

*Minutes of the*  
**ASHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Tuesday, November 7, 2023*  
*Ashland County Courthouse, 201 Main Street West, Room 204, Ashland, Wisconsin*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

An Annual Meeting of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, by Remote/Zoom and in person at the Ashland County Courthouse, County Board Room. Chairperson Richard Pufall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

a. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Ellefson, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Franek, Starck, Berlin, Bussey, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener, Mertig, Nagro, Sztynodor, Miranda, Pufall. 19

Absent: Mika. 1

Excused: MacKenzie. 1

Matt MacKenzie came into the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

b. A moment of silence was held.

c. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Kathy Schutte and seconded by Bill Metzinger to approve the Agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

A motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Mike Berlin to go into a Committee of the Whole for conducting the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Budget. Voice vote, motion carried. The Public Hearing commenced at 9:04 a.m.

a. 2024 Ashland County Proposed Budget

Comments were made on the Proposed Budget.

A motion was made by Clarence Campbell and seconded by Kathy Schutte to close the Public Hearing and to revert to County Board. Voice vote, motion carried. The Public Hearing ended at 9:09 a.m.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERTINENT TO AGENDA ITEMS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES OF THE DAY (3 minutes per speaker/30-minute limit total)**

Public comments were made.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

a. Approval of the October 9, 2023 County Board Minutes

A motion was made by Rich Huber and seconded by Louis Carl to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023, County Board meeting as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

b. Approve Bid for Courthouse Repairs

A motion was made by Laura Nagro and seconded by Mike Berlin to approve the bid from Building Restoration Corporation of Wisconsin for Courthouse repairs. Voice vote, motion carried.

c. Resolution R11-2023-1454 - Aid to Counties With Indian Reservations

**Resolution Number R11-2023-1454**  
**AID TO COUNTIES WITH INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, 1987 Wisconsin Act 326 which was enacted April 20, 1988 and published April 27, 1988 created Wisconsin Statutes § 165.90, which provides in part that any county which has a federally recognized Indian Reservation partially within its boundaries may make annual application in accordance with Wisconsin Statute §59.07(141) to the Department of Justice to receive aid in the amount of thirty nine thousand, nine hundred twenty five dollars (\$39,925) per state fiscal year from the appropriation under Wisconsin Statute § 20.455(2)(d) for the purpose of defraying the expense of performing additional law enforcement duties of sheriffs arising by reason of federal legislation transferring jurisdiction over Indian criminal matter to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, a county so applying shall obtain the advice of the tribal council as to specific law enforcement needs on the reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the Bad River Indian Reservation, which is a federally recognized Indian Reservation, is within the boundaries of Ashland County and Ashland County has already contacted the Bad River Tribal Council Chairman seeking the advice of the Bad River Tribal Council as to specific law enforcement needs on the reservation and anticipates that such advice will soon be forthcoming.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and direct that as soon as Ashland County obtains the advice of the Bad River Tribal Council as to specific law enforcement needs on the Bad River Indian Reservation, Ashland County shall, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §165.90, make application in accordance with Wisconsin Statute §59.07(141) to the Department of Justice to receive aid in the amount of thirty nine thousand, nine hundred twenty five dollars (\$39,925) for the current fiscal year from the appropriation under Wisconsin Statute §20.455(2)(d) for the purpose of defraying the expense of federal legislation transferring jurisdiction over Indian criminal matters to the state.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland Wisconsin, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:

  
Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Gary Mertig and seconded by Kathy Schutte to approve Resolution R11-2023-1454. Voice vote, motion carried.

- d. Resolution R11-2023-1455 – A Resolution to Authorize the Hiring of MWK, LLC for Fiscal Year 2024

**Resolution Number R11-2023-1455**  
**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF MWK, LLC**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, MWK, LLC. has served as financial consultants for Ashland County since 2021.

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 MWK, LLC. has served as Ashland County's contracted Finance Director.

**WHEREAS**, the advice provided by MWK, LLC. has saved Ashland County hundreds of thousands of dollars in current and future years.

**WHEREAS**, MWC, LLC. has helped streamline and improve both Ashland County's budgeting process and Ashland County's accounting system and processes.

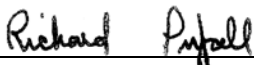
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to hire MWK, LLC.'s services for the 2024 budget year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of funds from the contingency fund in 2024 budget to pay for MWK, LLC's. services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Account shall transfer money from the contingency fund to a new account 01.9010.51570.52900.000 (Financial Consultants/Contracted Serv-Consultants) for this purpose.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland Wisconsin, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors:**

  
Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Laura Nagro and seconded by Ron Sztynodor to approve Resolution R11-2023-1455. Voice vote, motion carried.

- e. Resolution R11-2023-1456 – A Resolution Authorizing the Use of State-Appropriate Funds

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1456***

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF STATE-APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, as part of the 2023-2025 state budget, the state legislature appropriated \$3.6 million to reimburse uncollectible property taxes as a result of the US 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeals decision in LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF WISCONSIN, *et al.*, v. Evers (LOC v Evers).

**WHEREAS**, between the years 2014 and 2022, Ashland County made tax settlement payments to the Town of Sanborn, the Ashland School District, and Northwood's Technical College.

**WHEREAS**, by February 15, 2024, Ashland County is required to make a tax chargeback payment to the Town of Sanborn in the amount of \$150,355.92 and can expect another chargeback from the Town of Sanborn due February 15, 2025, for the repayment of illegal taxes as a result of the LOC v Evers decision.

**WHEREAS**, the total cost to Ashland County as a result of LOC v Evers decision is in excess of \$2.5 million.

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2023, Gov. Evers sent a disbursement request to the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin State Legislature allocating \$2,538,688 to Ashland County to reimburse Ashland County for the expenses resulting from the LOC v Evers decision.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that upon receipt of the reimbursement the Ashland County Treasurer shall place the funds in an interest-bearing account.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Ashland County Clerk shall pay the two chargebacks from the Town of Sanborn using funds from the state reimbursement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the balance of the reimbursement shall remain in savings until such time as the Ashland County Board of Supervisors deems otherwise.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland Wisconsin, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors:**

  
Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Elizabeth Franek and seconded by Kathy Schutte to approve Resolution R11-2023-1456. A discussion followed. Voice vote, motion carried.

- f. Resolution R11-2023-1457 – A Resolution Establishing Compensation to be Paid to All Non-Represented Employees of Ashland County in the Calendar Year 2024

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1457***  
**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID  
TO ALL NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OF ASHLAND  
COUNTY IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

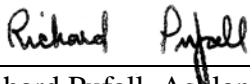
**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee recommended at their October 31, 2023 Committee meeting that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors grant the following wages for non-represented positions effective January 1, 2024, as proposed in the 2024 County budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee recommended that the amount of compensation be established by the County Board of Supervisors as the annual compensation to be paid by Ashland County to the Ashland County employees in calendar year 2024. All employees who were employed by Ashland County on January 1, 2023 shall receive a 2 ½ % wage increase or one step on the Ashland County wage scale for calendar year 2024 unless specified by contract or other terms of employment. Employees hired during 2023 shall receive a 2 ½ % wage increase or one step on the Ashland County wage scale on their first anniversary date.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish the amount of compensation which is set forth above to be the annual compensation to be paid by Ashland County to the person holding such employment position for Ashland County in calendar year 2024.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:



Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Mike Starck to approve Resolution R11-2023-1457. Voice vote, motion carried.

- g. Resolution R11-2023-1458 – A Resolution to Provide a Loan of \$50,000 to the Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1458***  
**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A LOAN OF \$50,000 TO THE ASHLAND COUNTY  
SNOWMOBILE ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance is a not-for-profit organization;

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance is comprised of snowmobile clubs throughout Ashland County;

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance is responsible for the maintenance and grooming off all of the snowmobile trails in Ashland County;

**WHEREAS**, snowmobile riding is a major source of tourism for Ashland County and generates economic activity throughout Ashland County;

**WHEREAS**, the Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance is requesting a loan from Ashland County to purchase a new tucker;


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors agrees to loan \$50,000 to the Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance under the following terms:

- The loan shall be for a term of 10 years at 4% interest with monthly payments beginning 30 days after the transfer of funds;
- There shall be 120 payments at \$506.23 (total repayment = \$60,747.08; total interest = \$10,747.08)
- The Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance may pay back the loan early in whole or part without penalty;
- The County Administrator may provide forbearance of the loan in the event Ashland County experiences a winter that causes the season to be shorter than normal;
- The Ashland County Snowmobile Alliance shall sign a promissory note as a corporation

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the funds to provide the loan shall come from the County General Fund and all loan proceeds shall be paid back to the General Fund.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors:**

  
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 Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Laura Nagro to table Resolution R11-2023-1458.

Roll Call: Yes: Ellefson, MacKenzie, Nagro, Campbell, Ray, Franek, Starck, Miranda, Huber, Wiener, Mertig. 11

No: Metzinger, Kinney, Pufall, Szyndor, Berlin, Bussey, Vitek, Schutte, Carl. 9

h. Resolution R11-2023-1459 – A Resolution Authorizing the Forgiveness of a Loan to the Tri-County Corridor Commission

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1459***  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF A LOAN TO THE TRI-COUNTY CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 Ashland County authorized a loan to the Tri-County Corridor to help the Tri-County Corridor overcome fund lost due to embezzlement in 2020.

**WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Corridor Commission has since implemented a variety of best management practices in their accounting systems.


**WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Corridor provides a diverse variety of recreational opportunities for Ashland County residents and it driver of tourism in Ashland County.

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County and Douglas County have already provided the extra funding without a payback requirement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors hereby forgives the \$10,000 loan given to the Tri-County Corridor Commission under Resolution No. R08-2021-1393.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors:**

  
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 Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by Kathy Schutte to approve Resolution R11-2023-1459.

A motion was made by Laura Nagro and seconded by Pat Kinney to recognize Pat Daoust and allow him to address the board. Voice vote, motion carried.

A discussion followed. Voice vote, motion carried approving Resolution R11-2023-1459.

- i. Resolution R11-2023-1460 - Adoption of the 2024 Ashland County Debt Levy – Resolution Providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of a \$1,628,680 General obligation Promissory Note, Series 2023, of Ashland County, Wisconsin; Establishing the Terms and Conditions Therefor; Directing its Execution and Delivery

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1460***

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF A \$1,628,680 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2023, OF ASHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREFOR; DIRECTING ITS EXECUTION AND DELIVERY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Ashland County, Wisconsin (the “County”), as follows:

1. Under and pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 67 and Sections 67.045 and 67.12(12), the County is authorized to issue and sell its general obligation promissory notes for any public purpose.

2. The Board hereby directs the issuance and sale of its \$1,628,680 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2023 (the “Note”) for the public purpose of financing a portion of the County’s Capital Improvements approved by the Ashland County Board Finance Committee on October 17, 2023 (the “Improvements”).

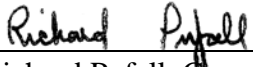
3. The County has solicited a proposal for the sale of the Note and received a proposal from Northern State Bank, located in Ashland, Wisconsin (the “Purchaser”), to purchase the Note to pay or provide for costs of the Improvements.

4. The Note shall bear interest on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of 5.5% per annum, and the note will mature with the principal and interest payable in full 366 days after issuance.

5. The County, after due consideration, finds such offer reasonable and proper and the offer of the Purchaser is hereby accepted. All actions of the Chairperson, the County Clerk and the Administrator taken with regard to the sale of the Note are hereby ratified and approved.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:

  
Richard Pufall, County Board Chair

A motion as made by Bradley Ray and seconded by Laura Nagro to approve Resolution R11-2023-1460. Voice vote, motion carried with Matt MacKenzie in opposition.

- j. Resolution R11-2023-1461 – A Resolution Establishing Compensation to be Paid to Ashland County Supervisors

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1461***

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO ASHLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORS**

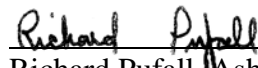
**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee recommended at their October 31, 2023 Committee meeting that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors grant the following per diem increase for Ashland County Supervisors

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee recommended that the amount of compensation be established by the County Board of Supervisors for County Board Supervisors effective following the April 2, 2024 to be \$75 per meeting and \$37.50 for a second meeting the same day with a maximum daily per diem rate of \$112.50.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish the amount of compensation which is set forth above for Ashland County Supervisors elected on April 2, 2024.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:

  
Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Martin Vitek and seconded by Kathy Schutte to approve Resolution R11-2023-1461. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by George Bussey and seconded by Laura Nagro to amend the resolution to substitute for the two paragraphs beginning “Whereas the Executive Committee...”, using the following single paragraph as the substituted wording: “It is resolved that effective upon swearing in of the newly elected Ashland County Board in the Spring of 2024 that the per diem rate of compensation for Ashland County Board members shall be raised from a rate of \$50 for attendance of a County Board meeting to a rate of \$60 for an attendance of a County Board meeting, and that this increase shall apply only to the duly constituted regular meetings of the full Ashland County Board, and that compensation for all other meetings, including committee meetings, shall remain as previously established.” A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Bradley Ray to call the question on the amendment.

Roll Call on calling the question:

Roll Call: Yes:	Ellefson, MacKenzie, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Franek, Starck, Berlin, Bussey, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener, Mertig, Nagro, Szyndor, Miranda, Pufall. 19
No:	0
Absent:	Mika. 1

Roll Call on the amendment to Resolution R11-2023-1461:

Roll Call: Yes:	Nagro, Pufall, Franek, Szyndor, Miranda, Bussey, Huber & Schutte. 8
No:	Ellefson, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Starck, Berlin, Vitek, Carl, Weiner & Mertig. 11
Abstain:	MacKenzie. 1
Absent:	Mika. 1

The discussion continued. A motion was made by Mike Berlin and seconded by Blake Ellefson to call the question. Voice vote, motion carried with George Bussey in opposition.

Roll Call approving Resolution R11-2023-1461:

Roll Call: Yes:	Pufall, Franek, Berlin, Bussey, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl & Wiener. 9
No:	Ellefson, MacKenzie, Nagro, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Starck, Szyndor, Miranda & Mertig. 11
Absent:	Mika. 1

k. Adoption of the 2024 Ashland County Budget and Tax Levy

**Ashland County Budget Summary**  
**2024 Administrator's Proposed Budget by Department with Comparison of Tax Levy to Adopted 2023**

Date: 11/7/2023

2024 Budget					2023 Budget				
Expenditures	Revenues	Fund Bal Applied (Excess Rev)	Requested Tax Levy	Increase or (Decrease) in Tax Levy	Department Name	Expenditures	Revenues	Fund Bal Applied (Excess Rev)	Adopted Tax Levy
\$ 213,099			\$ 213,099	\$ 33,193	Administrator	\$ 179,906			\$ 179,906
95,102			95,102	6,445	County Board	88,657			88,657
66,000			66,000	50,000	Corporation Counsel	16,000			16,000
337,001	9,050		327,951	26,288	County Clerk	310,763	9,100		301,663
52,900	5,425		47,475	25,909	Elections	26,991	5,425		21,566
49,044	20,000		29,044	(1,514)	Coroner	50,558	20,000		30,558
338,070			338,070	94,175	Information Technology	243,895			243,895
190,768	2,267,122		(2,076,354)	(746,147)	Treasurer	194,378	1,524,585		(1,330,207)
175,511			175,511	500	Courthouse Maintenance	175,011			175,011
632,564	220,961		411,603	33,558	Clerk of Courts	599,006	220,961		378,045
37,757	37,757		-	-	Criminal Justice	37,757	37,757		-
160,408	22,000		138,408	6,983	Probate/Juvenile Court	153,425	22,000		131,425
223,522	14,000		209,522	18,558	District Attorney	204,964	14,000		190,964
83,114	39,934		43,180	1,773	Victim Witness Program	73,130	31,723		41,407
2,023,164	49,300		1,973,864	136,537	Sheriff Administration	1,876,727	39,400		1,837,327
1,995,042	248,000		1,747,042	38,734	Jail	1,833,308	125,000		1,708,308
420,504	420,504		-	-	Bad River Patrol	399,749	399,749		-
118,715	70,000		48,715	27,579	Recreation Officer	91,136	70,000		21,136
99,390	135,000		(35,610)	(56,637)	TAD Grant	114,777	93,750		21,027
23,000	23,000		-	(23,000)	Law Enforcement Training	23,000			23,000
203,723			203,723	26,583	Jail Building	177,140			177,140
95,000	95,000		-	73,500	ABC Non Lapsing		73,500		(73,500)
114,509	40,420		74,089	5,943	LE Aid to Co. with Res.	108,566	40,420		68,146
18,650			18,650	17,650	Uniform Allowance	1,000			1,000
727,141			727,141	77,585	Dispatch	649,556			649,556
348,585	348,585		-	-	Central Dispatch				-
115,979	46,522		69,457	12,318	Emergency Management	108,661	51,522		57,139
424,429	566,260		(141,831)	149,141	Forestry/Recreation	351,288	642,260		(290,972)
210,797	142,000		68,797	40,801	Register of Deeds	169,996	142,000		27,996
5,120			5,120	(4,080)	Surveyor	9,200			9,200

**Ashland County Budget Summary**  
**2024 Administrator's Proposed Budget by Department with Comparison of Tax Levy to Adopted 2023**

2024 Budget					2023 Budget				
Expenditures	Revenues	Fund Bal Applied (Excess Rev)	Requested Tax Levy	Increase or Decrease in Tax Levy	Fund/Department Name	Expenditures	Revenues	Fund Bal Applied (Excess Rev)	Adopted Tax Levy
757,698	616,151		141,547	52,438	Land Conservation	621,612	532,503		89,109
153,423	81,300		72,123	25,717	Zoning	125,806	79,400		46,406
123,426	10,500		112,926	32,739	Real Property Lister	100,687	20,500		80,187
585,136	464,257		120,879	(17,009)	Child Support	552,083	414,195		137,888
107,190	9,650		97,540	4,795	Veteran's Service	102,395	9,650		92,745
183,031			183,031	1,721	UW Extension	181,310			181,310
<b>1,187,783</b>	<b>2,193,314</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>(1,355,531)</b>	<b>(228,197)</b>	<b>General County</b>	<b>1,285,149</b>	<b>2,184,382</b>	<b>228,101</b>	<b>(1,127,334)</b>
<b>\$ 12,696,295</b>	<b>\$ 8,196,012</b>	<b>\$ 350,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,150,283</b>	<b>\$ (55,421)</b>	<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 11,237,587</b>	<b>\$ 6,803,782</b>	<b>\$ 228,101</b>	<b>\$ 4,205,704</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>									
9,389,221	6,733,736		2,655,485	574,205	ADRC of the North	8,153,663	6,072,383		2,081,280
			-	(63,186)	Human Services	73,186	10,000		63,186
227,657	227,657		-	-	Law Enforcement Grants	11,151	14,000	(2,849)	-
			-	-	Trees and Shrubs	160,123	156,500	3,623	-
1,397	1,397		-	-	Land Records				-
2,591,848	2,063,848	53,000	475,000	-	Marker Remonumentation	1,397	1,397		-
79,378	79,378		-	-	Forestry Road Aid	2,965,352	2,330,218	160,134	475,000
			-	(59,450)	Highway Roads and Bridges	54,572	54,572		-
100	100		-	-	State Aid Forestry	59,450			59,450
1,514,585	1,514,585		-	-	County Improvement	100	100		-
			-	-	Tree Planter	1,100,000	1,100,000		-
			-	(18,650)	ARPA	18,650			18,650
2,355,220	33,736	294,848	2,026,636	(29,795)	Uniform Allowance	2,056,431			2,056,431
1,764,670	1,764,670		-	-	Debt Service	1,606,414	1,606,414		-
			-	-	Capital Fund	325,895	332,586	(6,691)	-
4,490,103	4,077,048	413,055	-	-	Land Conservation Grants	4,469,987	4,469,987		-
<b>35,110,474</b>	<b>24,692,167</b>	<b>1,110,903</b>	<b>9,307,404</b>	<b>\$ 347,703</b>	<b>Highway Enterprise Fund</b>	<b>\$ 32,293,958</b>	<b>\$ 22,951,939</b>	<b>\$ 382,318</b>	<b>\$ 8,959,701</b>

165,877	Library Levy	150,918
9,141,527	County Levy without Library	8,808,783
<b>9,141,527</b>	Allowable Levy Limit	<b>8,855,346</b>
-	Over Levy Limit (Under)	(46,563)
<b>(289,631)</b>	Tax Levy Change from Proposed.1	

<b>Detail of changes made to Proposed.1 Tax Levy</b>		
6,375	gf District Attorney's Budget	
(20,000)	gf Coroner's Budget	
(125)	gf Veteran's Budget	
41,270	21 CTHS Maintenance to balance to \$25k reduction	
(66,270)	21 GTA Revenue	
(100,000)	gf Decrease to Contingency=LaPointe	
(50,000)	gf Sales Tax Revenue Increase Estimate	
<b>(188,750)</b>	Levy Change Increase (Decrease)	
42,973	gf Increase Contingency Fund-Undesignated	
1,800	gf increase Zoning Contractual Services	
20,000	cp Risk Management for Insurance	
(20,000)	cp increase borrowing for debt levy	
20,175	ds increase repayment debt levy including interest	
60,000	sr increase expenditures for Uniquely Wisconsin Program	
(60,000)	sr increase ARPA Revenue for Uniquely Wisconsin Program	
(12,000)	gf Increase Jail Other Revenue	
(5,000)	gf Increase Jail Daily Fees Revenue	
(139,068)	gf Decrease Jail wages Duplicated	
37,342	ds Airport Capital (Increases Debt Levy)	
60,000	cp Uniquely Wisconsin Contract	
(60,000)	cp Apply ARPA Revenue for Uniquely WI Contract	
(1,183)	gf Balance through Contingency	
(45,920)	ds Apply Debt Service Fund Balance	
(1,357)	ds Adjust interest on capital loan decrease to 5.5%	
6,030	gf Increase Airport Operating Budget	
(4,673)	gf Decrease Contingency (\$387,117)	
<b>(100,881)</b>	Levy Change Increase (Decrease)	
-	Over Levy Limit (Under)	



Motion was made by Pat Kinney and seconded by Bradley Ray to approve the 2024 Ashland County Budget as presented in Attachment 05k of the Ashland County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2023 Meeting packet, recording a Tax Levy of \$9,141,527, which includes Adjustments for Previous Year's Unused Levy (Section B) of \$55,963, an adjustment for post 2005 GO debt service repayments of \$2,335,045 and setting the library levy at \$165,877 for Section 43.12 Library. A discussion followed.

Motion was made Bradley Ray and seconded by Pat Kinney to amend the 2024 Budget to include the NextGen911 Grant for \$50,077, which would change the WLIP Grant totals to \$318,700 Expenses and \$318,700 Revenues. Voice vote, motion carried.

Roll call adopting the 2024 Ashland County Budget and Tax Levy as amended:

Roll Call: Yes: Ellefson, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Szyndor, Berlin, Miranda, Bussey, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener & Mertig. 14

No: MacKenzie, Metzinger, Pufall, Franek & Starck. 5

Absent: Nagro & Mika. 2

1. Resolution R11-2023-1462 – A Resolution to Authorize the Sale of the Lauri Jean Zach Center Building to the Lauri Jean Zach Center

***Resolution Number R11-2023-1462***

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE LAURI JEAN ZACH CENTER BUILDING TO THE LAURI JEAN ZACH CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, for 40 years the Lauri Jean Zach Center has been providing assistance to the disabled and handicapped in the Glidden area.

**WHEREAS**, the Lauri Jean Zach Center currently leasing their building from Ashland County at no cost, but is responsible for all maintenance of the building.

**WHEREAS**, the Lauri Jean Zach Center building is in need of repairs.

**WHEREAS**, donors are hesitant to provide the necessary funding because the Lauri Jean Zach Center does not own the building.


**WHEREAS**, the Lauri Jean Zach Center building is tax exempt and would remain tax exempt if the Lauri Jean Zach Center owned the building.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ashland County Board of Supervisors approves the sale of the Lauri Jean Zach Center building to the Lauri Jean Zach Center for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Administrator is authorized to close the sale and sign any paperwork necessary on behalf of Ashland County.

Adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors, Ashland, Wisconsin on this 7th day of November, 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:

  
Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chair

A motion was made by Mike Berlin and seconded by Mike Starck to approve Resolution R11-2023-1462.

A motion was made by Ron Szyndor and seconded by Louis Carl to allow Kathy Schraufnagel to address the board. Voice vote, motion carried. A discussion followed.

Voice vote to adopt Resolution R11-2023-1462, motion carried.

## 6. CLOSED SESSION

Mike Berlin made a motion, with a second by Ron Sztynдор, to go into Closed Session Pursuant to §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.

Roll Call: Yes: Ellefson, MacKenzie, Metzinger, Campbell, Ray, Kinney, Franek, Starck, Berlin, Bussey, Vitek, Huber, Schutte, Carl, Wiener, Mertig, Nagro, Sztynдор, Miranda, Pufall. 19

No: 0

Absent: Nagro & Mika. 2

### a. Regarding Land Sold at Tax Sales

County Board convened in closed session at 10:49 a.m.

A motion was made by Matt MacKenzie and seconded by George Bussey to reconvene in open session. Voice vote, motion carried.

The County Board reconvened in open session at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Richard Pufall announced that no action would be taken on Land Sold at Tax Sales.

## 7. REPORTS/UPDATES

### a. Administrator Updates

Dan Grady gave an update on what he has been working on since the October 9, 2023 County Board meeting. A discussion followed.

Kathy Schutte was excused from the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

### b. County Board Supervisors

County Board members commented.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS

The staffing update was distributed to the Board.

## 9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ron Sztynдор and seconded by Martin Vitek. Motion carried. County Board adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather W. Schutte  
Ashland County Clerk