

## **MINUTES**

### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, August 28, 2025  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Wood County Annex & Health Center - Classroom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein, Leslie Kronstedt, Dr. Tim Golemgieski (arriving at 5:15 PM)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Rachel Stankowski, Marie Topping

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list.

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, Public Health Manager Kathy Alft noted that the Health Department was recognized for 25 years in the Healthy Smiles/Seal a Smile program, the only one in the state with this many years of service put into this program.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed with inquiries being addressed. Errors in the previous minutes, including date and location, were noted. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda with the minutes corrected as noted. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Health Department Director Smith and Alft reviewed the 2026 Health Department budgets and noted the changes made due to federal funding being cut. There are still unknowns but the budget presented is a best guess at this point in time. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to approve the 2026 Health Department budgets as presented and forward to the Finance Department. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Norwood Administrator Kornack reviewed the current status of the Norwood water management noting that design work continues with plan design meeting coming up before going to the bid process.
6. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz reported that the insurance company has once again denied the claim on the generator conduit line cleaning. The project is out to bid at present.
7. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz, Norwood Administrator Kornack, and Human Services Director Vruwink presented the 2026 Human Services budgets. There were decreases in levy support for Edgewater Haven and Norwood, and a small increase, within the parameters set by the Operations Committee, for the Community portion of the Human Services budgets. The department heads

discussed the various challenges moving forward, such as a decrease in federal funding and the unknown direction of the ADRC for the meals program. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to approve the 2026 Human Services budgets as presented and forward to the Finance Department. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Veterans Service Officer Larson presented the 2026 Veterans budgets. He reviewed the request of the Veterans Service Commission for an increase in the Veterans Relief budget and explained its uses. Motion by Thao/Valenstein to approve the 2026 Veterans budgets as presented and forward to the Finance Department. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats to consider leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
11. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Edgewater Haven Nursing Home Conference Room.
12. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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