MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Holewinski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers and emergency responders, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Supervisor Condado.

Members Present: Collette Sorgel, Sandy Hamburg, Kyle Timmons, Robert Briggs, Debbie Condado, Russ Fisher, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Robb Jensen, Michael Tautges, Lenore Lopez, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Andrea Sheppard, Mary Roth Burns, Kyle Kilbourn, Matthew Campbell, Scott Holewinski, Greg Oettinger and Linnaea Newman.
Absent: Hess
Student Representative: Deede, Deede

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2026 MEETING

Motion/Second: Cushing/Fried to accept the Minutes of the September 15, 2026 meeting. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Verizon/Frontier Service Discussion – Supervisor Cushing reported that Frontier is discontinuing the use of copper wire and this will impact the phone service and 911 services for many residents. Patty Forester of Hazelhurst spoke regarding the impact, and presented the instructions that she was given. Cushing stated that there are a lot of elderly that only have hard phone lines and not cell phones. Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation, Tony Pharo stated that they have been working on this issue since August. Pharo reported that he has been working with Senator Baldwin's Office. Pharo explained that he understands that they will start to pull lines November 6th, but are willing to work with people who do not have another alternative. Pharo noted that they can reach out to Baldwin's Office and they will work with people on a case by case basis. Angie Schrieber, District Coordinator for Mary Felzkowski's Office, stated that this is something that they are working on this as well, trying to get answers. Almekinder reported that he also got a letter and signed up for Starlink.
- 2025 Annual Financial Report – Anthony Cervini of Sikich presented the annual audit for Oneida County, stating that Sikich completed the audit for 2025. Cervini noted that this was a clean unmodified audit. Cervini reported that the County's net position as of December 31, 2025 was $107.3 Million. Cervini explained that $74.8 Million was invested in Capital Assets, $1.9 Million was restricted for specific purposes, and $30.6 Million is unrestricted. Cervini listed the total revenues for the County at $71.2 Million, with the total expense at $65.2 Million. Cervini noted that the Counties net position increased by $6 Million for 2025. Cervini noted that the General Fund ended with $28.1 Million; $1.9 Million in non-spendable fund balance, $3.4 Million for Continuing Appropriations and $22.8 Million as unrestricted/stabilization fund.
- Kathan Lake District Petition – Jensen reported that the UW Extension Committee met and felt the Kathan Lake Disctrict met all of the criteria for a Lake Disctrict. Jensen explained that this will be presented back to the County Board as a Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes)

- Sign attendance form at the podium – Cheryl Shultz of Great Bass Lake, spoke regarding Shoreline Zoning. Carol Warden of Woodruff spoke in support of the amendment regarding Shoreland Zoning. Tom Wiensch of Pelican spoke regarding clearcutting and the shoreline. Barry Seidel spoke stating he is not in support to an amendment. Tom Burrell of Hazelhurst spoke regarding the proposed Shoreland Ordinance, noting that the language is obscure and we need to close the loopholes. Kathleen Cooper of Rhinelander spoke regarding the language in the Shoreland Ordinance. Stephanie Burrell of Hazelhurst spoke in support of the amendments. Eric Rempala of Irma spoke regarding the process. James Rein of Minocqua spoke regarding the amendment to the ordinance, stating this is about personal preference and adjoining Counties differ. Pat O'Grady of Rhinelander spoke she opposes the Resolution as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 60 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center Committee to Accept a Donation from Greg Stoever.

Resolution to Accept Donation from Greg Stoever.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statue s 59.52(19) requires that the County Board approves all donations to the county; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County Resolution #37-2019 adopted the Oneida County Acceptance of Monetary, Non-Monetary and In-Kind Donation Policy; and
WHEREAS, The ADRC was notified on August 25th, 2026 that a donation totaling $3,000 will be made to the ADRC of Oneida County by Greg Stoever; and
WHEREAS, The donation requires the specific use of funds provided is for general use of the ADRC and
WHEREAS, The ADRC provides essential services to the adult, aging and disabled citizens of Oneida County and the donation would benefit the citizens of Oneida County; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that Oneida County accepts the generous donation from Greg Stoever; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the Oneida County ADRC Committee will approve use of any and all funds provided through this donation for use how the ADRC seems best fit.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the ADRC Committee this 22nd day of June, 2026

Offered and passage moved by: Patricia Raske, Melanie Fralick, Sandy Hamburg, Linnaea Newman, Maureen Rodiczak

Resolution # 61 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Excess County Lands part of MI-1628-5 to Braden J. Hartzheim and Stephanie L. Hartzheim.

Resolution to convey excess county lands to Hartzheim.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing

roads crossing the NE ¼ - SW ¼ of Section 3, Township 39 North, Range 5 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 64 of Deeds on Page 136, Document # 106345, recorded on December 7th, 1939; and,

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner(s) listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip(s) of land described above and adjacent to Back Bay Rd, be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owner(s) of the land, and they have paid the $250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Minocqua has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner(s), provided the Town of Minocqua does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner(s), and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the $30 deed recording fee(s), to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description(s) noted below in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 6th day of October, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lenore Lopez, Kyle Timmons, Matthew Campbell

Resolution # 62 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed County Property CA-163-8 to Ronald W. Collins.

Resolution to convey tax foreclosed county real estate to Ronald Collins.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the tax foreclosed real estate in Judgement Document Number 874792 recorded on September 2nd, 2026 in the Register of Deeds office, listed and identified as CA-163-8 in Exhibit B listed below has been offered for direct sale and has followed the procedures required in Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 75 Right of Former Owner to Repurchase and Chapter 18 Preference to Former Owner of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,

WHEREAS, Oneida County was awarded title to tax parcel of CA-163-8 on August 10th, 2026, due to non-payment of Real Estate taxes, by prior owner Ronald Collins. Ronald Collins has declared his Preference to Former Owner interest in purchasing this parcel back from Oneida County; as following Wisconsin State Statutes and General Code of Oneida County, for the amount owed in taxes, plus any costs and expenses incurred since August 10th, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Ronald Collins was provided a letter from the Land Information Office. This letter, provided here as Exhibit A, provides the timeline, instructions, and approximate cost required for Ronald Collins to purchase the property back.

WHEREAS, General Code of Oneida County chapter 18 requires that the former owner must pay back all owed taxes, plus any costs and expenses to the County before the first advertisement for public sale of the property which would be November 16, 2026, published in the legal section of The Northwoods River News; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee has determined that the requirements to sell the property directly to Ronald Collins, the former owner of parcel as mentioned above, have been met in full; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the sale of the parcel as listed in Exhibit B, to Ronald Collins; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit B to Ronald Collins, and the Board authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the $30 deed recording fee to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the

County has in the description noted below in Exhibit B.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 6th day of October, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lenore Lopez, Kyle Timmons, Matthew Campbell

Resolution # 63 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to Update and Existing Access License to Grant Todd and Renee Seidel Access Across County Lands in the Town of Cassian.

Resolution to update an existing access license to grant Todd & Renee Seidel access across County lands in the Town of Cassian, Oneida County.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, an access license had previously been granted by the Oneida County Board to Todd & Renee Seidel, the owners of the land in the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 14, T37N, R7E, Town of Cassian for access across County lands located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 13, T37N, R7E, Town of Cassian; and
WHEREAS, Todd & Renee Seidel paid a $60 land value, $500 administration fee, and $30 recording fee to obtain the access license; and
WHEREAS, the license had been recorded as Document #867937 on December 30, 2025 by the Oneida County Register of Deeds; and
WHEREAS, it was determined that Oneida County has a need to operate, maintain, and use an existing access road and trail crossing lands owned by Todd & Renee Seidel in the NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 13, T37N, R7E, Town of Cassian; and
WHEREAS, the updated access license would provide Oneida County legal access across private lands described above for forestry and recreation purposes and provide Todd & Renee Seidel legal access across County lands described above; and
WHEREAS, the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee has reviewed the aforementioned access license modification and determined that no significant negative impact would result to County Forest land or its users by granting an access license; so
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to issue the attached updated access license to Todd & Renee Seidel, thereby replacing the existing access license recorded as Document #867937; and
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon recording of the updated access license, the County shall refund half of the original land value, administration fee and recording fee assessments ($295.00) to Todd & Renee Seidel.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee this 6th day of October, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Robert Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lenore Lopez

Resolution # 64 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to approve the County Conservationist to Apply for a WDNR Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and
WHEREAS, the quality of these waters is being threatened by aquatic invasive species; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies; and
WHEREAS, education is one of the keys to increasing public awareness as to the adverse impacts of aquatic invasive species on the quality of our waters and our local economies; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into new waters, and control, reduce, or eliminate aquatic invasive species already present in some bodies of water; and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will continue to increase public awareness of the aquatic invasive species problem by implementing planning and prevention activities to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species; and
WHEREAS, 75% of the cost of such planning and prevention activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and
WHEREAS, the LWCD must apply to the DNR for the purpose of a "Clean Boats Clean Waters" grant.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LWCD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application, enter into a grant agreement with the DNR, submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement as appropriate, submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Conservationist shall sign the grant application and any grant contracts as Oneida County's designated agent.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LWCD will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 12th day of October, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Linnaea Newman, Levi Rhody

Resolution # 65 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to approve the County Conservationist to Apply for a WDNR Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Grant.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Lake Monitoring and Protection Network Grant.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and
WHEREAS, the quality of these waters is being threatened by aquatic invasive species; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies; and
WHEREAS, education is one of the keys to increasing public awareness as to the adverse impacts of aquatic invasive species on the quality of our waters and our local economies; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into new waters, and control, reduce, or eliminate aquatic invasive

species already present in some bodies of water; and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will continue to increase public awareness of the aquatic invasive species problem by implementing planning and prevention activities to control and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species; and
WHEREAS, 100% of the cost of such planning and prevention activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and
WHEREAS, the LWCD must apply to the DNR for the purpose of a "Lake Monitoring & Protection Network" grant.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LWCD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application, enter into a grant agreement with the DNR, submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement as appropriate, submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Conservationist shall sign the grant application and any grant contracts as Oneida County's designated agent.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LWCD will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 12th day of October, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Linnaea Newman, Levi Rhody

Resolution # 66 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to approve the County Conservationist to Apply for a WDNR Surface Water Education Grant.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Education Grant.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our water resources to its citizens and local economies, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County also recognizes the need for a workable plan that will protect our healthy watersheds and high quality waters, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes that the need for educational opportunities for adults and youth are necessary to heighten awareness about protecting and enhancing the land and water resources they enjoy daily, and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) also recognizes that promoting conservation through a workable communication plan and an up-to-date website will allow the Department to communicate with the public in a timely and accurate manner, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will hire an LTE 'Conservation Project Assistant', to accomplish the above activities, and
WHEREAS, 67 percent of the cost of accomplishing those educational activities will be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and
WHEREAS, LWCD must apply for a grant through the WDNR "Surface Water Education" grant program to receive funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to apply for 67% funding assistance for such programming under the "Surface Water Planning" grant program from the WDNR.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist, to submit an application for a one-year grant to the WDNR not to exceed $5,000.00 in grant funds for a communication plan and website update project, to sign documents and take the necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved education grant, and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project date completion.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to meet the County's 33% share of the financial obligations of this river planning grant, through the assignment of LWCD personnel to work on and complete the project, including timely publication of the results.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if funding is not secured from the WDNR, the project will not occur.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee this 12th day of October 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Linnaea Newman, Levi Rhody

Resolution # 67 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to approve the County Conservationist to Apply for a WDNR Surface Water Restoration Grant – Town of Stella Stream Crossing.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Restoration Grant- Town of Stella Stream Crossing.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 830 streams, of which 192 miles are classified as trout streams, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our water resources to its citizens and local economies, and
WHEREAS, identifying, prioritizing, and implementing stream crossing projects are key to increasing the resiliency of Oneida County watersheds, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality, and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will implement activities under objective1E- reduce erosion caused by road stream crossings, in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and
WHEREAS, up to 75% percent of the cost of accomplishing these goals and activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and
WHEREAS, LWCD must apply for a grant through the "WDNR Surface Water Management" grant program to receive funding.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to apply for up to 75% funding assistance for such activities under the "Surface Water Management" grant program from the WDNR.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist, to submit an application for a one-year grant to the WDNR not to exceed $25,000.00 in grant funds for a stream crossing restoration project, to sign documents and take the necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved surface water restoration grant, and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project date completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to meet the County's 25% share of the financial obligations of this surface water restoration grant, through the assignment of LWCD personnel to work on and complete the project, including timely publication of the results.

Approved by the Conservation and UW Extension Education Committee this 12th day of October, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Linnaea Newman, Levi Rhody

Resolution # 68 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to approve the County Conservationist to Apply for a WDNR Surface Water Restoration Grant – Town of Newbold Stream Crossing.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Restoration Grant- Town of Newbold Stream Crossing.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 830 streams, of which 192 miles are classified as trout streams, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our water resources to its citizens and local economies, and
WHEREAS, identifying, prioritizing, and implementing stream crossing projects are key to increasing the resiliency of Oneida County watersheds, and
WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality, and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will implement activities under objective1E- reduce erosion caused by road stream crossings, in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and
WHEREAS, up to 75% percent of the cost of accomplishing these goals and activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and
WHEREAS, LWCD must apply for a grant through the "WDNR Surface Water Management" grant program to receive funding.Newman
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to apply for up to 75% funding assistance for such activities under the "Surface Water Management" grant program from the WDNR.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist, to submit an application for a one-year grant to the WDNR not to exceed $25,000.00 in grant funds for a stream crossing restoration project, to sign documents and take the necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved surface water restoration grant, and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project date completion.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to meet the County's 25% share of the financial obligations of this surface water restoration grant, through the assignment of LWCD personnel to work on and complete the project, including timely publication of the results.

Approved by the Conservation and UW Extension Education Committee this 12th day of October, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Linnaea Newman, Levi Rhody

Resolution # 69 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to approve the County Conservationist to Apply for a WDNR Surface Water Restoration Grant – Town of Crescent Stream Crossing.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Restoration Grant- Town of Crescent Stream Crossing.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 830 streams, of which 192 miles are classified as trout streams, and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our water resources to its citizens and local economies, and

WHEREAS, identifying, prioritizing, and implementing stream crossing projects are key to increasing the resiliency of Oneida County watersheds, and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will implement activities under objective1E- reduce erosion caused by road stream crossings, in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, up to 75% percent of the cost of accomplishing these goals and activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and

WHEREAS, LWCD must apply for a grant through the "WDNR Surface Water Management" grant program to receive funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to apply for up to 75% funding assistance for such activities under the "Surface Water Management" grant program from the WDNR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Conservationist, to submit an application for a one-year grant to the WDNR not to exceed $25,000.00 in grant funds for a stream crossing restoration project, to sign documents and take the necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved surface water restoration grant, and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project date completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LWCD is authorized to meet the County's 25% share of the financial obligations of this surface water restoration grant, through the assignment of LWCD personnel to work on and complete the project, including timely publication of the results.

Approved by the Conservation and UW Extension Education Committee this 12th day of October, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Linnaea Newman, Levi Rhody

Resolution # 70 – 2026 / Rezone Petition # 12 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #1-B Forestry to District #04 Residential and Farming on property described as SE NE, SW NE, SE NW, SW NW, Section 5 and SE NE, Section 6, T37N, R6E, PINs CA-63, CA-64, CA-67, CA-68 and CA-80, Town of Cassian.

Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee having considered Rezone Petition #12-2025 (copy attached), which was filed May 29, 2026, to amend the Master Zoning District Document and

the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon September 30, 2026, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:
To rezone land from District #1-B Forestry to District #04 Residential and Farming on property described as the SE NE, SW NE, SE NW, SW NW, Section 5, and SE NE, Section 6, T37N, R6E, PINs CA-63, CA-64, CA-67, CA-68 and CA-80, Town of Cassian.
And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:
WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the rezone for potential development of approximately five (5) acre home sites; zoning usage consistent with zoning across McCormick Lake Road and Hughitt Lake Road; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Cassian approved the request (copy attached); and
WHEREAS, On September 30, 2026, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and there was one (1) public comment received with a petition with approximately 62 signatures against the proposed change, one (1) person spoke in favor, two (2) people spoke against, and no one spoke in ambiguity of the proposed changes; and
WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.86(F) of the Oneida County Zoning & Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the standards have been met. The Planning & Development Committee recommends passage.
NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #12-2025:
Section 1:Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.
Section 2:The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.
Section 3:If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 4:Rezone Petition #12-2025 is hereby adopted amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, by changing the zoning district classification from District #1-B Forestry to District #04 Residential and Farming on property described as follows:
District #1-B Forestry to District #04 Residential and Farming on property described as the SE NE, SW NE, SE NW, SW NW, Section 5, and SE NE, Section 6, T37N, R6E, PINs CA-63, CA-64, CA-67, CA-68 and CA-80, Town of Cassian, Town of Cassian.
The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #12-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Cassian Town Clerk.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Michael Tautges

Resolution # 71 – 2026 / Rezone Petition # 13 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #02 Family Residential to District #04

Residential and Farming on property described as NW NE, Section 35, T37N, R8E, PIN NE-387 and part of PIN NE-370-1, Town of Newbold.

Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee having considered Rezone Petition #03-2026 (copy attached), which was filed July 1, 2026, to amend the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon August 19, 2026, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

To rezone land from District #02 Single Family Residential to District #04 Residential and Farming on property described as NW NE, Section 35, T37N, R8E, PIN NE-387 and part of PIN NE-370-1, Town of Newbold.

And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the rezone to allow homestead with a hobby farm. Farm animals are not allowed or limited in single family; and

WHEREAS, another property owner whose property is included in the rezone is in favor of the request; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newbold approved the request (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, On August 19, 2026, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and there was 1 public comment received, 0 people spoke in favor, 0 people spoke against, and 0 people spoke in ambiguity of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.86(F) of the Oneida County Zoning & Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the standards have been met. The Planning & Development Committee recommends passage.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #03-2026:

Section 1:Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portion thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2:The ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3:If any claims, provisions, or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4:Rezone Petition #03-2026 is hereby adopted amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, by changing the zoning district classification from District #02 Single Family Residential to District #04 Residential and Farming on property described as follows:

NW NE, Section 35, T37N, R8E, PIN NE-387 and part of PIN NE-370-1, Town of Newbold.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #03-2026 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Newbold Town Clerk.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 10th day of September, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Michael Tautges

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
  - Re-Appoint Eileen Persike to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service for a 3-year term to expire in December 2029.
  - Appoint Patty Wallesverd to the Wisconsin Valley Library Service for the remainder of a 3-year term to expire in December 2028.

Supervisor Burns requested Resolution # 72 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 05 – 2026 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Cushing to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Hess; 2 Student Representative Aye
Motion: Adopted

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:
Resolution # 72 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 05 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Committees, Boards and Commissions Section 2.30 Committees of the General Code of Oneida County.

Resolution to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2.30 of the Oneida County Code.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Ex Education Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, currently, the Oneida County Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee consists of five (5) County Board Supervisors, plus one (1) designee of the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA); and
WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, the County Board denied a resolution to adopt language to appoint up to two (2) citizen members to the committee; and
WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2.30 still needs to be revised to reflect that there is no longer an FSA representative on the Committee, as that representative is actually a person engaged in an agricultural use, pursuant to Wisconsin state statute;
NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.
Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 4. Chapter 2 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:
Article II **Committees, Boards, and Commissions**
§ 2.30 **Committees.**
(2) Appointed.
(a) Enumerated. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Chair at the organizational meeting of the Board in the year she/he is elected and shall consist of the number of members listed herein. The County Board Chair will appoint the Chair of each committee, except the Public Works Committee. The Chair may appoint a Committee on Committees to assist him/her. All appointed committee members shall serve two-year terms and be County Board supervisors, except where State law provides for other non-Board members, all State

mandated non-County Board members will be selected using the process set out in Paragraph (4) below:

Conservation and UW-EX Education	5 County Board Supervisors plus ~~1 FSA~~ a person engaged in an agricultural use, pursuant to Chs. 91 and 92, Wis. Stats. ~~The Conservation and UW-EX Committee shall consist of five members of the County Board and a designee of the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), and shall have such powers and duties as prescribed in Ch. 92, Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time.~~

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #_____ by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Town Clerks of Oneida County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Offered and passage moved by: Robb Jensen, Dan Hess, Chris Schultz, Linnaea Newman, Collette Sorgel, Levi Rhody

Discussion: Burns expressed concern that UW Extension was not being cut further. Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch stated that this was brought forward to align with State Statute. Jennrich reported that the County Board denied adding two additional citizen members to the Conservation Committee, that this is fixing the language. Jensen reported that the Committee size stays the same.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 72 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 05 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Hess; 2 Student Representative Aye
Resolution # 72 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 05 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 73 – 2026: Offered by Supervisor Billy Fried to Oppose the discontinuance of Copper-Based Telephone Service in Oneida County without Reliable Replacement Service.

Seconded by Jensen.

Resolution Opposing Discontinuance of Copper-Based Telephone Service in Oneida County Without Reliable Replacement Service.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by Supervisor Billy Fried.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County is dedicated to protecting the health, safety, and economic well-being of its residents and businesses; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County residents have received notices concerning proposed discontinuance of copper-based telephone service provided by Frontier Communications, now part of Verizon; and
WHEREAS, residents have reported locations in Oneida County where cellular reception is weak, unreliable, or unavailable and where adequate wired replacement services are not currently available; and
WHEREAS, traditional copper-based telephone service can provide voice communications during a loss of electrical power at a customer's premises when used with a compatible corded telephone, provided the serving telephone network remains operational; and
WHEREAS, replacement services delivered through fixed wireless or Voice over Internet Protocol may depend on electrical power at the customer's premises, backup batteries, and the continued availability of the serving wireless or broadband network; and

WHEREAS, inadequate cellular coverage, exhausted backup power, or network outages could prevent affected residents from contacting 911, emergency responders, healthcare providers, and family members; and

WHEREAS, some residents and businesses depend on telephone service for medical alert and monitoring systems, fire and security alarms, and other essential communications, and replacement-service compatibility must be evaluated before existing service is discontinued; and

WHEREAS, residents have also expressed concern about the continued availability of existing copper-based DSL internet service, and the effects of any proposed network retirement on both telephone and internet service should be clearly disclosed; and

WHEREAS, a replacement service shown on a coverage map or described as generally available may not provide reliable service at an individual residence or business; and

WHEREAS, forced service transitions may impose additional equipment, installation, backup-power, and recurring service costs, with particular consequences for older adults, people with disabilities, low-income households, and residents with limited alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County supports investment in modern telecommunications infrastructure while maintaining that modernization must preserve reliable, affordable access to essential communications and emergency services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors:

1) Urges the Federal Communications Commission to deny any pending application by Frontier Communications, Verizon, or their applicable subsidiaries to discontinue copper-based telephone service affecting Oneida County unless and until reliable, affordable, and functionally adequate replacement service is available and operational at each affected customer location.
2) Requests that the FCC require address-specific evaluation of proposed replacement services, including actual service availability, wireless reception where applicable, reliable access to 911, accessibility for people with disabilities, and compatibility with essential telephone-dependent equipment.
3) Requests that the FCC require enforceable transition protections addressing advance customer notice, installation assistance, backup-power capability and maintenance, disclosure of all customer costs, and procedures for resolving failed installations or inadequate replacement service before existing service is disconnected.
4) Urges Frontier Communications and Verizon to maintain existing service at affected locations until replacement service has been installed and its functionality verified, including reliable emergency calling and compatibility with essential equipment where applicable.
5) Requests written clarification from Frontier Communications and Verizon concerning the effects of the proposed transition on existing DSL internet service, including whether service will continue, any proposed discontinuance dates, and the replacement options actually available at affected addresses.
6) Requests that the FCC consider evidence submitted by Oneida County residents, the Oneida County Broadband Task Force, county emergency-services officials, and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin when evaluating the proposed service transition.
7) Directs the County Clerk, in consultation with Corporation Counsel, to identify the applicable FCC proceeding or proceedings and submit this resolution through the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System and any other appropriate filing process. If authorization has already been granted, the county requests that the FCC review the reported service gaps and use its available authority to prevent residents from losing essential communications.
8) Directs the County Clerk to transmit copies of this resolution to Frontier Communications and Verizon, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, Congressman Tom Tiffany, State Senator Mary Felzkowski, and State Representatives Rob Swearingen and Calvin Callahan.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski

Discussion: Fried stated that this was discussed at the beginning of this meeting as well as Executive Committee. Fried explained that we want to notify officials at the state and federal level and to bring more attention to this issue.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 73 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Hess; 2 Student Representative Aye
Resolution # 73 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 74 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to Apply for a County Forest Project Loan.

Resolution to apply for a County Forest Project Loan.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, counties with lands enrolled in County Forest Law as described in Wis. Stats. 28.10 & 28.11 are eligible for County Forest Project Loans to use for meritorious and economically productive forestry operations consistent with their County Forest Comprehensive Land Use (15 Year) Plan; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County owns approximately 83,000 acres of forest land enrolled in County Forest Law; and
WHEREAS, the County maintains approximately 40 miles of County Forest Roads that are heavily utilized for both timber management and public access; and
WHEREAS, the County Forest Road infrastructure is aging and in need of significant improvements to maintain the integrity of the roads; and
WHEREAS, the County also wishes to replace and/or obtain equipment to aid in the management of forest resources and road infrastructure; and
WHEREAS, the County seeks to apply for a County Forest Project Loan to fund the aforementioned road infrastructure and equipment needs at zero percent interest, to be repaid by collecting twenty percent of gross receipts from timber sale revenue until the balance is paid in full; so
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee, in its oversight of the Oneida County Forestry Department, to apply for a County Forest Project Loan from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purposes stated above in an amount not to exceed $800,000.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee this 6th day of October, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Robert Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lenore Lopez

Discussion: Almekinder reported that the DNR is willing to loan us money for Forestry projects at zero percent interest. Almekinder explained this would be paid back through stumpage revenue at a 20% rate per year. Forestry Director Jill Nemec stated this enables the department to do a project in a shorter time period. Fried stated that this is an option for funding. Fried explained that this is a zero interest loan, by keeping our money in the bank it is accruing interest. Fried reported that doing it all at once could also be a cost savings by bundle all of the projects.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 74 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Hess; 2 Student Representative Aye
Resolution # 74 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 75 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 13 – 2022: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Amend Chapter 9, Article 1, Section 9.11, Article 3, Sections 9.32 & 9.33, Article 5, Sections 9.50 & 9.52, Article 9, Sections 9.90, 9.91, 9.92, 9.93, 9.94,

9.95, 9.97, & 9.99 Shoreland Protection, Appendixes C-Q and Article 10 Definitions of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

Resolution to Article 1, Section 9.11, Article 3, Sections 9.32 & 9.33, Article 5, Sections 9.50 & 9.52, Article 9, Sections 9.90, 9.91, 9.92, 9.93, 9.94, 9.95, 9.97, & 9.99 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee, having considered Ordinance Amendment #13-2022, which was filed January 17, 2023, March 8, 2023, and October 7, 2026, (October 7, 2026 copy attached) to amend Article 1, Section 9.11, Article 3, Sections 9.32 & 9.33, Article 5, Sections 9.50 & 9.52, Article 9, Sections 9.90, 9.91, 9.92, 9.93, 9.94, 9.95, 9.97, & 9.99 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held two (2) public hearings thereon March 29, 2023 and February 24, 2026, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

WHEREAS, Oneida County is mandated by the State of Wisconsin to administer a shoreland zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County received a letter dated May 20, 2022, requesting Oneida County to revise their Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to comply with Wisconsin statutes and administrative code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has held 29 public meetings over approximately five (5) years, including one (1) in the Town of Minocqua to specifically solicit public input; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee held two (2) public hearings and one was held on March 29, 2023 and one was held on February 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has carefully studied the proposed changes after listening to comments made at the public hearing and recommends approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Chapter 9 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

Changes are contained within the attached document containing lines 1-2090.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #13-2022 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Town Clerks of Oneida County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Michael Tautges

Hamburg left at 11:03 a.m.

Discussion: Attorney Larry Konopacki stated he has been working with the County staff for years now on this Zoning Ordinance re-write. Jennrich stated that this Ordinance Amendment is

complicated. Jennrich reported that all Counties are required to have Shoreline Zoning per state Statute, noting that the state from time to time requests us to amend the Ordinance. Jennrich stated that in 2022 the DNR notified the County to amend the ordinance. Jennrich explained that the State directed them on the process, noting that there were two public hearings held. Jennrich explained what is allowed and what the presented changes are to the Ordinance. Konopacki stated that this has been a long process, noting that other counties do a number of different things. Konopacki went over the Ordinance and the changes. Discussion regarding the current Ordinance and the proposed amendments. Discussion regarding the Public Hearings and how different provisions were added and listed in the language. Konopacki explained that this ordinance only affects towns, the City can regulate differently. Discussion that additional restrictions and revisions can still be added in the future. Administrative Coordinator/County Clerk Tracy Hartman reported that public comment was submitted to the County Clerk's Office as well as a petition that was filed with the Zoning Department. These documents are held in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion/Second: Kilbourn/Jensen to amend Resolution #75 – 2026/Ordinance Amendment # 13 – 2022, as follows:
Landscaping Definition. In Article 10, "Landscaping" (lines 1987–1988), strike ", or altering the contours of the ground," so that the definition reads: "To improve the appearance of an area of land, as by planting trees, shrubs, or grass." I further move that the County Clerk and Corporation Counsel conform the Ordinance text and cross-references to this Amendment, and that it be adopted as part of Ordinance Amendment # 13 – 2022.
Discussion: Kilbourn explained that this change is not a part of the DNR rule, so why are we adding this language into the Code. Holewinski noted that if there is nothing in the Ordinance, there is then a grey area and to interpretation. Fried questioned the need for this to go back to public hearing if this gets approved. Konopacki advised that a small adjustment would probably not need additional hearings, but this would need to go back to the Committee. Holewinski clarified that if this would pass, this would go back to Committee and need to come back to the County Board in November.

Motion/Second: Kilbourn/Jensen to amend the previous Motion to strike Line 1549 – 1551 "The County may also authorize by permit, additional vegetation activities incidental to landscaping activities in the access and viewing corridor."

Vote on Amendment to the Motion: 9 Aye, Newman, Jensen, Burns, Sorgel, Schultz, Lopez, Campbell, Sheppard, Kilbourn; 10 Nay, Almekinder, Cushing, Fisher, Condado, Timmons, Tautges, Briggs, Fried, Oettinger, Holewinski; 2 Absent, Hess, Hamburg; 2 Student Representative Aye
Amendment to Motion: Fails

Vote on Motion: 9 Aye, Newman, Jensen, Burns, Sorgel, Schultz, Lopez, Campbell, Sheppard, Kilbourn; 10 Nay, Almekinder, Cushing, Fisher, Condado, Timmons, Tautges, Briggs, Fried, Oettinger, Holewinski; 2 Absent, Hess, Hamburg; 2 Student Representative Aye
Motion: Fails

Motion/Second: Kilbourn/Burns to amend Resolution #75 – 2026/Ordinance Amendment # 13 – 2022, as follows:
1. Corridor cutting. In Section 9.95(B)(2) (lines 1527–1528), strike "Removal of trees and shrubs in the vegetative buffer zone to create an access and viewing corridor is allowed." and insert "Selective cutting of trees and shrubs in the vegetative buffer zone to create an access and viewing corridor is allowed." The remainder of paragraph (2) is unchanged.
2. Special cutting plan. In Section 9.95(B)(4), after the sentence ending at line 1551 ("…landscaping activities in the access and viewing corridor."), insert: "A special cutting plan allowing removal of trees and shrubs beyond selective cutting, as defined in Article 10, in an access and viewing corridor may be authorized by permit under this Section, subject to subparagraphs a. and b. below."

3. New definition. In Article 10, Definitions, between "Routine maintenance of vegetation" and "Setback," near line 1989 add: "**Selective cutting:** The cutting of trees and shrubs where no more than 50% of trees six inches or greater in diameter at breast height (DBH) within the access and viewing corridor are removed cumulatively after the effective date of this amendment."

Discussion: Kilbourn stated that he received many emails, noting that he is listening to his constituents. Discussion regarding how this would be implemented if passed. Jennrich advised that administratively they don't know how they will administer this. Discussion regarding sending this back to the Committee of Jurisdiction.
Vote on Motion: 9 Aye, Newman, Jensen, Burns, Sorgel, Schultz, Lopez, Campbell, Sheppard, Kilbourn; 10 Nay, Almekinder, Cushing, Fisher, Condado, Timmons, Tautges, Briggs, Fried, Oettinger, Holewinski; 2 Absent, Hess, Hamburg; 2 Student Representative Aye
Motion: Fails

Motion/Second: Cushing/Condado to send this Resolution back to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration.
Discussion: Almekinder explained that we should vote the original Resolution in and make adjustments later. Almekinder stated that this clears up the language so they can go after the people violating. Almekinder advised that at this time there is no way to enforce, he suggested voting it in and making adjustments later.
Vote on Motion: 19 Nay; 2 Absent, Hess, Hamburg; 2 Student Nay
Motion: Fails

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 75 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 13 – 2022: 14 Aye; 4 Nay, Kilbourn, Burns, Campbell, Lopez; 1 Abstain, Newman; 2 Absent, Hess, Hamburg; 2 Student Aye
Resolution # 75 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 13 – 2022: Adopted

CLOSED SESSION: It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section § 19.85(1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Topic: Bug Tussel). It is anticipated that the County Board will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed).

Motion/Second: Fried/ Timmons to go into Closed Session at 12:09 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: 19 Aye; 2 Absent, Hess, Hamburg; 2 Student Aye
Motion: Passes

Break called at 12:10 p.m.
Return from break at 12:19 p.m.
Fisher, Cushing, Oettinger, Student Representatives did not return

Motion/Second: Briggs/Jensen to return to Open Session at 12:38 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: 16 Aye; 5 Absent, Hess, Fisher, Cushing, Oettinger, Hamburg
Motion: Passes

Announcement: Chairman Holewinski announced that while in closed session no action was taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME November 10th, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:
Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.