

The County Board of Calumet County was called to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM by Chair Connors.

1 2ND FLOOR TOUR

At 6:00 PM, Members of the County Board met at the West lobby of the courthouse to tour the 2nd floor of the courthouse. County Board Supervisors attending the tour: Matthew Budde, Alice Connors, Ronald Dietrich, Dave Elliott, Mike Hofberger, Simeon Johnston, Nick Kesler, Brian Kolb, Patrick LaTour, Buzz Laughrin, James Lowey, Joseph Mueller, Joan Pagel-Holzschuh, Mary Schwalenberg, Pete Stier, Kathleen Thunes, and Jake Wayne. Staff attending: Todd Romenesko, County Administrator; Matt Payette, Director of Operations; Lynn Brenner, Deputy Human Services Director; Adam Hernke, Facilities Director; and Bernie Sorenson, Emergency Management Director.

Immediately after the tour, the Board members moved to the County Board Room (019) for the remainder of the meeting.

2 ROLL CALL

Supervisors Present: Chair Alice Connors; Supervisors Matthew Budde, Andy Cleveland, Ronald Dietrich, Dave Elliott, Mike Hofberger, Simeon Johnston, Nick Kesler, Brian Kolb, Patrick LaTour, Buzz Laughrin, James Lowey, Anne Machesky, Joseph Mueller, Joan Pagel-Holzschuh, Mary Schwalenberg, Pete Stier, Ty Stuckmann, Kathleen Thunes, Emily Voight and Jake Wayne.

Supervisors Excused: Andy Cleveland and Ty Stuckmann.

Supervisors Absent: Anne Machesky and Emily Voight.

Staff and others present: Todd Romenesko, County Administrator; Kimberly Tenerelli, Corporation Counsel; Beth Leary, County Clerk; Brett Bowe, Sheriff; Matt Payette, Director of Operations; Bernie Sorenson, Emergency Management Director; Josh Medina and Tristan Vukosich, Network Technicians; and Kimberly Tenerelli, Corporation Counsel. McKenna Maronn and Ariana Holcomb, Student Ambassadors. Steve Ransbottom, citizen.

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor LaTour to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was approved unanimously with 17 ayes, 2 excused (Cleveland and Stuckmann), 2 absent (Machesky and Voight).

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Dietrich and seconded by Supervisor Elliott to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2025 meeting as presented. The Minutes were approved unanimously with 17 ayes, 2 excused (Cleveland and Stuckmann), 2 absent (Machesky and Voight).

6 COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

8 SPECIAL BUSINESS

County Administrator, Todd Romenesko, briefly discussed the county board rules section on capital improvement projects. General discussion followed.

9 RESOLUTION

9a. RESOLUTION 2025-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Moved by Supervisor Stier and seconded by Supervisor Thunes to adopt Resolution 2025-17 as presented. General discussion. Resolution 2025-17 was adopted unanimously with 17 ayes, 2 excused (Cleveland and Stuckmann), 2 absent (Machesky and Voight).

10 SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports of Meetings and Seminars attended

11 COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT & APPOINTMENT

11a. Monthly Report - was provided with the Agenda Packet

11b. Reappointment of the County Surveyor. Recommend the reappointment of Brad Buechel, whose term will expire Jan. 31, 2026. The new term will expire Jan. 31, 2028.

Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor Elliott to affirm the County Administrator's recommendation for the reappointment of Brad Buechel as County Surveyor, with a new term expiring January 31, 2028. Motion carried unanimously with 17 ayes, 2 excused (Cleveland and Stuckmann), 2 absent (Machesky and Voight).

12 NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

February 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

13 CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 PM, **moved** by Supervisor Dietrich and seconded by Supervisor Schwalenberg to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(b), to consider the dismissal, demotion, discipline of a public employee or the investigation of charges against such person. Roll Call

was taken and motion carried unanimously.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Connors adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

State of Wisconsin)
Calumet County)

I, Beth A. Leary, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of proceedings of the County Board Meeting.

/s/ Beth A. Leary, Calumet County Clerk