution for Approval of Changes to the Rural Functional Classification System in Buffalo County: This resolution is for approval of the updated classification of roads and streets in the county. Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Carried.

Ordinance #26-09-01 An Ordinance to Adopt Comprehensive Land Use Plan: This is a standard update to the plan which is done every 10 years per statute. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the ordinance to adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: Mr. Bork reported that the Workforce Development Board met last week. There are 18 board members in place and Buffalo County will have three members on the board. A new fiscal agent will be voted on tomorrow. The Wisconsin Counties Association conference was last week. Mr. Bork, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Weiss reported on sessions they attended.

County Board Chair Report: None.

County Administrator Report: Mr. Engfer reported as follows:

- Work will begin on the Veterans' Memorial wall on October 6th.
- There was a jail tour at the last Law Enforcement meeting. There are significant issues with windows in the jail and they will be replaced soon.
- The bill denied by Pepin County regarding fair insurance will be addressed by their board again.
- The annex building next door will be up for auction on Wednesday. The lot has been surveyed. There is a roof leak and some other issues. The long-term plan would be to make this additional parking if the county were to purchase it.
- There are vacant positions for a Deputy Sheriff, Emergency Dispatcher Detention Officer, Public Health Nurse, Economic Support Specialist, and a Social Worker.
- There will be a Finance-Human Resources meeting next week to go over updated budget numbers.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be Monday, October 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Schmitt
County Clerk



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Drafted By:
Carri Renchin/ Jamie Weaver

County Department:
DHHS

Presented Month/Year:
October 2026

Involved Committees:
Finance & Human Resources

Resolution # _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, local health departments (LHDs) are legally required to provide a core set of public health services under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 251, Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 140, and other applicable statutes; **and**,

WHEREAS, responsibilities of LHD's have expanded significantly in recent years due to emerging public health threats, workforce shortages, and increasing community health needs; **and**,

WHEREAS, LHD's rely heavily on a combination of limited state aids, categorical grants, and local property tax levy to fund these mandated services; **and**,

WHEREAS, current state funding mechanisms for public health are largely outdated, not indexed to inflation, and do not reflect the true cost delivering foundational public health services; **and**,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin currently ranks 49th lowest in state dollars dedicated to public health per person (https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/PH_funding); **and**,

WHEREAS, Public health initiatives consistently deliver high returns on investment (ROI), with recent data showing a median ROI of 14.3 to 1, often saving \$14 in medical and societal costs for every \$1 spent (<https://www.pew.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2025/07/08/public-health-initiatives-deliver-big-returns-on-investment>); **and**,

WHEREAS, reliance on short-term, restricted or competitive grant funding creates instability and limits long-term planning for LHDs; **and**,

WHEREAS, counties bear a disproportionate share of the financial burden for providing foundations public health services to Wisconsin residents, placing additional pressure on local property taxpayers; **and**,

WHEREAS, a strong and adequately funded public health system is essential to protect the health, safety, and economic stability of Wisconsin residents and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors supports continuing to build and retain public health infrastructure in Wisconsin through increased and flexible funding dedicated to local county health departments; **and**,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a funding model should:

- Provide increased General Purpose Revenue (GPR) support for LHD's
- Include automatic inflationary adjustments



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- Allow for flexible use of funds to meet local needs
- Reduce reliance on short-term, restricted, and/or competitive grants; **and,**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors recognizes public health as a core governmental function and supports sustained investment in public health services to ensure consistent service delivery across all jurisdictions throughout Wisconsin; **and,**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Buffalo County Board of Supervisors supports the Wisconsin Counties Association in advocating for policies that reduce the reliance on local property tax levy to fund foundational local public health services; **and,**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and all Wisconsin Counties.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 26th day of October, 2026.

County Clerk

ATTEST:

County Board Chairperson

Respectfully submitted:

Finance/ Human Resources Committee

Dennis Bork, Chair

Max Weiss

William Bruegger

Brian Michaels

Carol McDonough



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Drafted By:
Ana Rolbiecki

County Department:
Administration

Presented Month/Year:
October 2026

Involved Committees:
Finance & Human Resources

RESOLUTION # 26-10-02

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLANS FOR 2027

WHEREAS, Buffalo County Employee Handbook Policy 301 provides that the design and selection of health insurance plans shall be determined by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors upon recommendation of the Buffalo County Finance & Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Finance & Human Resources Committee has reviewed the County's health insurance program and recommends that Buffalo County continue to be fully self-insured and maintain the current health insurance plan design for the 2027 plan year; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Finance & Human Resources Committee has reviewed the projected 2027 health insurance budget and recommends adjustments to employer and employee premium contributions to accurately reflect anticipated funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Finance & Human Resources Committee further recommends that The Insurance Center continue as the County's Agent of Record and that the County Board approve the 2027 health insurance plans and premium structure as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the 2027 health insurance benefit plans, premium contributions, and related plan provisions as outlined in Exhibit A, and further approves The Insurance Center as the County's Agent of Record, effective January 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate County officials are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the approved health insurance plans and premium contributions for the 2027 plan year.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

Approval of this resolution authorizes continuation of the County's self-funded health insurance program for 2027. The projected employer cost for health insurance benefits is \$2,643,696, which has been incorporated into the 2027 County budget. Employee premium contributions are reflected in Exhibit A.

Adopted by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors at a duly called and noticed meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2026.



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ATTEST:

County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

Finance / Human Resources Committee:

Dennis Bork

William Bruegger

Carol McDonough

Brian Michaels

Max Weiss



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Appendix A:

Benefits	Platinum Plan	Gold HSA Plan
Calendar Year Deductible	\$1000 individual/\$2000 family (aggregate)	\$4000 individual/\$8000 family (embedded)
Annual Out-of-Pocket Max	\$3000 individual/\$6000 family (aggregate)	\$4000 individual/\$8000 family (embedded)
Preventive Health Care	100% Coverage	100% Coverage
Virtual Visits (through Recurro Health)	100% Coverage	100% Coverage
Office Visit	90% after deductible	100% after deductible
Specialist Visit	90% after deductible	100% after deductible
Lab Work	90% after deductible	100% after deductible
Urgent Care	90% after deductible	100% after deductible
ER	90% after deductible	100% after deductible
Prescriptions	90% after deductible	100% after deductible

Aggregate means the entire family deductible/out-of-pocket must be met.

Embedded means the individual deductible/out of pocket maximum must be met.

Single Gold/month:

Rates

Employee	\$192.00
County	\$988.00

Single Gold/month (Union):

Employee	\$178.00
County	\$1002.00

Family Gold/month:

Employee	\$444.00
County	\$2,270.00

Single Platinum/month:

Employee	\$256.00
County	\$1,780.00

Family Platinum/month:

Employee	\$586.00
County	\$4096.00