



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Special Budget Meeting

OCTOBER 1, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special budget meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Sheriff's Training Center at the Justice Center.

Present	Supervisor Lee Schlenvogt, Supervisor Marty Wolf, Supervisor Patrick Foy, Supervisor Rick Nelson, Supervisor Rob Holyoke, Supervisor Eric Stelter
Absent	None
Excused	None

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Budget Manager Balke, Policy & Budget Analyst Wittek, Finance Director McMahon, Assistant Finance Director Pezanoski, Human Resources Director McDonell, DOA Intern Ulch, and County Clerk Kretlow.

Others Present: Supervisor Kincaide

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Schlenvogt called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

Committee members, staff and guests stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. PROPER NOTICE

The Clerk noticed the meeting as required.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. BUDGET OVERVIEW & WORKING LUNCH

a) 2026 County Administrator's Proposed Budget

Mr. Dzwinel reviewed the highlights included in the Recommended Budget:

Key fiscal principles guiding the 2026 plan:

- Sustainability: Maintain long-term balance by pairing conservative revenue assumptions with strategic expense control.
- Service Protection: Protect core service levels in mandated and high-impact areas, including Human Services, Sheriff's operations, and transportation infrastructure.
- Flexibility: Preserve sufficient reserves and fund balances to navigate volatility in high-risk cost

centers and revenue streams.

- Strategic Investment: Selectively invest in organizational capacity (e.g., IT modernization, staff reclassifications) where payoffs support operational efficiency and compliance.

- The area of focus is new revenues and the state sales tax forecast of 13.2 million for fiscal year 2026.
- Ozaukee County continues to see growth in the general fund and is in a stable financial position.
- 3% Cost of Living Allocation (COLA) assumed in the budget and a 4% increase in insurance premiums.
- The Net New Construction is \$367,992

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) *Review of County Administrator's 2026 Proposed Budget*

1. Finance Committee Departments

General Fund

Review of revenue sources.

Department of Administration

County Administrator

Human Resources

Finance

Credit Card revenue is budgeted at \$140,000.

There are no expansion requests.

Corporation Counsel and Child Support

Corporation Counsel Gorden and Assistant Corporation Counsel / Child Support Director Kluessendorf joined the meeting.

Child Support revenue was increased by \$47,000 due to higher realized revenue from the State.

One expansion request is for an additional attorney to offer support and assistance to the office. The attorney would engage in general county matters.

County Board/County Clerk

The County Clerk's Office Current Service Level budget increases the tax levy by \$53,999 or 11%. The increase is due to the 2026 election cycle with four elections.

There are no expansion requests.

County Treasurer

County Treasurer Tretow joined the meeting.

The Treasurer's Current Service Level Budget increases the tax levy by \$1,202 or 1%.

There are no expansion requests.

2. Health & Human Services Committee Departments

Human Services

Human Services Director Falkner joined the meeting.

The Human Services Department (combined department with ADRC and Aging) 2026 Current Service Level Budget increases the tax levy by \$508,712 or 10%.

There are no expansion requests.

Lasata Senior Living Campus

Lasata Care Center

Lasata Crossings

Lasata Heights

Barton Smith, Lasata Administrator, and Christine Kuemmerlein joined the meeting.

The Lasata Senior Living Campus does not use tax levy and is balanced. There are no expansion requests.

Public Health

Public Health Director Buechler joined the meeting.

Public Health holds tax levy flat. There are no expansion requests.

Veterans' Services

The Veterans' Services Current Service Level Budget decreases the Tax Levy by \$4,046 or 1.6%. There are no expansion requests.

11:50 AM Recess

12:42 PM Reconvene

3. Natural Resources Committee Departments

Register of Deeds

Land Information

Register of Deeds Laurin, Deputy Register of Deeds Van Eimeren joined the meeting.

The Register of Deeds (ROD) Current Service Level Budget reduces tax levy by \$428,770.

Land Information Services (LIS) is a separate fund from ROD and requires the use of tax levy for its services. The tax levy increases \$21,925 or 38%. This is primarily due to the addition of a funded intern position.

One expansion request for a GIS Technician position.

UW Extension

UW Extension Director Sarkady joined the meeting.

The UW - Extension (UWEXT) Current Service Level Budget increases the tax levy by \$8,776 or 3.8%.

There are no expansion requests.

Land & Water Management

Land & Water Management Director Vogeler joined the meeting.

The Land & Water Management Current Service Level Budget decreases tax levy by \$18,176 or 2.3%.

One expansion request is for a Sanitation and Zoning Specialist.

Planning & Parks

Planning & Parks Director Struck joined the meeting.

The Planning & Parks Current Service Level Budget increases tax levy by \$73,660 or 6%. There are no expansion requests.

4. Public Safety Committee Departments

Clerk of Courts

Clerk of Circuit Court Mueller, and Controller Milhalko joined the meeting.

The Clerk of Courts Department 2026 Current Service Level budget decreases the tax levy by \$100,072 or about 10%.

There are no expansion requests.

District Attorney

June Marx, Office Services Supervisor, joined the meeting.

The District Attorney's Current Service Level Budget increases the tax levy by \$5,907 or 0.6%.
There are no expansion requests.

Medical Examiner

Medical Examiner Luecke joined the meeting.

The Medical Examiner's Office increases the tax levy by \$10,420 or 5.2%. There are no expansion requests.

Sheriff

Sheriff Knowles, Undersheriff Hermann, and Business Services Manager Nelson joined the meeting.

The Sheriff's Office 2026 Current Service Level budget increases the tax levy by an additional \$591,992 or 3.7%.

Three expansion requests. Patrol Deputies on 3rd shift (2 deputies), Jail Deputies (6 new jailers), Jail CSU Deputy (1).

5. Public Works Committee Departments

Highways

Public Works Director Edgren joined the meeting.

The Highway Department remains flat for the 2026 Current Service Level Budget and includes the typical \$133,000 in tax levy for local town aide. There are no expansion requests.

Facilities — Administration Center

Public Works Director Edgren, Building Superintendents Hicks and Tackes joined the meeting.

The Facilities - Administration Building Current Service Level Budget increases the tax levy by \$40,466 or 6.4%. There are no expansion requests.

Facilities — Justice Center and Fairgrounds

The Facilities - Justice Center Current Service Level Budget increases the tax levy by \$42,058 or 4.6%.
There are no expansion requests.

Transit

The Transit Department 2026 Current Service Level Budget holds tax levy flat. There are no expansion requests.

b) ***Review of 2026 Proposed Budget Expansion Requests, Staff Analysis, and Budget Amendments***

Discussion on expansion requests, funding, and how they impact tax levy.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a) Executive Committee 2026 Budget Expansion Requests

Supervisor Wolf proposes the following budget expansion: Corporation Counsel — \$35,832.

Motion:	Motion to approve the Budget Expansion request for the fiscal year 2026
Result:	Passed

Moved by:	Marty Wolf
Seconded by:	Patrick Foy
Ayes:	Lee Schlenvogt, Marty Wolf, Patrick Foy, Rick Nelson, Rob Holyoke, Eric Stelter
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b) Adoption of Executive Committee's 2025 Proposed Budget Recommendations to the County Board

Motion:	Motion to approve the Ozaukee County 2026 Proposed Budget as presented by County Administrator Dzwiniel with the amendments as outlined below.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Patrick Foy
Seconded by:	Eric Stelter
Ayes:	Lee Schlenvogt, Marty Wolf, Patrick Foy, Rick Nelson, Rob Holyoke, Eric Stelter
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

	2025	2026	+/- \$	+/- %
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$23,579,345	\$24,422,762	\$843,417	3.58%
COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$22,818,586	\$23,181,753	\$363,167	1.59%
LIBRARY LEVY	\$760,759	\$1,009,001	\$248,242	32.63%
TOTAL TAX RATE	\$1.47000	\$1.36000	-\$0.1100	-7.48%
COUNTY TAX RATE	\$1.25000	\$1.15068	-\$0.0993	-7.95%
LIBRARY TAX RATE	\$0.22000	\$0.20000	-\$0.0200	-9.09%

AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY TAX LEVY	EXPENSE	REVENUE	TAX LEVY
Sales Tax Assumption	\$ -	\$ 501,624.00	\$ (501,624.00)
General Fund Vacancy and Turnover	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
Human Services Vacancy and Turnover	\$ 301,624.00	\$ -	\$ 301,624.00
Highway General Transportation Aid	\$ -	\$ 17,840.00	\$ (17,840.00)
New Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fleet Fund Tax Levy (Debt)	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (250,000.00)
Corporation Counsel Additional Counsel Funds	\$ 35,832.00	\$ -	\$ 35,832.00
SUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS (New Construction)			\$ (232,008.00)

AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY LIBRARY TAX LEVY	EXPENSE	REVENUE	LIBRARY TAX LEVY
County Library Levy	\$ 248,242.00	\$ -	\$ 248,242.00

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Foy to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Kellie R. Kretlow, County Clerk