MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

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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 Jensen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Budget Hearing will start promptly at 9:45 a.m.
- Please use a microphone when speaking.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2026 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Cushing/Tautges to accept the Minutes of the October 20, 2026 meeting. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Annual Report of the Oneida County Treasurer. Treasurer Tara Ostermann presented her Annual Report. Ostermann explained that there are not many changes from past years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 76 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Real Estate Parcel Identification Number RH-1327 to Abbey Dall Lukowski.
Resolution to convey tax foreclosed real estate to Lukowski.
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 parcel identified in Exhibit A listed below have been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,
WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey the parcel by quit claim deed to the successful bidder listed in Exhibit A; and,
WHEREAS, 1st successful bidder, David Schmitz, has withdrawn their bid and has forfeited the $500.00 bid guarantee, and 2nd bidder Abbey Dall Lukowski has indicated she is still interested in acquiring the parcel for her bid amount that is listed in Exhibit A; and,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accepts the bid withdrawal from David Schmitz and approves the sale of the parcel listed in Exhibit A to Abbey Dall Lukowski, upon the receipt of the required sale amount listed in Exhibit A, 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 described in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 3rd day of November, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lenore Lopez, Kyle Timmons, Matt

Campbell

Resolution # 77 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Real Estate Parcel Identification Number PE-533-6 to Lori Marschke.

Resolution to convey tax foreclosed county real estate to Lori Marschke, Trustee of The Judy M. Main Living Trust.

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 PE-533-6 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 PE-533-6 on August 10th, 2026, due to non-payment of Real Estate taxes, by prior owner The Judy M. Main Living Trust. Lori Marschke, Trustee of The Judy M. Main Living Trust has declared her 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, Lori Marschke, Trustee, 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 Lori Marschke, Trustee to purchase the property back.

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee has determined that the requirements to sell the property directly to Lori Marschke, Trustee of The Judy M. Main Living Trust, 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 Lori Marschke, Trustee; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit B to Lori Marschke, Trustee, 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 3rd day of November, 2026.

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

Resolution # 78 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Designate Oneida County Public Depositories.

Resolution to: DESIGNATE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES.

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

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

WHEREAS, the governing body of each county is required by Secs. 34.05 and 59.61, Wis. Stats. to designate, by resolution, one or more public depositories, organized and doing business under Wisconsin or U.S. laws and located in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, one or more county depositories is required to be designated as a "working bank" under Sec. 59.61, Wis. Stats., and Associated Bank North located at 8 West Davenport Street in the City of Rhinelander, Wisconsin has been so designated; and

WHEREAS, every federal or state credit union, state bank, federal or state savings and loan association, savings and trust company and mutual savings bank and every national bank, located in this State which complies in all respects as to public deposits with Chapter 34, Wis. Stats. and which will accept payments made by the State

under sec. 16.412, Wis. Stats., may be designated as a public depository and may receive and hold public deposits; and

WHEREAS, all those banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks which are state and federally chartered and are located in the State of Wisconsin, are qualified to be a public depository of County funds not immediately needed which funds may be invested in time deposits by the Investment Officer under the authority granted by Secs. 59.61, 59.62, Wis. Stats., and sec.1.27 (2) of the Oneida County General Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that it hereby designates all those banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks chartered under state and U.S. laws and located in the State of Wisconsin, and the Local Government Investment Pool as County depositories under Secs. 59.61 and 34.05, Wis. Stats.

For purposes of enumeration, the financial institutions (and./or their successors or assigns) below will be named an Oneida County depository upon filing of the appropriate paperwork with the County and are so designated by way of this resolution:

Associated Bank NA, 304 Lincoln Street Rhinelander, WI 54501
Associated Bank, Minocqua Branch, 8683 Highway 51N & 70W, Minocqua, WI 54548
~~Associated Bank, 200 N Adams St. Green Bay, WI 54301~~
Associated Bank, 433 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301
~~BMO Harris Bank, N.A., 11455 Viking Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344~~
BMO Harris Bank, N.A. 320 South Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606 (WISC custodial)
Huntington National Bank, 7 Easton Oval, Columbus, OH 43219
Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. 200 S 108th Ave, Omaha, NE 68154
Nicolet National Bank, 2170 Lincoln St., Rhinelander, WI 54501
~~Peoples State Bank, 8 E Anderson St., Rhinelander, WI 54501~~
~~Peoples State Bank, 9560 WI 70, Minocqua, WI 54548~~
Bank First, 8 E Anderson St., Rhinelander, WI 54501
Pershing, One Pershing Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07399
Ripco Credit Union, 121 Sutliff Ave., Rhinelander, WI 54501
~~US Bank Institutional Trust & Custody, West Side Flats, 60 Livingston Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107~~
Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative (WISC) along with PMA Financial Network, Inc 322 N Broadway 3rd floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

This resolution shall be effective until the County Board annual budget hearing.

Approved by the Executive Committee this 4th day of November, 2026
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Ted Cushing, Michael Tautges, Dan Hess, Debbie Condado, Russ Fisher

Resolution # 79 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of a Local Match to a 2027 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant.

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of a Local Match to a 2027 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, in 2021, a nationwide settlement agreement was reached by and between several pharmaceutical companies and a class containing most states, counties, and a number of cities and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Governor signed legislation (2021 Wisconsin Act 57) which outlines the distribution and use of Wisconsin's share of settlement funds of over $400 million, with 70% of the proceeds being allocated to Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance approved a plan which earmarks counties' use of the funds toward abatement efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Oneida County adopted Resolution #58-2022 agreeing to the settlement terms with total settlement proceeds estimated to be $1.48 million; and
WHEREAS, projects and programs benefiting from the funds must comply with the Settlement Agreement restrictions of expenditures limited to defined categories of Treatment, Prevention, and Other Strategies; and
WHEREAS, according to the Oneida County Finance Director the balance of available Opioid Settlement Funds and investment income thereon, net of any previously approved commitments, is $921,360.92 as of August 31, 2026; and
WHEREAS, the project meets the requirements of Exhibit E – List of Opioid Remediation Uses; Schedule B – Approved uses; Section D – Addressing the needs of Criminal Justice involved person; #3 - 3. Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is requesting $60,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds as the local match for a 2027 Treatment Alternative and Diversion Grant to further the Oneida County Treatment Court and Diversion Program. The programs are intended for justice-involved people living with addiction, participants engage in substance use treatment, case management and work to address mental health, employment, housing and other needs, and
WHEREAS, Wisconsin treatment courts and diversion programs are evidence-based, statutorily supported alternatives designed to reduce recidivism, improve public safety, and address underlying substance-use and mental-health disorders; and,
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds contingent upon passage of the proposed 2027 budget.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 4th day of November 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Ted Cushing, Michael Tautges, Dan Hess, Debbie Condado, Russ Fisher

Resolution # 80 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of Funding Improvements to Morgue Cooler & Equipment.
Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of Funding Improvements to Morgue Cooler & Equipment.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, in 2021, a nationwide settlement agreement was reached by and between several pharmaceutical companies and a class containing most states, counties, and a number of cities and municipalities; and
WHEREAS, in 2021, the Governor signed legislation (2021 Wisconsin Act 57) which outlines the distribution and use of Wisconsin's share of settlement funds of over $400 million, with 70% of the proceeds being allocated to Wisconsin counties; and
WHEREAS, in 2022, the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance approved a plan which earmarks counties' use of the funds toward abatement efforts; and
WHEREAS, in 2022, Oneida County adopted Resolution #58-2022 agreeing to the settlement terms with total settlement proceeds estimated to be $1.48 million; and
WHEREAS, projects and programs benefiting from the funds must comply with the Settlement Agreement restrictions of expenditures limited to defined categories of Treatment, Prevention, and Other Strategies; and
WHEREAS, according to the Oneida County Finance Director the balance of available Opioid Settlement Funds and investment income thereon, net of any previously approved commitments, is $921,360.92 as of August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Medical Examiner has indicated the lack of a County toxicology lab refrigerator, extensive transport costs and need for a lockable refrigerator with accurate holding temperatures; and
WHEREAS, The Oneida County Medical Examiner has indicated a county cooler will enable optimal documentation and security pertaining to the chain of custody, reduce time and travel costs and provide a secure and private space for necessary toxicology draws for exams, and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds contingent upon passage of the proposed 2027 budget.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Ted Cushing, Michael Tautges, Dan Hess, Debbie Condado

Resolution # 81 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Solid Waste Committee to Amend Chapter 8, Solid Waste Management of the General Code of Oneida County.

Resolution to amend Chapter 8, Solid Waste Management.
Ordinance Amendment Offered by the Supervisors of the Solid Waste Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Committee, having considered revisions to Ordinance No. 13-2007 to update the recycling ordinance for Oneida County; and
WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources revised the administrative code that oversees Responsible Unit's (RUs) recycling programs and other aspects of Wisconsin's recycling law; and,
WHEREAS, Oneida County is required to update the recycling ordinance to incorporate the revised administrative code language;
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 8 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

Offered and passage moved by: Ted Cushing, Kyle Timmons, Billy Fried, Kyle Kilbourn, Matt Campbell

Chapter 8**Solid Waste Management**
[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County by Ord. No. 13-2007. Amendments noted where applicable.]
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§ 8.10 Enforcement.
§ 8.01**Purpose.**
(1)
The purpose of this chapter is to protect public health, safety and the environment by establishing minimum standards for the disposal of solid wastes. The County will oversee a coordinated Countywide integrated waste management program for the safe, economical and efficient collection, storage, transportation and disposal of solid wastes and through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in § **287.11**, Wis. Stats., and Ch. **NR 544**, Wis. Adm. Code. It is the intent of the County to reduce the amount of solid waste which is placed in landfills by maximizing the practice of reduction, reuse, repair, recycling and composting to the maximum extent technically and economically feasible.
(2)
This chapter is adopted as authorized under Ch. **287**, Wis. Stats.
(3)
It is not intended by this chapter to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing rules, regulations, ordinances or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this chapter imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this chapter shall apply. Where a provision of this chapter is required by the Wisconsin Statutes or a standard in Ch. **NR 544**, Wis. Adm. Code and where the chapter provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and Ch. NR 544 standards in effect on the date of the adoption of this chapter or most recent text amendment to this chapter.
§ 8.02**Definitions.**
Any term defined below is given the meaning as it is defined in the Office Edition of Webster's II, New Riverside Dictionary.
(1)
BOARD — The Oneida County Board of Supervisors.
(2)
COMMITTEE — The County Facilities Committee.
[Amended by Ord. No. 55-2011]
(3)
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS — Concrete, bricks, bituminous asphalt, wood, glass, masonry, roofing, gypsum board, siding and plaster, alone or in combination. It does not include asbestos, waste paints, solvents, sealers, adhesives or similar materials.
(4)
COUNTY SOLID WASTE SITE — The Oneida County Transfer Station, Material Recovery Facilities.
(5)
COVER — Tarp, canvas, netting or any other material which when properly used and secured, will prevent blowing, bouncing, falling or spilling of solid waste, including solid waste in bags.
(6)
DEMOLITION LANDFILL — The County landfill for construction and demolition materials only.
(7)
DEPARTMENT — The County Solid Waste Department.
(8)
DNR — The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
(9)

EFFECTIVE RECYCLING PROGRAM — A recycling program meeting the requirements in § **287.11**, Wis. Stats., and Ch. **NR 544**, Wis. Adm. Code.

(10)

HAZARDOUS WASTE — Those wastes as defined in NR **661.03**, Wis. Adm. Code, (including amendments thereto) by the Wisconsin DNR acting under the authority of § **291.05(1)**, **(2)** or **(4)**, Wis. Stats., and acts amendatory thereto.

(11)

ILLEGAL DUMPING — The depositing of collected (including that found in, but not limited to, bags, boxes, barrels) solid waste, individual items of white goods, demolition materials, tires or other solid waste in areas of the County other than the County landfill site or a recycling processor such as a scrap metal or tire dealer. Illegal dumping also means placing these same types of solid waste in public waste receptacles or private dumpsters/waste receptacles without permission of the owner.

(12)

SOLID WASTE CUSTOMER — Those persons and entities who, directly or through the services of a third party, dispose of or attempt to dispose of solid or hazardous wastes or recycling at the County Solid Waste Site, including all persons, governmental operations and commercial, retail and industrial enterprises however organized and of whatever type.

(13)

LITTERING — Depositing or allowing to be deposited, including by lack of proper cover, small, individual items of solid waste in areas of the County other than the County Solid Waste site, other WDNR approved transfer station, dumpsters or waste receptacles.

(14)

MUNICIPALITY — A town, city or village located wholly or partly within the boundaries of the County.

(15)

MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING — A structure containing 5 or more residential units, including units that are occupied seasonally.

(16)

NATURAL WOODY WASTE — Pine needles, leaves, unpainted or unpreserved wood, such as stumps, branches, trees, shrubs and shrub and tree clippings.

(17)

NONRESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES — Commercial, retail, industrial, institutional and government facilities and properties. Non-residential facilities and properties includes any location at which goods or services are provided or manufactured, including locations under construction, demolition, or remodeling, or used for special events such as fairs, festivals, sport venues, conferences, and exhibits. This term does not include multiple family dwellings.

(17.1)

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL — Includes the following:

(a)

Aluminum cans.

(b)

Container glass (clear, brown and green).

(c)

Container plastic (bottles only) including No. 1 (PETE), No. 2 (HDPE), No. 3 (PVC), No. 4 (LDPE), No. 5 (PP), No. 6 (PS), No. 7 (OTHER).

(d)

Corrugated cardboard which remains in substantially original condition at the time of disposal such that the material is suitable for commercial grade recycling.

(e)

Ferrous metal (tin) cans - steel and bimetal cans.

(f)

Magazines or like glossy papers, including catalogues, which remain in substantially original condition at the time of disposal such that the material is suitable for commercial grade recycling.

(g)
Newspaper. The paper portion of newspapers or periodicals which remain in substantially original condition at the time of disposal such that the material is suitable for commercial grade recycling.
(h)
Office paper to include computer paper, blueprints, paper 'junk mail' hard and soft cover books, notebooks, and paper envelopes.
(i)
Polystyrene, packaging foam.
(j)
Scrap Metal Recyclables. Those items consisting of a majority of ferrous metal or aluminum which is suitable for recycling.
(k)
Used Lead-Acid Vehicle Batteries. Which are no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect.
(l)
Waste Oil. Engine, hydraulic or gear oil, with no contaminants of gasoline or solvents.
(m)
Waste Tires. That portion of a tire which is removed from the rim and is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect.
(n)
White Goods. Appliances including but not limited to refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioners, dish washers, water heaters, residential and commercial furnaces, boilers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, clothes washers and dryers, ovens and microwave ovens.
(o)
Yard Waste. Leaves, wood (limbs and brush less than six inches in diameter), grass, lawn rakings. Items previously listed may be removed from the list of recyclable materials only by a variance granted by the Department of Natural Resources.
(18)
SOLID WASTE — Garbage, refuse, natural woody waste, construction and demolition material, recyclable material, and all other discarded or salvageable solid materials, including waste materials resulting from industrial, commercial and agricultural operations, domestic use and from local, State and federal government activities, but does not include solids or dissolved material in waste water effluent or other common water pollutants.
(19)
SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR — The Oneida County Solid Waste Director.

§ 8.03**Administration.**

(1)
The Committee shall exercise general supervisory powers over the program implemented by this chapter and shall, from time to time, make recommendations thereon to the Board.
(2)
The Solid Waste Director shall exercise day-to-day supervision of the program and the long term plans and procedures established by the Committee to effect the solid waste program, purposes and goals as established by this chapter and as may be required by State or federal law. For the purpose of this chapter, the Solid Waste Director shall have the power of a police officer.

§ 8.04**Duties of the Committee.**

The Committee shall:
(1)
Determine matters of policy and procedure relating to the operation of the solid waste program.
(2)
Supervise the execution of all laws, ordinances and rules and regulations, related to solid waste management, of the United States and Wisconsin, their administrative agencies and the County.
(3)

With the aid and advice of the Solid Waste Director, encourage and conduct studies, investigations and research relating to various aspects of solid waste management programs and alternatives (i.e. recycling and composting) and make recommendations thereon to the Board for its consideration and approval.

(4)

With the aid of the Solid Waste Director, continue and further public education in Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle and Compost as a means of reducing the amount of solid waste landfilled by the County.

(5)

Establish appropriate rules for the operation of the County landfill site and solid waste program.

(6)

Investigate all complaints relative to the operation of the County Solid Waste site and integrated waste management program.

(7)

Establish user fees for any County solid waste programs in such a manner that such user fees will be sufficient to cover all operational costs and provide for future expansions as deemed necessary.

(8)

With the aid and advice of the Solid Waste Director, develop long-range plans for the provision of adequate disposal sites and the possible future expansion of such sites and services incidental thereto, and make recommendations thereon to the Board for its consideration and approval.

(9)

Develop waste storage, collection and transportation rules and regulations for individuals, firms and units of local, State or federal government served by any such system as needed.

(10)

Negotiate and recommend to the Board, under procedures otherwise established by the Board, contracts with consultants, contractors or other County departments to prepare plans and specifications or construct or operate the County Solid Waste site.

(11)

Prepare an annual budget with assistance from the Solid Waste Director and submit the same to the Board for its approval.

(12)

When appropriate, negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with units of local, State or federal government or private contractors for the disposal of solid waste.

(13)

Purchase equipment needed for solid waste operations and when necessary, sell equipment no longer required for solid waste operations.

§ 8.05**~~Separation of Waste~~.**

~~(1)~~

~~The following recyclable material shall be prepared as indicated prior to collection or being deposited at a collection point:~~

~~(a)~~

~~Aluminum cans - rinse, flatten.~~

~~(b)~~

~~Container glass - rinse, remove caps, sort by color (clear, brown and green).~~

~~(c)~~

~~Container plastic: thin necked No. 1 (PETE), No. 2 (HDPE), No. 3 (PVC), No. 4 (LDPE), No. 5 (PP), No. 6 (PS) and No. 7 (OTHER) - rinse, remove caps, flatten.~~

~~(d)~~

~~Corrugated cardboard - keep dry, flatten.~~

~~(e)~~

~~Ferrous metal cans (tin cans) - remove labels, rinse, remove ends and flatten.~~

~~(f)~~

~~Magazines, office paper - keep dry, stack in boxes or tie into bundles.~~
~~**(g)**~~
~~Newspaper - keep dry, bundle.~~
~~**(h)**~~
~~Used lead acid vehicle batteries shall be exchanged at a battery dealer or dropped off at a recycling center which accepts batteries.~~
~~**(i)**~~
~~Waste oil shall be taken to a dealer or recycling center that accepts waste oil.~~
~~**(j)**~~
~~White goods shall be taken to a scrap metal dealer or the County Solid Waste site's metal pile.~~
~~**(k)**~~
~~Yard wastes shall be allowed to decompose on the property on which they originated, in a local compost pile with a volume of less than 50 cubic yards or placed in a DNR licensed land application or composting operation.~~

§ 8.05**Separation of Recyclable Material.**

(1)
Occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall separate the following materials from postconsumer waste:

(a)
Lead acid batteries

(b)
Major appliances

(c)
Waste oil

(d)
Yard waste

(e)
Aluminum containers

(f)
Bi-metal containers

(g)
Corrugated paper or other container board

(h)
Foam polystyrene packaging

(i)
Glass containers

(j)
Magazines

(k)
Newspaper

(l)
Office paper

(m)
Rigid plastic containers made of PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins

(n)
Steel containers

(o)
Waste tires

(2)
To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with the procedures above shall be clean and kept free of contaminants such as food or product residue, oil or

grease or other nonrecyclable materials, including but not limited to household hazardous waste, medical waste and agricultural chemical containers. Recyclable materials shall be stored in a manner which protects them from wind, rain and other inclement weather conditions.

(3)

Waste haulers that provide transfer stations or curbside pick-up of solid waste shall possess a valid license agreement for the collection of solid waste and recyclables in Oneida County. Waste haulers shall be responsible for the collection of recyclables unless a municipality provides alternative means of collection.

(4)

On or after January 1, 1995, each municipality that desires to dispose of solid waste in the County sanitary landfill shall either adopt and provide an effective recycling program as defined in NR 544 or enter into an agreement which recognizes the County as the responsible unit for recycling. A municipal recycling program shall provide for the recycling of the following items: container glass (clear, brown, green), newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, office paper, aluminum cans, container plastic bottles (No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7), used motor oil, ferrous metal (tin) cans and polystyrene foam. Such municipal recycling program shall also provide for the separation and recycling of the following items: tires, lead acid batteries, scrap metal items and clean wood including pallets. Variances for any of the previously listed recyclables shall solely be granted by the DNR.

§ 8.051 **Separation Requirements Exempted.**

The separation requirements of s. 8.05(1) do not apply to the following:

(1)

Occupants of single family and 2-to-4-unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties that send their postconsumer waste to a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers the materials specified in s. 8.05 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

(2)

Solid waste which is burned as a supplement fuel at a facility if less than 30 % of the heat input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as supplement fuel.

(3)

A recyclable material specified in s. 8.05 for which a variance has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources under s. 287.11(2m), Wis. Stats., or s. NR 544.14, Wis. Adm. Code.

§ 8.052 **Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Multiple-Family Dwellings.**

(1)

Owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in s. 8.05 (1)(e) through (o).

(a)

Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established in compliance with the ordinance. The number of recycling containers shall equal or be greater than the number of trash containers and at least one of the following shall be met:

i. The minimum total volume of recycling container space is equal to 20 gallons per week per dwelling unit.

ii. The ratio of trash container volume to recycling container volume is at most 2:1.

iii. An alternative method that does not result in the overflow of a recycling container during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.

(b)

Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.

(c)

Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the users, tenants and occupants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.

(d)

Notify users, tenants and occupants which materials are collected, how to prepare materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, and locations of drop-off collection sites to recycle materials not collected on-site.

(2)

The requirements specified in 1) do not apply to the owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties if the postconsumer waste generated within the facility or property is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in s. 8.05 (1)(e) through (o) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

§ 8.053 Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Non-Residential Facilities and Properties.

1) Owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in s. 8.05 (1)(e) through (o):
   (a) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recycling program established under this section. The total volume of recycling containers shall be sufficient to avoid overflow during the time period between collection of materials and delivery to a recycling facility.
   (b) Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
   (c) Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the users, tenants and occupants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.
   (d) Notify users, tenants and occupants which materials are collected, how to prepare materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, and locations of drop-off collection sites to recycle materials not collected on-site.
2) The requirements specified in 1) do not apply to the owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties if the postconsumer waste generated within the facility or property is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in s. 8.05 (1)(e) through (o) from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

§ 8.054 ***Prohibitions on Disposal of Recyclable Materials Separated for Recycling.** No person may dispose of in a solid waste disposal facility or burn in a solid waste treatment facility any of the materials specified in s. 8.05 that have been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility.

§ 8.055**Rate Schedule.**

A current rate schedule shall be maintained by the County Solid Waste Department and available upon request.

§ 8.06**Prohibited Activities.**

No person shall:

(1)

Illegally dump, deposit, discharge or cause to be deposited or discharged any solid waste on or along any highway, in any waters in the County, on the ice of any waters in the County or on any other public or private property in the County.

(2)

Litter or permit to be thrown or deposited from a vehicle any type of solid waste.

(3)

Transport solid waste within the County without providing covers secured to prevent blowing, bouncing, falling or spilling of solid waste. Actual spillage of solid waste is not necessary to constitute a violation of this section.

(4)

Salvage or attempt to salvage any waste material at the County Solid Waste site, unless prior permission is obtained from the landfill staff.

(5)

Deposit any solid waste on any portion of the County Solid Waste site other than as directed by landfill personnel.

(6)

Deposit yard wastes or natural woody wastes at the County Transfer Station Yard wastes may only be disposed of on the property on which they originated, in a local compost pile which is less than 50 cubic yards in volume or in a DNR licensed yard waste compost site.

(7)

Deposit any waste material at the County Solid Waste site other than during those hours of operation when the site is open to the public.

(8)

Deposit live or hot coals at the County Solid Waste site at any time.

(9)

Deposit any type of contaminated soil (i.e. gasoline, diesel or any petroleum product soaked soil) at the County Solid Waste site without approval from the DNR and the County Solid Waste Director.

(10)

Place any hazardous or toxic waste on any lands or in any waters in the County, including the County Solid Waste site.

(11)

The provisions of § **287.81(2)(c)**, Wis. Stats., pertaining to the removal of abandoned boats, vehicles, automobiles and airplanes from the waters of the State are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section as if fully set forth herein.

(12)

Dispose of Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) or fluorescent light bulbs in any landfill or transfer station located in Oneida County, CRTs and fluorescent bulbs must be separated from garbage and properly recycled.[Added by Ord. No. 36-2008]

§ 8.07**Violations.**

(1)

No Solid Waste Site customer, private hauler or municipality shall cause to be deposited on the County Transfer Station any solid waste which originated in or was generated, accumulated or collected in a municipality which does not have in place an effective recycling program in compliance with NR 544.

~~**(2)**~~

~~All owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings and nonresidential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to aid in the collection of recyclable materials for processing:~~

~~**(a)**~~

~~Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials.~~

~~**(b)**~~

~~Notify tenants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the dwelling and at least semi-annually thereafter about the established recycling program.~~

~~**(c)**~~

~~Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the tenants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.~~

~~**(d)**~~

~~Notify tenants of reasons to reduce and recycle solid waste, which materials are collected, how to prepare the materials in order to meet processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations and hours of operation and a contact person or company, including a name, address and telephone number.~~

(2)

No person shall dispose of any separated recyclable material except as authorized by variance granted by the DNR.

(3)

No person shall fail to separate and properly prepare, as described in § **8.05(2)**, recyclable materials from their solid waste.

§ 8.08**Penalties.**

(1)

Illegal burning; littering; covered loads; illegal salvage; failure to follow solid waste directions; yard wastes; closed hours; mandatory recycling. Any person who violates Subsections **(1)**, **(2)**, **(3)**, **(4)**, **(5)**, **(6)**, **(7)** or **(12)** of § **8.06** or Subsections **(1)**, **(2)**, **(3)** or **(4)** of § **8.07** shall forfeit not less than $50 nor more than $200 for each such violation. The minimum forfeiture for the 2nd offense within a twelve-month period from the date of issuance of a first citation for a like offense shall be not less than $100 nor more than $300. The minimum forfeiture for the 3rd and subsequent offenses within a twelve-month period from the date of issuance of a first citation for a like offense shall be not less than $200 nor more than $400.

[Amended by Ord. No. 36-2008]

(2)

Hot coals; contaminated soil; illegal dumping; hazardous wastes; vehicle recovery from waters or wetlands. Any person who violates Subsections **(8)**, **(9)**, **(10)**, or **(11)** of § **8.06** shall forfeit not less than $500 nor more than $800 for each violation. The minimum forfeiture for the second offense within a twelve-month period from the date of issuance of a first citation for like offense shall be not less than $600 nor more than $1,000. The minimum forfeiture for the 3rd offense and subsequent offenses within a twelve-month period from the date of issuance of a first citation for a like offense shall be not less than $700 nor more than $1200. In all cases involving illegal dumping, restitution shall include removing and properly disposing of illegally deposited solid waste. Monies forfeited for littering and illegal dumping shall be placed in a reward fund to be administered by the Committee. Citizens providing information to the Sheriff's Department or Solid Waste Director leading to the apprehension and conviction of persons illegally dumping solid waste shall be eligible for a reward of up to $500. Determination of reward amount and recipients will be made by the Committee.

§ 8.09**Supplementary Provisions.**

(1)

Any person who neglects or refuses to pay any forfeiture imposed may be confined to the County Jail until such forfeiture is paid. However, no person shall be so confined unless he has the ability to pay such forfeiture and in no event shall any such person refusing payment be confined more than 30 days.

(2)

In determining whether any person has the ability to pay any forfeiture, all items of income and all assets may be considered regardless of whether or not such income or assets are subject to garnishment, lien, attachment or execution by any creditor.

(3)

The imposition of a forfeiture under this chapter shall not bar nor act as a waiver of rights in any civil action brought by the County or any third party against the violator.

(4)

In addition to imposition of forfeitures, the Solid Waste Director may, in the interests of preserving the County's ability to handle solid wastes, refuse entry to the County Solid Waste site to any person who violates any provision of this chapter. Any person affected may appeal the decision of the Solid Waste Director to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

~~§ 8.10**Citation Method of Enforcement.**~~

~~Citations may be issued for violations of this General Code, including ordinances for which a statutory counter-part exists. The form of such citation shall comply with § **66.0113(1)**, Wis. Stats. Issuance of citations is expressly limited to personnel deputized by the Sheriff. Members of the Solid Waste Department shall gather evidence in regard to violations of this chapter and forward such information to the Sheriff's Department. Cash deposits from citations issued shall be paid at the Sheriff's Department, office of the Clerk of Circuit Court or by mailing the same to the Office of the Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501. The person receiving the deposit shall issue a receipt for the same~~

§ 8.10 Enforcement.

(1)

For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, any authorized officer, employee or representative of Oneida County may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, postconsumer waste intended for disposal, recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas of multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties, and any records relating to recycling activities, which shall be kept confidential when necessary to protect proprietary information. No person may refuse access to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of Oneida County who requests access for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.

(2)

Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance may be issued a citation by Oneida County to collect forfeitures. The issuance of a citation shall not preclude proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter shall not preclude the issuance of a citation under this paragraph.

(3)

Penalties for violating this ordinance may be assessed as follows:

(a)

Any person who violates s. 8.054 may be required to forfeit $50 for a first violation, $200 for a second violation, and not more then $2000 for a third or subsequent violation.

(b)

Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance, except s. 8.054, may be required to forfeit not less than $10 or more than $1000 for each violation.

Resolution # 82 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Provide a General Wage Increase for General Municipal Employees.

Resolution to provide a general wage increase for general municipal employees.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPIU) increase of 3.13% as prepared by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission for 2027; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has received information from department heads, elected officials and other County Board Supervisors regarding the need for the County to continue to provide essential and sometimes difficult services to the community; and
WHEREAS, in order to provide such services, the County must be able to hire qualified staff, and retain and motivate current staff in an extremely competitive hiring market; and
WHEREAS, the County has seen the benefit of setting a competitive wage to enable the County to continue to hire qualified individuals to provide essential and difficult services to the community; and
WHEREAS, the wage increase set forth below has been recommended by the Executive Committee and included in the 2027 Budget.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective January 2, 2027, the general municipal employee shall receive the following:

- Exempt and Non-exempt wage schedules shall include an increase of 3.13% to the control point (Step 6) with all other steps to be calculated based on such increase effective January 2, 2027.

A fiscal impact statement, which is attached hereto and made apart thereof with monies, included in the approval of the 2027 budget.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 21st day of October, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Debbie Condado, Ted Cushing, Michael Tautges

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:

- Re-Appoint Harry Whidden to the Civil Service Commission for a 5-year term to expire in December 2031.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Sorgel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: 21 Aye, 4 Student Representative Aye
Motion: Adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT RELATED TO THE BUDGET (time limit of three minutes):

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Holewinski explained that this portion of Public Comment are for comments not related to the Budget. Eric Rempala of Irma spoke regarding the amendments to Shoreland Zoning. Ken Drake of Cross Point, Wisconsin, spoke in favor of the Kathan Lake District. James Domnick of Kathan Lake spoke in support of the Lake District.

9:45 a.m. – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2027 ONEIDA COUNTY BUDGET:

- Call to order at 9:45 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse.
- Presentation to the public of the proposed 2027 Oneida County Budget – County Board Chair Holewinski presented the 2027 Budget. County Board Chair Holewinski explained the budget process. Holewinski reported that the presented Oneida County budget for 2027 is $76.93 Million. Holewinski went over the fund balances and reported that the budget is balanced. Holewinski noted that any Supervisor can make a motion to modify the budget. Fried thanked the members of the Executive Committee, Finance Director Heather Marheine, and Administrative Coordinator/County Clerk Tracy Hartman for their work on the Budget. Fried explained the process that was used to balance the budget. Fried noted that there was a reduction to Tourism; this does not mean that we do not value tourism. Fried reported that this adjustment helps to fund ATV/UTV/Boat patrol, the Airport, and the Economic Development Corporation; these are all non-mandated services that support tourism. Fried explained that we are in a strong financial position due to the County Board Supervisors and Department Heads that came before us.
- Open Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. – Call for Public Comment on the 2027 Oneida County Budget (time limit of three minutes) Krystal Westphal of Minocqua Visitors Bureau spoke regarding tourism and the benefits to the County. Ben Brunnell of Rhinelander spoke regarding tourism. Ron Lueneburg Town Supervisor of Pine Lake spoke regarding funding for the Rhinelander District Library and the difficulty in obtaining information from them, requesting that the Board require information from the Rhinelander District Library to be presented. Lueneburg stated that the request should entail: a current signed copy of all active rental agreements for the two buildings owned by the library, a detailed financial statement from 2025 with all library revenues and expenses including all lapsing and non-lapsing accounts, a current 2026 list of all paid positions including name, position, wage and hours worked per year along with which positions are vacant, the annual hours that position would normally work and wages. Lueneburg suggested these items be produced by December 31, 2026 and if all records are not produced, that the 2027 funding for the Rhinelander District Library be prorated from when they are submitted. Lueneburg further suggested that remaining funds that are not disbursed to the Rhinelander Library be placed in the General Fund. Lauren Sackett of the Rhinelander Chamber spoke regarding tourism. Jacqui Sharpe of the Three Lake Visitors Bureau spoke regarding tourism and sales tax revenue. Kourtney Berscheit spoke regarding tourism. Steven Simmermaker of Black Lake Rd spoke as a 4-H member regarding funding of UW Extension and 4-H. Kate Simmermaker of Black Lake Rd spoke regarding UW Extension funding. Steve Simmermaker of Black Lake Rd spoke regarding the funding reduction of the UW Extension. Nolan Ory of Rhinelander spoke

regarding the 4-H Robotic Program. Tim Sodder of Wildwood Drive spoke regarding UW Extension and against cutting the funding. Jason Rhodes of Newbold spoke regarding Tourism and in support of the cut. Gerald Anderson of Rhinelander spoke in support of Libraries.

- Close Public Hearing at 10:32 a.m.
- Reconvene Regular County Board meeting at 10:32 a.m. for the purpose of taking action on the Resolutions/Ordinance Amendments and the 2027 Oneida County Budget.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution # 83 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Approve the 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Levy Collected in 2027.

TO APPROVE THE 2027 BUDGET AND 2026 TAX LEVY COLLECTED IN 2027.
Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the proposed 2027 Budget Summary - Oneida County was published in the Northwoods River News on October 23, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 65.90; and
WHEREAS, estimated expenditures and revenues for 2027 are shown in the Oneida County 2027 Budget available for review at the Oneida County Finance Department and / or the Oneida County website, and incorporated herein by reference; and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Executive Committee has presented the 2027 Budget to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors; and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has completed its review and revision of the Oneida County 2027 Budget.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, which the 2027 budget appropriations, in the sums and for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the Oneida County 2027 Budget, be and the same are hereby adopted.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following be and is hereby declared the tax levy for 2026, collected in 2027:

1.	There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for Countywide Health		$668,007.00
2.	There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for libraries. The City of Rhinelander, Towns of Crescent, Minocqua, Newbold, Pelican, Pine Lake, and Three Lakes are not included.		$504,559.00
3.	There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for Countywide EMS.		$2,930,984.00
4.	There is levied upon the taxable property of For Chargebacks for Refunded / Rescinded taxes		$618.85
5.	There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for all other services provided.		$15,058,429.00
	GRAND TOTAL OF ALL TAXES	~~$19,161,979.00~~	$19,162,597.85

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 4th day November, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Ted Cushing, Michael Tautges, Dan Hess, Debbie Condado, Russ Fisher

Discussion: Fried stated that this is a balanced budget not using any General Fund monies.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Hess to amend the 2027 budget and increase the UW Extension budget from $125,000 to $135,000 which is the original request amount and decrease the Contingency budget by $10,000.
Discussion: Jensen stated that we have already cut positions in the past, questioning why we would decrease funding when they are doing what we want them to do. Jensen stated that they are very valuable. Discussion regarding where the funding is to come from.
Roll Call Vote on Amendment: 21 Aye; 4 Student Aye
Amendment: Passes

Discussion: Kilbourn expressed concern that this is not a strategic budget or long-term strategy. Kilbourn explained the economic impact of tourism.
Motion/Second: Kilbourn/Sorgel to increase the General Fund Sales-tax revenue estimate to $7,800,000, reflecting the Forward Analytics forecast of approximately $7.866 Million for Oneida County. Restore the $92,800 Tourism Council appropriation that was removed from the proposed budget. Direct the Finance Director to make the corresponding adjustments to the budget summary and final appropriations, with the amendment reflected in the final budget adopted by the County Board.
Discussion: Hartman reported that with this Motion there would be a surplus, so there would need to be a follow-up Motion to determine what to do with the surplus funds. Sorgel explained that the funds for Oneida County Tourism Council benefit municipalities that do not have a room tax. Jensen questioned the Forward Analytics proposed number, if this estimate has historically been accurate. Tautges expressed additional concern that Forward Analytics is correct. Tautges stated that they are expecting local taxpayers to pay for this and he cannot support that. Hess stated that he does not feel that we would meet that amount of increase from Sales Tax to the newly proposed amount. Newman spoke regarding the benefit of investing in tourism. Tautges reported that the combined three Chamber Organizations (Rhinelander, Three Lakes, Minocqua) bring in well over a Million dollars in revenue from Room Tax alone, which is specifically used to market. Tautges noted that what we are discussing cutting is a very small percentage of that total budget. Tautges reported that the three bureaus are doing a great job marketing these communities with those funds. Tautges explained that Oneida County Tourism as a whole is unnecessary as an additional source of funding. Tautges noted that there are not a lot of places to stay and eat outside of those three communities, making it difficult to justify funding this. Fried stated that the budget as presented supports tourism, as it is funding the needed infrastructure to support tourists. Fried explained that there are costs incurred by the County due to tourism; the airport, recreation patrols, special events needing additional sheriff's deputies patrolling. Fried reported that the $92,000 for the Oneida County Tourism Council is a duplication of service and there is a need to fund other related costs. Fried explained that there is limited funding and a need to fund mandated services. Hess stated that this is a duplication of services; there are three tourism bureaus already. Discussion regarding the benefits of promoting tourism.
Roll Call Vote on Amendment: 9 Aye, Burns, Newman, Campbell, Jensen, Lopez, Sorgel, Kilbourn, Sheppard, Schultz; 12 Nay, Timmons, Cushing, Fried, Condado, Briggs, Hess, Tautges, Fisher, Almekinder, Oettinger, Hamburg, Holewinski; 2 Student Rep Nay, Tautges, Walden; 2 Student Rep Aye, L. Deede, J. Deede
Motion: Fails

Discussion: Burns reported that as the Supervisor for the town of Pine Lake, she wanted to speak in support of the comment that Ron Lueneburg of Pine Lake made regarding the information requested from the Rhinelander District Library Director to be presented to the Executive Committee. Discussion regarding a potential Motion. Holewinski stated that as Oneida County, we use tax dollars to support the library, we should be able to see the books. Holewinski compared the Rhinelander District Library to the Minocqua District Library, noting that the square footage and circulation are

almost the same. Holewinski expressed concern that the costs and personnel of the Rhinelander District Library are double that of Minocqua. Further discussion of a potential Motion.

Motion/Second: Burns/Condado to adopt Ron Lueneburg's proposal and hold funding for the Rhinelander District Library above 70% of funding until the Rhinelander Library provides the requested information. The requested information will be submitted to the County Board for review and to determine if additional funds will be released.
Discussion: Holewinski explained that this is for the Rhinelander District Library funding only. Burns reported that they are requesting a current signed copy of all active rental agreements, a detailed financial statement from 2025 including all revenues and expenses, detailed information regarding all lapsing and non-lapsing accounts, a current list of all 2026 paid positions for the Rhinelander District Library, including the employee name, wages, hours and notating any vacant positions along with those hours and wages. Discussion regarding this being submitted by December 31, 2026. Discussion regarding the ability to ask this information of the Rhinelander District Library. Hess stated that it is set in statute that they supply this information. Fried questioned how this would impact the tax bills and the calculation of the expenses. Discussion regarding the process of holding the funds and calculating the property taxes.

Break called at 11:25 am.
Return from break 11:40 a.m.
Cushing and Walden did not return from break

Discussion: Hartman explained that there needs to be a Motion to amend the Motion specifying where the requested information will be submitted to, who will review the documents and determine if funds will be released. Discussion regarding creating a Motion.

Motion/Second: Burns/Jensen to amend the Motion to state that the requested information will be submitted to the County Board for review and to determine if additional funds will be released.
Roll Call Vote on Amendment to the Motion: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye
Roll Call Vote on Amended Motion: 19 Aye; 1 Nay, Kilbourn; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye

Motion/Second: Hess/Briggs to amend Resolution # 83 – 2026 and insert at line 39 "There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of $618.85 for chargebacks for refunded/rescinded taxes" and amend line 44 to a total levy of $19,162,597.85.
Roll Call Vote on Motion: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye
Motion: Passes

Motion/Second: Kilbourn/Burns to amend the proposed 2027 budget to give $92,800 to the Tourism Council with a reduction of $92,800 from the Contingency Budget.
Roll Call Vote on Motion: 9 Aye, Kilbourn, Newman, Burns, Jensen, Sorgel, Lopez, Campbell, Sheppard, Schultz; 11 Nay, Hess, Fried, Fisher, Condado, Oettinger, Tautges, Almekinder, Hamburg, Briggs, Timmons, Holewinski; 1 Absent, Cushing; 1 Student Aye, J. Deede; 2 Student Nay, L. Deede, Tautges
Motion: Fails

Discussion: Kilbourn expressed concern that the Highway Department is an Enterprise Fund and that there are a lot of CIP projects funded for the Highway Department. Kilbourn noted that these projects are taking money from the levy and suggested that the Facilities Committee take this over. Fried stated that the funding is not coming from the 2027 tax levy, the funding for these projects come from the General Fund. Fried noted that all of the CIP projects listed are funded through the General Fund. Fried explained that this has been the practice of the County.

Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 83 – 2026: 15 Aye; 5 Nay, Sorgel, Newman, Burns, Kilbourn, Lopez; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye
Amended Resolution # 83 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 84 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Appoint Todd Troskey as the Planning, Zoning and Conservation Director.
Resolution to appoint Todd Troskey to Planning, Zoning & Conservation Director.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Planning & Development Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director did receive a retirement notice from the incumbent Planning, Zoning & Conservation Director; and
WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee met to consider options for filling the vacancy, and directed the Human Resources Director to conduct a recruitment to fill the position; and
WHEREAS, the interview team comprised of the Planning & Development Chair/County Board Chair, Planning & Development Vice Chair, Human Resources Director and Administrative Coordinator, interviewed all qualified applicants for the position of Planning, Zoning & Conservation Director; and
WHEREAS, the interview team unanimously selected a candidate and recommends the hiring of Mr. Todd Troskey as Planning, Zoning & Conservation Director, contingent upon County Board approval; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Todd Troskey as Planning, Zoning & Conservation Director under the following conditions:

1. The effective date of the appointment shall be Thursday, November 12, 2026.
2. For compensation purposes, Mr. Todd Troskey shall be compensated as follows:
    a. Hire rate at Grade P, Step 5.
    b. On or after six-months employment in the Director position, move to Grade P, Step 6, contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory performance evaluation.
    c. Eligible to move to Grade P, Step 7 on or after November 12, 2028, contingent on receipt of a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning & Development Committee this 30th day of September, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Michael Tautges

Discussion: Human Resource Director Jenni Lueneburg stated that this Resolution appoints Todd Troskey as the Planning and Zoning/Conservation Director. Lueneburg stated that this would need the County Board approval. Trosky stated that he appreciates this opportunity. Lueneburg thanked the outgoing Director Karl Jennrich on his retirement.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 84 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye
Resolution # 84 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 85 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the County Facilities Committee to Appoint Carl Spittlemeister as the Facilities Director.
Resolution to appoint Carl Spittlemeister to Facilities Director.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the County Facilities Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director did receive a resignation notice from the incumbent Facilities Director; and
WHEREAS, the Facilities Committee met to consider options for filling the vacancy, and directed the Human Resources Director to conduct a recruitment to fill the position; and

WHEREAS, the interview team, comprised of the County Board Chairman, County Facilities Committee, Human Resources Director and Administrative Coordinator, interviewed all qualified applicants for the position of Facilities Director; and
WHEREAS, the interview team selected a candidate and recommends the hiring of Carl Spittlemeister as Facilities Director, contingent upon County Board approval; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Carl Spittlemeister as Facilities Director under the following conditions:

1. The effective date of the appointment shall be Tuesday, November 10, 2026.
2. For compensation purposes, Carl Spittlemeister shall be compensated as follows:
    a. Hire rate at Grade N, Step 2.
    b. On or after six-months employment in the Director position, move to Grade N, Step 3, contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory performance evaluation.
    c. Eligible to move to Grade N, Step 4 on or after November 10, 2027, contingent on receipt of a satisfactory performance evaluation.
    d.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the County Facilities Committee this 3rd day of November, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Russ Fisher, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Billy Fried, Kyle Kilbourn

Discussion: Human Resources Director Jenni Lueneburg stated that this Resolution appoints Spittlemeister as the Facilities Director. Lueneburg presented some of Spittlemeisters background. Spittlemeister thanked the Board for this opportunity.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 85 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye
Resolution # 85 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 86 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to Formally Declare the Organization of the Kathan Lake District.
Resolution to formally declare the organization of the Kathan Lake District.
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 received a petition from the Kathan Lake Association regarding the formation of the proposed Kathan Lake District hereinafter referred to as the "Lake District"; and
WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors assigned the tasks associated with reviewing the petition to the Oneida County Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"; and
WHEREAS, the Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 within 30 days of receipt of the completed petition; and
WHEREAS, within 6 months after the date of the public hearing, the County Board shall issue its order; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s.33.25 a lake district can be formed by the County Board if the petitioners for said district present a petition "signed by persons constituting 51 percent of the landowners or the owners of 51 percent of the lands within the proposed district."; and
WHEREAS, Oneida County staff, utilizing the 2025 tax roll data, determined the total number of eligible landowners located in the boundary of the proposed Lake District was 62 with 51% of the required signatures being 31; and
WHEREAS, 45 signatures or 72.6% of the landowners in the proposed Lake District were deemed acceptable on the petition sheets provided by the Kathan Lake Association; and
WHEREAS, the Committee, after reviewing staff reports, determined that the petitioners met the required signatures from over 51% of the proposed Lake District landowners *and* that owners of 58.8% of the lands in the proposed district are in favor of the formation of the Lake District, and
WHEREAS, the Committee's recommendation was to approve the formation of the proposed Lake District because the petition was signed by over 51% of the proposed Lake District landowners, as set forth in WI Stat 33.25; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lake District is necessary, that the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the Lake District, and that the property included in the Lake District will be benefited by the establishment of the proposed Lake District; and
WHEREAS, the Kathan Lake Association is unable to meet their financial needs to address invasive species control, including Eurasian Water Milfoil; and
WHEREAS, a lake district has the ability to ensure that a secure base of partners (district members) and finances will be available to conduct lake management activities to protect aquatic resources, personal investments, and values including property values that are greatly affected by the health of the water body; and
WHEREAS, a lake district is a unit of government that can acquire financial assistance through grants for lake projects and management plans, and protect lake habitat through restoration efforts.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors formally declares the organization of the proposed Lake District.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake District shall be known as the Kathan Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the boundaries of the Kathan Lake District shall be the same as presented as part of the petition; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman shall appoint four of the five members of the initial Board of Commissioners of the Kathan Lake District as follows:

1. Three owners of land within the Lake District (with one being a resident of the Lake District)
2. One member of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee (or a person nominated by that Committee); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Town of Sugar Camp to appoint a fifth representative to the Board of Commissioners within 30 days of the Lake District's establishment and in conformity with the requirements of Wis. Stat. s 33.27(2); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution can be provided to Kenneth Drake who represented the Kathan Lake District.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Oneida County 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

Discussion: Jensen explained that this is the last step in forming the Kathan Lake District. Jensen went over the process, noting that this was a unanimous decision from the Land and Water Conservation Committee. Jensen reported that after this is approved the County Board Chair will need to appoint the three initial Members and the County Board Representative to the Committee.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 86 – 2026: 19 Aye; 1 Nay, Holewnski; 1 Absent, Cushing; 3 Student Aye
Resolution # 86 – 2026: Passes
Discussion: Holewinski appointed the members of the Lake District; Ken Drake, Barb Domnick, Kathy Treuden and Collette Sorgel as the County Board Representative.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME January 19th, 2027 @ 9:30 a.m.
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:
Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.