



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Winnebago County Chief Deputy Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: 11 – Frank Frassetto, KristL Laux, Howard Miller, Conley Hanson, Larry Lautenschlager, Karen Powers, George Bureau, Andy Buck, Shiloh Ramos, Logan Fuller, and Douglas Nelson.

Supervisor KristL Laux is the Vice-Chair of the UW Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee, filling in for Chairman Lucas Reinke.

Supervisor George Bureau is the Vice-Chair of the Personnel & Finance Committee, filling in for Chairman Steven Binder.

Supervisor Andy Buck is the Vice-Chair of the Land Conservation Committee, filling in for Chairman Tim Macho.

Absent: 4 – Maribeth Gabert, John Hinz, Tim O'Brien and Tom Snider.

Also Present at the Meeting:

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Chief Deputy Clerk

Lori Palmeri, State Representative, 54th Assembly District

(via TEAMS)

Julie Barthels, County Clerk

Paul Kaiser, Finance Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Chief Deputy Clerk Smith-Gregor called for nominations for Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, to nominate Howard Miller for Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Frassetto, seconded by Supervisor Ramos, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Howard Miller. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Chairman Miller called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, to nominate Conley Hanson for Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Frassetto, to nominate Andy Buck for Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Chairman Miller closed the nominations. Paper ballots were distributed to the committee to cast their vote for Vice-Chairman. The ballots were collected and counted. Conley Hanson received the most votes and is the new Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Miller called for nominations for Secretary of the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Ramos, to nominate Andy Buck for Secretary of the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Frassetto, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Andy Buck. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Ramos, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hanson, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026, meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

F. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Miller thanked the committee for their support and electing him chairman.

G. Update from State Legislators

State Representative Lori Palmeri - Assembly District 54

Ms. Palmeri commented and updated the committee on the following items:

- *Annual Legislative Survey*
- *Legislative Special Session that was called for on the Budget Surplus.*

Representative Palmeri then took questions from the committee members.

H. Update from Federal Legislators

There were no federal representatives present.

I. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Powers informed the committee that the Annual Wheelchair Wash and Inspection would be held on August 8, 2026, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm at J & R Auto Service, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Supervisor Nelson voiced his thoughts and concerns on how and what options there may be to help disabled individuals in wheelchairs get into boats.

Supervisor Powers voiced her thoughts and concerns regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) relating to Supervisor Nelson's concern.

Vice-Chairman Hanson encouraged a member of the Parks Commission to create a resolution to address this specific issue that Supervisor Nelson commented on.

Larry Lautenschlager, Chairman of the Parks Commission, mentioned that they discussed this situation at their last meeting and this is being looked into.

Supervisors Frassetto and Bureau also voiced their thoughts regarding this specific issue.

Supervisor Powers mentioned that Sheriff John Matz would be reading the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, at 8:00 am on the Winnebago County Courthouse Steps.

Supervisor Nelson informed the committee that Winneconne would have an afternoon fireworks show on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

J. Updates from the County Executive

Gordon Hintz, County Executive, was not present. He arrived later, at 8:55 am, which was after this agenda item.

K. Business Items

1. Sawyer County Resolution 2026-9 Transportation Funding

Motion by Supervisor Buck, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hanson, to bring the item to the floor for discussion.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Bureau, to postpone until the next Legislative Committee meeting being held on October 19, 2026, at 8:30 am.

Vice-Chairman Hanson withdrew his motion to postpone.

Motion by Supervisor Ramos, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, to approve the resolution and request the County Board Chairman place it on the County Board of Supervisors August 18, 2026, meeting agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Supervisor Bureau requested the County Executive to take the passed resolution, reach out to all the other counties in Wisconsin and turn all passed resolutions into legislation at one time.

L. Items for Next Agenda

Suggestions from committee members for items to be addressed on a future agenda

1. Resolutions from other counties that were referred to the Legislative Committee from the County Board.

M. Discussion/Action: Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the James P. Coughlin Center, Meeting Rooms A & B.

N. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Submitted by:

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor

Winnebago County Chief Deputy Clerk

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website:

<https://winnebago.cowi.portal.civicclerk.com>