



IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2026

Approved

1. Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in the County Board Room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Roll call taken: Lauer, Erickson, Hanson, Swarts, Haeger, Thoms, Youngs, Francis, Mullard, Wolff appeared via zoom, Hiller. Lutgen arrived at 6:06pm. Absent: Krall and Boes.

4. Acknowledge that the meeting was properly noticed and posted:

The clerk certified that the meeting was properly posted.

5. Approve Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Lauer seconded by Mullard. All yes, carried.

6. Approve minutes of January 27, 2026:

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Mullard, seconded by Thomas. All yes, carried.

7. Public comment pursuant to Resolution #2341:

None

8. Communications:

The clerk updated the board on transitioning from credit cards to purchase cards. Multiple vendors are being contacted, the new cards will streamline purchasing, reduce late fees and offer cashback rewards.

9. Committee and Chairman's Report:

Recycling: Mullard noted the new employee is working well and has had many praises.

Economic Development: Francis noted that they did not meet but a subcommittee met earlier in the day.

Highway: Thomas noted that Item 11 on the agenda regarding Sourcewell was discussed, considering purchasing a portable traffic light at around \$63,000 for improved safety and reduced labor needs.

Land & Water Conservation: Haeger noted they had 37 applicants, 8 interviews, and an offer process underway. Local poster contest winner advancing to the state level. Annual end of year grant reports and the 2025 accomplishments will be presented at next meeting. Native plant sales are underway.

Memorial Building: Swartz noted that they have several bookings, are planning a bingo fundraiser in April. New deck with covered roof is planned once the snow melts, and restoration of the cannon is ongoing with school assistance.

Fair Board: Swartz noted that planning is progressing well for this year's fair.



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Zoning: Hanson noted that permits were down from last year but are catching up on inspections.

Airport: Hanson noted that they are working on the 10-year plan with a firm.

Forestry: Erickson noted that they did not meet this month, but stumpage revenue was strong at \$264,216 which is up from last year by \$36,526.

Human Services: Lauer noted that they held interviews for the ADRC information and assistance position. Counties Association is requesting resolutions for supporting transportation funding for roads and bridges. Counties' 20-year plan is overdue and needs updating.

Law Enforcement: Hiller noted that two dispatchers completed the Jail Academy and are now fully staffed. Difficulty hiring a deputy and may send someone to the academy. Internal camera system was updated and the 911 clock system is being replaced. Public safety agreement forwarded to Finance.

Finance: Wolff noted that financials were reviewed and recommended several resolutions on the agenda. Outlined eight priority areas for the county manager: Finish time tracking software implementation, draft formal IT strategy, process improvements for accounts payable and payroll, continue wage study implementation, follow benefits study recommendations, improve budgeting and eliminate audit weaknesses, formalize Office of Administration and the Administrative Coordinator duties under 59.19.

Chair: Youngs noted that the Register of Deeds office is awaiting state appointment of replacement, office may need to close if not resolved. Recognition of Dannette's retirement after service since 1991.

10. County Manager's Report:

Jay noted that RT Vision implementation is progressing across departments, email domain transition to .gov pending approval from state. Payroll/timecard system demos scheduled. Audit preparation is ongoing.

11. Resolution 2026-4059 Utilizing Sourcewell for Highway Procurement Process:

WHEREAS, the Iron County Highway Commissioner seeks to streamline the procurement process for highway equipment purchases; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing program, provides a no-cost software platform and competitively solicited contracts to facilitate efficient bidding and procurement for public entities; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner has conducted due diligence, including consultations with other counties utilizing Sourcewell for similar purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner has determined that participation in Sourcewell is in the best interest of Iron County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highway Commissioner is authorized to utilize Sourcewell to streamline and coordinate the procurement and bidding process for highway equipment purchases.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4059 made by Erickson, seconded by Thomas. All yes, carried.

12. Resolution 2026-4060 Purchase the Replacement of the 911 Operations Clock System:

WHEREAS, the current system supporting the 911 operations is 18 years old and is critical to the functionality and reliability of emergency communications; and



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WHEREAS, due to its age and essential role, the system must be replaced to maintain operational integrity and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement includes the system, interface, and labor costs at a total amount of \$10,722.80, as quoted by Independent Emergency Services (IES) and

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase will be provided through the Capital Improvement Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the purchase of the replacement of the 911 operations clock system at the total cost of \$10,722.80 and authorizes Emergency Management to execute all necessary arrangements to complete this purchase.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4060 made by Mullard, seconded by Hiller. All yes, carried.

13. Resolution 2026-4061 Contract with Knight Barry and Gowey Abstract to complete Title Searches for Delinquent Tax Collection Properties :

RESOLUTION 2026-4061

Resolution to Approve Contracting Title Search Services for Delinquent Tax Collection Properties

WHEREAS, the County has delinquent tax collection properties that must undergo title searches prior to being taken by tax deed; and

WHEREAS, the Deeds Office does not currently have the capacity to complete these title searches internally; and

WHEREAS, quotes have been received from Knight Barry and Gowey Abstract, and the searches will be divided between these two companies; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for these services is approximately \$8,000.00, and no budget amendment will be required; and

WHEREAS, the agreed rates are \$75 per search for Gowey Abstract and \$100 per search for Knight Barry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iron County Board of Supervisors hereby approves contracting Knight Barry and Gowey Abstract to complete the title searches for delinquent tax collection properties to be taken by tax deed, and authorizes the County Manager and Treasurers office to execute all necessary agreements to carry out this resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-4061 made by Lauer, seconded by Lutgen. All yes, carried.

14. Resolution 2026-4062 Recycling Ordinance Title 13 Chapter 1 Sec 13-1-1:

Motion to table Resolution 2026-4062 made by Mullard, seconded by Lauer. All yes, Carried.

15. Discuss/approve Cleaning Contract:

The County Manager explained that two bids were received and Finance recommended splitting contracts with the lowest bids.

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| | Team Kleen | Merritt's |
| Courthouse | \$54000 | \$62,400 |
| Highway/Forestry | \$8,400 | \$10,400 |
| Health | \$13,200 | \$5,200 |
| ADRC | \$6,600 | \$5,200 |
| Senior Center | \$3,000 | \$10,400 |



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Team Kleen was awarded Courthouse, Highway/Forestry and Senior Center. Merritts was awarded Health Department and ADRC. Motion to approve made by Thomas, seconded by Lutgen. All yes, carried.

16. Closed Session per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Public Safety Expense Reimbursement Agreement).

Motion to go into closed session at 6:36p, made by Lutgen, seconded by Lauer. Roll call taken. All yes, carried. 12 yay, 0 nay.

17. Return to Open Session to report any possible action on closed session items:

Motion to return to open session at 6:41pm made by Lauer, seconded by Thomas. Roll call taken. All yes, carried. 12 yay, 0 nay.

Motion to approve the public safety expense reimbursement agreement made by Lutgen, seconded by Hiller. All yes, carried. 12 yay, 0 nay.

18. Next Meeting Date: March 31, 2026.

19. Adjournment:

Yongs adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm.

Approved: March 31, 2026

Respectfully Submitted.
Christan Brandt, Iron County Clerk