

The following are actions of the County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on 08/17/26 and the full text is on file at the County Clerk's office, or on-line at www.co.jackson.wi.us

REGULAR SESSION

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 17, 2026

The Regular Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, August 17, 2026, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Carney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given. County Clerk, Melissa Windsor, took roll call with 17 members present and 2 absent (Supervisor Bethke and Supervisor Schmidt).

Chairman Carney asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting held June 15, 2026. Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye. Chairman Carney asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting held June 22, 2026. Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Chamberlain noted that the number on the Data Center resolution was noted as 28-08-2026 on the agenda but numbered 29-08-2026 in the packet. The Resolution number was changed to match the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-08-2026

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DATA CENTER EVALUATION PERIOD AND DIRECTING THE REVIEW OF LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS WITHIN JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS SOLELY TO FACILITATE LEGISLATIVE FACT-FINDING AND POLICY EVALUATION AND NOT TO REGULATE LAND USE OR RESTRICT DEVELOPMENT.

Executive, Finance & Personnel

Supervisor Pettibone spoke regarding the Resolution. Discussion took place. Supervisor Rolbiecki made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Discussion continued. Supervisor Laurent made a motion to amend the Resolution, adding the Industrial Development Committee to the list of entities to review matters and provide recommendations. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Voice vote was taken on the amendment with 17 present voting Aye. Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt the Resolution as amended. This was seconded by Supervisor Richardson. Supervisor Pettibone noted that the Economic Development Committee is not on the list of entities to review matters and provide recommendations, but that Ken Pearson, Economic Development and Tourism Director would be included in the entities list under number five as County Staff. Supervisor Richardson made a motion to table the Resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Anderson. More discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken on the motion to table with 10 voting No (Supervisor Kunes, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Pettibone, Supervisor Rolbiecki, Supervisor Carney, Supervisor Hoff, Supervisor Higgins, Supervisor Peloquin, Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster, and Supervisor Chamberlain) and 7 voting Aye (Supervisor Holen, Supervisor Strandberg, Supervisor Boe, Supervisor Beck, Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Laurent and Supervisor Richardson). Motion failed. Roll call vote was taken on the Resolution as amended with 17 present voting Aye. Motion passed.

JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION #: 29-08-2026

Resolution for the Public-Private Partnership Agreement between Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services and Jackson County for WI PSC Broadband Access Grant, Fiscal Year 2026 Purpose: To create a public-private partnership for the purpose of applying to the state of Wisconsin PSC Broadband Access Grant, Fiscal Year 2026.

Executive, Finance & Personnel

Economic Development Committee

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Pettibone. Ken Pearson, Economic Development and Tourism Director spoke on the Resolution. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-08-2026

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HO-CHUNK FUNDS FOR A LOCAL MATCH TO THE 7 RIVERS BUSINESS PARK INITIATIVE

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ken Pearson, Economic Development and Tourism Director spoke on the Resolution. Chris Hardie from the 7 Rivers Alliance was also present for questions. Supervisor Anderson made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and read the following ordinance and zone petitions only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2026-01

RE: Amendment to Chapter 2.01, Rules of the County Board, Appendix A of the General Code of Jackson County.

Executive, Finance & Personnel

Committee

Law Enforcement and

Emergency Management

Discussion took place. Corporation Counsel was present virtually for questions.

Supervisor Rolbiecki made a motion to table this ordinance. This was seconded by Supervisor Richardson. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2026-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, APPENDIX A OF THE JACKSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO THE ETHICS BOARD

EXECUTIVE, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this ordinance. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2026-03

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETINGS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.02 OF THE JACKSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING SECTION 2.02(E) REGARDING VIDEO LINKS FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Supervisor Higgins made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Pettibone. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken with 12 present voting Aye (Supervisor Strandberg, Supervisor Boe, Supervisor Beck, Supervisor Kunes, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Pettibone, Supervisor Rolbiecki, Supervisor Carney, Supervisor Hoff, Supervisor Higgins, Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster and Supervisor Chamberlain) and 5 present voting No (Supervisor Holen, Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Laurent, Supervisor Peloquin and Supervisor Richardson). Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2026-04

Re: Amendment to Chapter 1.35, Records Retention and Disposition
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COUNTY RECORDS RETENTION PROGRAM AND ADOPT THE WISCONSIN PUBLIC RECORDS BOARD GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

EXECUTIVE, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Discussion took place. Corporation Counsel was present virtually for questions. Supervisor Higgins made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Roll call vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye. Motion passed.

Ken Pearson, Economic Development and Tourism Director spoke on the situation with Bug Tussel regarding the bond issue and sale of materials. Discussion took place. Supervisor Kunes made a motion to hire Attolles Law to represent Jackson County. This was seconded by Supervisor Pettibone. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye. Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to approve the sale of the Bug Tussel materials. This was seconded by Supervisor Kunes. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-20

TOWN OF CLEVELAND

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-20 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jeff Wollerman on the 10th day of June 2026 to change 39.5 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-NE1/4, Section 22, T24N, R05W, Town of Cleveland, Jackson County, WI; 014-0339.0000. The request is to change 39.5 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential-Private Water & Septic System) District to construct a single-family home.

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 20th day of July 2026.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-21

TOWN OF MANCHESTER

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-21 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by J Hollands and J Crosswhite Trust on the 16th day of June 2026 to change 10.77 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the SW1/4-NE1/4, Section 08, T20N, R03W, Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI; 032-0115.0015. The request is to change 10.77 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential-Private Water & Septic System) District to construct a single-family home.

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 20th day of July 2026.

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Hoff. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-22

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-22 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Kermit Murray on the 25th day of June 2026 to change 8.5 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the SW1/4-NW1/4, Section 35, T20N, R06W, Town of Franklin Jackson County, WI; 018-0569.0010. The request is to change 8.5 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential-Private Water & Septic System) District to construct a single-family home.

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 17th day of August 2026.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Hoff. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-23

TOWN OF MANCHESTER

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-23 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Donald Nagel on the 15th day of July 2026 to change 9.29 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the SE1/4-NW1/4, Section 031, T20N, R03W, Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI; 032-0489.0005. The request is to change 9.29 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District to construct a single-family home.

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 17th day of August 2026.

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Hoff. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-25

TOWN OF BROCKWAY

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-25 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by William "Bill" Waughtal on the 17th day of July 2026 to change 45.94 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-NE1/4, Section 22, T21N, R04W, Town of Brockway Jackson County, WI; 010-0793.0010. The request is to change 16.44 acres of the A1 (Agriculture) District to the R1 (Residential-Public Water/Sewer) District AND on property located in the SW1/4-NW1/4, Section 22, T21N, R04W, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, WI; 010-0623.0010. The request is to change 29.5 acres of the A1(Agriculture) District to the R1(Residential-Public Water/Sewer) District to propose six new lots for single-family residential use.

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 17th day of August 2026.

Supervisor Hoff made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-26

TOWN OF ALBION

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-26 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by David Millis on the 16th day of July 2026 to change 26 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the SE1/4-NE1/4, Section 032, T21N, R04W, Town of Albion Jackson County, WI; 004-0731.0000. The request is to change 26 acres of the M2 (Industrial Extractive) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District to construct a single-family home.

That the zone change be Approved.

Dated this 17th day of August 2026.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

SS

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Melissa Windsor, County Clerk of Jackson County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate claim for per diem and mileage of the County Board members, and further certify that the above members were present and the record of their presence may be found in the roll call of the proceedings of the Regular Session of the County Board of Supervisors held on August 17, 2026.

Melissa Windsor, County Clerk

Jackson County, Wisconsin

Approved by:

Committee on Approval of Journal

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The Common Council met in special session at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on August 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons M. Rave, Busse, Gearing-Lancaster, and Ammann were present. Alderpersons Wussow and Peloquin attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson E. Rave was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 4, 2026 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There was one citizen in attendance remotely via Zoom meetings for agenda items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to place on file the minutes of the August 6, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to place on file the minutes of the August 13, 2026 Business Improvement District (BID) Board meeting. Motion carried.

The Department Head monthly reports were reviewed. Department heads present were Mark Nordahl, Darryl Nelson, Jarod Mayer, Travis Brown, Cara Hart, and Brad Chown.

1. The City Administrator advised an ordinance is being drafted in response to the request to prohibit smoking at Marks Field and hope to present it to Council at the September meeting.

2. The Fire Chief presented two options for disposing of the used ambulance: 1) donate the ambulance to the Jackson County Animal Shelter for transporting animals. The Chief met with the staff and they feel the vehicle would meet their needs until they can acquire a van, 2) sell it on Wisconsin Surplus.

3. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to authorize the Fire Chief to sell or donate Rescue 2, the 2015 Mercedes Sprinter ambulance, as he chooses. Motion carried.

4. The Street Superintendent advised the levee inspectors praised our levee, and he commended the Parks Department for mowing the top and bottom of the levee. The Superintendent also advised the current mechanic has expressed interest in the upcoming General Laborer position opening with the retirement of Greg Rush so they would need to hire a full-time General Laborer/Mechanic.

5. It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to approve the Street Department's request to fill the full-time General Laborer/Mechanic position. Motion carried.

6. Mayor Eddy stated we would miss Greg Rush and commended Greg for his years of service to the City Street Department.

7. The Police Chief introduced a new full-time Patrol Officer, Officer Jacob Featherly and the new K-9, Kor. Officer Featherly advised Kor is a Dutch Shepard purchased from Double Dutch Kennels in Delavan, WI and has training in narcotics detection, and they will be going to training in September where Kor will get certified in narcotic detection and also work on tracking. Chief Brown advised he is impressed with the donations that are coming in already to support the K-9 program.

8. Mayor Eddy advised the Council that he contacted the Police Chief the day after the last Council meeting at which a citizen presented concerns regarding the Police Department. The Chief did some additional investigating and determined the actions taken by the officer were what we would expect them to be. Upon further look, the Mayor had no more concerns with this particular situation. Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster advised she had contacted the citizen as well and he indicated that he had talked to the Chief and that he was satisfied.

9. The City administrator presented an overview of the first monthly report for the Make My Move talent recruitment program and the details behind each stage of the program being reported. There was one offer automatically extended to an applicant prior to the Council's action to give the Mayor and the City Administrator authority to review and extend offers.

There was lengthy discussion on the application for a TIF VI Façade Improvement Grant for the property

located at 34 South First Street. The application lists total Phase I project cost of \$288,510.00 and a request for \$144,255.00. The Historic Preservation Commission met and reviewed the application last month and recommended the Council approve the grant not to exceed grant program's maximum award of 40% of total cost of eligible expenses or \$120,000. The City Administrator advised this is a reimbursement grant so, if approved, the property owner would need to complete the work and submit for reimbursement, and the grant program is funded from tax increment dollars from the downtown TIF District which currently has annual revenues of approximately \$93,000 and it shares revenue with TIF #3 so money could be moved. He also advised that the property owner had indicated that the plan is to eventually transfer ownership of the property over to the Jackson County Historical Society which is a tax exempt entity and would not pay property taxes. The City Administrator stated it was a great project, and they have beautiful plans for that building and programming and ways of driving traffic in to our community and the downtown and it will be a huge asset for the City. He also advised that financial assistance at the requested level would typically have a developer's agreement that would spell out what the developer would do and in turn what the city would do, and he recommended an agreement be drafted between the City and the property owner to outline any stipulations the Council may want to place on the grant. Possible stipulations discussed included prohibiting ownership transfer to a non-profit for 5 to 10 years to allow time for the increment to reimburse the TID.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to have the City Administrator to draft a developer's agreement with stipulations for consideration at the September Common Council meeting along with the consideration of the approval of a TIF VI Façade Improvement Grant for the maximum of 40% of total eligible costs for Phoenix Properties. Motion failed for lack of quorum 5-0-1 with Alderperson Peloquin abstaining.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve the vouchers for July 2026 Check #77238 - #77361 totaling \$661,807.98. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Busse to approve the City Treasurer's Report for July 2026. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to approve the Revenue & Expense Report for July 2026. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:43pm.

A. Brad Chown

City Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on **September 21st, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** on the following:

- **CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST #2026-28** as requested by Ron and Sue Micheal, on property located in the NW1/4-NW1/4, Section 03, T22N, R03W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI; 002-0206.0000. The request is to operate a short-term rental in the R1 (Residential-Public Water/Sewer) District.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2026-29** as requested by Lawrence "Larry" Graf on property located in the NW1/4-SE1/4, Section 07, T20N, R01W, Town of Knapp, Jackson County, WI; 028-0108.0000. The request is to change 4 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R6 (Rural-Residential) District to propose one new lot for single-family residential use.

The petitioner or their agent must attend the County's Public Hearing.

Jackson County Zoning Department

307 Main Street, Courthouse

Black River Falls WI 54615

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This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the proposed changes, and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. The decision of the Committee to either grant, conditionally grant or to deny any conditional use or subdivision request will be finalized at this public hearing. The Committee, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the full County Board for their final decision to either grant, conditionally grant, or to deny any proposed zone changes. Should you desire more information regarding the proposals, please call or visit the Jackson County Zoning Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0220.

A Notice of this Petition will be forwarded to the Town Board. The Town officials will discuss this request and return a "TOWNSHIP POSITION" form. Thus, the Petitioner SHOULD contact the Town Chairman to explain his/her proposal and answer their questions. An effort has also been made to notify adjoining landowners of the proposal/s, so that they may contact the Town Chairman for more information and/or voice their concerns. To ensure that those interested have been notified, please share this notice with your neighbors. CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN MEETING DATE and TIME. Published in The Banner Journal on August 26th and September 2nd, 2026. Dated this 19th day of August, 2026.

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