

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

May 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

District Office, 301 N. 4th Street

The Board will convene in Open Session at approximately 6:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting.

The Board operates under Robert’s Rules of Order for Small Assembly.

Our VISION: In the School District of Black River Falls we create an individualized path to future success for every student through the consistent practices of dedicated educators and meaningful partnerships with families and our community.

The meeting will be livestreamed via the School District YouTube channel. You may click this link to view it: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SDofBRF/live>, or you may go to www.brf.org and open the tab labeled Live Streaming/Live Stream Board Meetings. The live stream will begin immediately following the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The timing will depend on how many individuals sign up to address the Board.

01. Call to Order
02. Pledge of Allegiance
03. Roll Call: Alexander Woods, Micaela Conlon-Bue , Casey Wyss, Adam Bantell, Nick Helstad, Jesse Susa, Kaitlyn Cunningham
- 04.Verification of Public Notice
05. Public Comment
06. Community Engagement:
Parents, students and the community are effectively engaged in the educational process and feel connected and proud to be a part of the School District of Black River Falls.

- 6.1 Focus on Purpose: K-12 Physical Education/ Health & 9-12 Social Studies
- 6.2 School Social Worker Report
- 6.3 Homeless Grant Report
- 6.4 Deferred Expulsion Report
- 6.5 Stronger Connections Grant Report
- 6.6 Tiger Investment Club Annual Report
- 6.7 Gifts/Grants
- 6.8 Review/Revise Core Agenda
- 6.9 Results of School Perception Survey

07. Our People:
We have a reputation of excellence that helps attract and retain highly qualified staff. We value and appreciate employees who apply their skills and experience to meeting our high expectations and fulfilling our district’s vision.

- 7.1 Employment Recommendations
- 7.2 Employee Handbook Language Approvals

08. Student Success:
All students will increase their achievement and attain annual personal growth goals in order to reach their highest potential.

- 8.1 Attendance Considerations for Possible Retention in Kindergarten
- 8.2 Open Enrollment Applications

09. Finance & Facilities
We ensure efficient, innovative, and effective use of District resources to promote collaboration and inspire excellence in teaching and learning.

- 9.1 Monthly Expenditures
- 9.2 Budget Review – 2025-2026 Fiscal Year
- 9.3 Policy Committee – Second Reading of Policies 1213/3213/4213 Student Supervision and Welfare, 8462 Child Abuse & Neglect

10. Reports
- 10.1 Meeting Minutes
- 10.2 District Administrators Report
- 10.3 WASB/Other
- 10.4 Conference/Workshop Attendance

11. Future Agenda Item Identification
12. Adjournment

“This is the initial draft of the agenda sent to the media 10 days prior to the board meeting. Changes may occur to this draft. Please review the most up-to-date copy of the agenda on the District’s website at www.brf.org.”

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WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY
BANK FIRST, N.A.
Plaintiff,

vs.
BRADLEY D. DITTY
JOHN/JANE DOE DITTY
(an Unknown Spouse of Bradley D. Ditty)
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN CREDIT UNION
Defendants.

Case No. 25-CV-125
Hon. Daniel S. Diehn
Br. 2

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above captioned action on January 23, 2026, in the amount of \$40,824.72, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: June 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: in the main lobby of the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615

DESCRIPTION: Lots Six and Seven, Block Twenty-three (23), in Knapp and Williamson’s Plat of the Village (now City) of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, together with the adjacent portion of the North One-half of Lincoln Street lying South of the above described

lands and premises as vacated in 1967; Except lands conveyed to the City of Black River Falls in Volume 33 of Records, Page 328, Document No. 271784.

Tax Key: 206-0656.0000 and 206-0658.0000

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 232 S 1st St. Black River Falls, WI 54615

TERMS: Down payment required **at the time of Sheriff’s Sale** in the amount of 10% of the successful bid by cash or certified check; balance of sale price due within ten business days of confirmation of sale by the Court, together with the applicable transfer fee and cost of recording the deed, all payable to the Clerk of Court of the above county. Property to be sold as a whole ‘as is’ and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest.

/s/ Sheriff Duane Waldera
or Designee
Jackson County, Wisconsin

Plaintiff’s Attorney:
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
COLE W. SCHULTZ

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 26-PR-15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 07-19-1992 and date of death 03-27-26 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of 326 Sterling Ave, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

3. The application will be heard at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207, before Elizabeth Storlie, Probate Registrar, on May 26, 2026, at 9:00AM Hearing will be held via Zoom only, Join Zoom Meeting <https://wicourts.zoom.us/j/8917692965?omn=81040455845>
Meeting ID: 891 769 2965
By phone, call the following numbers: 312-626-6799
Enter Meeting ID: 891 769 2965

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is July 31, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-0286 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Elizabeth E. Storlie
Probate Registrar
Feb. 5, 2026

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Black River Falls, WI 54615
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Bar Number: 1033727

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The following are actions of the County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on 04/21/26 and a full text is on file at the County Clerk’s office, or on-line at www.co.jackson.wi.us
STATUTORY SESSION of the JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 21, 2026

The Statutory Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson.

County Clerk, Melissa Windsor, took roll call with all 19 members present.
District 1 – Brian Bethke
District 2 – David Holen
District 3 – Hoyt Strandberg
District 4 – Daryl Boe
District 5 – Michael Beck
District 6 – Mike Kunes
District 7 – Russell Anderson
District 8 – Max Hart
District 9 – Bill Laurent
District 10 – Nicole Pettibone
District 11 – Garth Rolbiecki
District 12 – Ron Carney
District 13 – Dale Hoff
District 14 – John Higgins
District 15 – Sarah Peloquin
District 16 – Desiree Gearing-Lancaster
District 17 – Reed Richardson
District 18 – Jerry Schmidt
District 19 – Ed Chamberlain

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
Deputy County Clerk Mary Johnson administered the Oath of Office to the elected Supervisors.
ELECTIONS
Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson went over the voting procedure for elected offices. Sam Bach-Hanson opened nominations.
Chairperson – Supervisor Hart nominated Ron Carney. Supervisor Peloquin nominated Bill Laurent. Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:
Ron Carney – 12
Bill Laurent – 7

Ron Carney was declared the winner of the Chairman position.
1st Vice-Chairperson - Supervisor Higgins nominated Ed Chamberlain. Supervisor Peloquin nominated Bill Laurent. Supervisor Hart nominated Mike Kunes. Chairman Carney asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Carney closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:
Ed Chamberlain – 6
Bill Laurent – 5
Mike Kunes – 8

There was no majority. Ballots were cast 2nd time with:

Ed Chamberlain – 7
Bill Laurent – 4
Mike Kunes – 8
There was no majority. Ballots were cast 3rd time with:
Ed Chamberlain – 9
Bill Laurent – 3
Mike Kunes – 7
There was no majority. Ballots were cast 4th time with:
Ed Chamberlain – 14
Bill Laurent – 1
Mike Kunes – 4
Ed Chamberlain was declared the winner of the 1st Vice-Chairman position.
2nd Vice-Chairperson – Supervisor Chamberlain nominated John Higgins. Supervisor Rolbiecki nominated Max Hart. Supervisor Peloquin nominated Bill Laurent. Chairman Carney asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Carney closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:
John Higgins – 4
Max Hart – 9
Bill Laurent – 6
There was no majority. Ballots were cast 2nd time with:
John Higgins – 4
Max Hart – 8
Bill Laurent – 7
There was no majority. Ballots were cast 3rd time with:
John Higgins – 2
Max Hart – 9
Bill Laurent – 8
There was no majority. Ballots were cast 4th time with:
John Higgins – 2
Max Hart – 9
Bill Laurent – 8
There was no majority. Ballots were cast 5th time with:
John Higgins – 1
Max Hart – 10
Bill Laurent – 8
Max Hart was declared the winner of the 2nd Vice-Chairman position.
Highway Committee - 5 members – 3 elected - 2 appointed
For the three elected Highway Committee positions Supervisor Higgins nominated Ed Chamberlain. Supervisor Peloquin nominated Bill Laurent. Supervisor Hart nominated Mike Kunes. Supervisor Kunes nominated John Higgins. Supervisor Laurent nominated Mike Beck. Chairman Carney asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Carney closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:
Ed Chamberlain – 12
Bill Laurent – 8
Mike Kunes – 11
John Higgins – 7
Mike Beck – 16
Dave Holen – 1
Scattering – 2
Mike Beck, Ed Chamberlain and Mike Kunes were declared winners of the 3 Highway Committee positions.

Chairman Carney asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Jackson County Board Proclamation
Mental Health Month
May, 2026

By the Jackson County Board of Supervisors
DHHS Committee Executive, Finance and Personnel Committee
Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster made a motion to adopt this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Jessica Stinson, Behavioral Health Manager, spoke and was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

National Therapy Animal Day Proclamation
Attest to: s/Melissa Windsor
s/Jeff Amo Jackson County Board Chairman Jackson County Clerk
Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Proclamation
Jackson County Home and Community Education
90th Anniversary and Education Week
s/Jeff Amo Jackson County Board of Supervisors Chairman
s/Cheryl Gabrielson Jackson County HCE President
Adopted on April 21, 2026

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster. Cheryl Gabrielson HCE President spoke and was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to read the following zone petitions one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-11
TOWN OF CLEVELAND
REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE
Petition #2026-11 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Emert Family Farm on the 24th day of February 2026 to change 3 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-NE1/4, Section 06, T24N, R05W, Town of Cleveland, Jackson County, WI; 014-0082.0000. The request is to change 3 acres of the A2 (Forestry & Limited Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District to construct a single-family home with future possibilities of having limited livestock (chickens).

That the zone change be approved, with conditions.
Dated this 20th day of April 2026.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Chamberlain. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

PETITION #2026-12
TOWN OF MELROSE
REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

Petition #2026-12 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Steven Gilbertson on the 1st day of March, 2026 to change 6 Acres of the Official Zoning Map on the following described lands:

On property located in the SE1/4-SW1/4, Section 03, T19N, R05W, Town of Melrose, Jackson County, WI; 034-0035.0005. The request is to change 6 acres of the A1 (Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District to construct of a single-family home.
That the zone change be approved, with conditions.
Dated this 20th day of April 2026.

Supervisor Kunes made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Ed Davis, President of the Jackson County Historical Society gave a brief presentation regarding the Historical Society activities.
Chairman Carney mentioned that the Clerk of Court Annual Report was included in the packets. Clerk of Court, Jean Sahr spoke on the report.

Corporation Counsel Sam Bach-Hanson stated that the Highway Position ballots should not be secret ballots. Board members then cast new ballots with the following results:

Ed Chamberlain – 15
Mike Kunes – 15
Mike Beck – 17
Bill Laurent – 5
John Higgins – 4
Dave Holen – 1

Mike Beck, Ed Chamberlain and Mike Kunes were declared winners of the 3 Highway Committee positions.

Chairman Carney and County Clerk Melissa Windsor both spoke on upcoming events for Board members.

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
JSS
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 Statutory Session of the County Board of Supervisors held on April 21, 2026.

Melissa Windsor, County Clerk
Jackson County, Wisconsin
Approved by:

Committee on Approval of Journal
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE NAME CHANGE OF
Amiah Ayako Chamness

Notice of Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV36
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Amiah Ayako Chamness
To: Amaiah Ayako Thundercloud
Birth Certificate: Amiah Ayako Chamness

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge’s Name: Honorable Anna L. Becker
Place: Circuit Court Branch 1, 307 Main St.,

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Black River Falls, WI 54615

Date: June 26, 2026
Time: 10:30 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-0250 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

NOTICE TO NEWS-PAPER AND PETITIONER: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the following newspaper: Banner Journal.

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The Common Council met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on May 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Busse, Gearing-Lancaster, Wussow, Ammann, and Pelouquin were present. Alderpersons M. Rave and Dougherty attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson E. Rave was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Pelouquin, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Special Common Council “Old Business” meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Wussow, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Special Common Council “New Business” meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There were four citizens in attendance for agenda items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 Airport Commission meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Wussow, to place on file the minutes of the April 27, 2026 Utility Commission meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Busse, to approve the application for a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License from the Jackson County Agricultural Society for the 2026 Jackson County Fair July 28, 2026, through Au-

gust 2, 2026, at the Jackson County Fair Park using the 2026 map. Motion carried.

Jackson County Facilities Director Rick Poff presented the County’s request for a mid-block crosswalk on North 3rd Street using Alternative #1 from the Crosswalk Study that was conducted by SEH, Inc. There was consensus that the City would consider covering half the cost to establish the crosswalk and would act on that once the County has obtained estimates.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, to approve Jackson County’s request for a mid-block crosswalk on North Third Street with the requirements they use longitudinal bar pavement markings, maintain it, and meet all other guidelines and regulations outlined in the Crosswalk Study from SEH, Inc. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Pelouquin, to approve **ORDINANCE 903** – An ordinance creating Section 11.04(4)(e) of the Code of Ordinances regarding garbage & rubbish collection. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 904 – an ordinance repealing and recreating Section 5.10(2) of the Code of Ordinances regarding fire inspections was presented – 1st reading.

The Mayor’s appointments for 2026-27 Boards and Committees was reviewed. It was noted the term for a newly appointed Plan Commission member was listed incorrectly and should be changed to reflect a term ending 2029.

It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty, to approve the Mayor’s appointments to

Boards and Committees for 2026-27 as presented with the change discussed previously. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Pelouquin, seconded by Alderperson Wussow, to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:36pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ERIC RICHARD ROUSH
DOD: 10/30/2024

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Administration (Formal Administration)

Case No. 26PR15
A Petition for was Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

The decedent, with date of birth 03/31/1972 and date of death 10/30/2024 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2952 West Pine Hill Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Petition be heard at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, before Honorable Daniel Diehn, Court Official, on June 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. Notice by publication is required. Publication of this notice is notice to any interested persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due

to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-0208 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/ Daniel S. Diehn
Circuit Court Judge
May 5, 2026

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Notice of Liquor License Applications Town of Millston - June 2026

The following have applied for “Class B” Liquor and “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverages in the Town of Millston:

1. Mary Bunde, P.O. BOX 571, Millston, WI 54643 - BUNDE’S BAR, W6511 US Hwy 12, Millston, WI 54643

2. Gene Hermanson, 5525 Marsha Drive, Madison, WI 53705 - GENE’S TRAILS END, W6711 US Hwy 12, Millston, WI 54643

3. Tina M. Dubord, 24248 Atlas Rd, Warrens, WI 54666 - TK’S 400 CLUB, W6621 US Hwy 12, Millston, WI 54643

4. Cindy Hanson, 1463 Circle Drive, Menasha, WI 54952 - THE BUCK STOPS HERE SALOON & GRILL, LLC., W6563 US Hwy 12, Millston, WI 54643

The following has applied for a “Class A” Liquor and “Class A” Fermented Malt Beverage License in the Town of Millston:

• John Schaitel, 6141 State Hwy 16, Sparta, WI 54656 - MILLSTON KWIK STOP, LLC, W6575 County Road O, Millston, WI 54643

The following has applied for a “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage License in the Town of Millston:

• Marie Harkner, 2077 Co Road E, Warrens, WI 54666 - SPORTSMAN’S CLUB, N3302 Sportsman Road, Millston, WI 54643

The Town of Millston Board will review and take action on these applications at its June 10th, 2026 Meeting.

Dawn M. Wojtyla,
Clerk

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