

Chairman Steve Herman convened the adjourned session with Altena, Vanden Bosch, Scholten, and Birkey present. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

Melissa Stillson, Public Health Director, was present to discuss the FY2026 re-estimates and the FY2027 budget. Stillson noted that certain expenditures may change depending on whether the School Nurse Program will continue. She reported that her overall budget has decreased from FY2026 to FY2027. Stillson also presented the General Relief and Opioid budgets. She expressed her intention to have a staff member attend the General Assistance Conference in the future. Additionally, she indicated that the department may reevaluate the amounts allocated for various forms of assistance, including rent and funeral expenses.

Nolan McGowan, County Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of adding a part-time secretary. McGowan provided supporting information outlining the need for the position and stated that he would potentially allocate \$5,000 from the County Attorney's Incentive Fund to assist with payroll expenses for the new role. The Board indicated that the matter would be discussed further after review of the remaining departmental budgets and thanked McGowan for his presentation.

Justin Smith, Conservation Director, attended the meeting to review the FY2026 re-estimates and the FY2027 budget. Smith stated that a lake restoration project is under consideration and that certain associated fees may need to be paid during the current fiscal year. He expects to have additional information following his board meeting later that evening. Smith also reported that land scheduled for purchase in FY2027 is estimated at \$9,000 per acre. He inquired whether the Board would consider allowing Conservation to retain revenue generated from park fees. The Board responded that it would evaluate this request after reviewing the status of the County's General Fund in relation to other departmental budgets.

Daryl Albertson, County Engineer, joined the meeting to discuss the FY2027 budget. Albertson reviewed projected expenses and reported that FEMA reimbursements have been limited thus far this year, although approximately \$1.5 million had been anticipated. He stated that updated re-estimates for the current fiscal year would be submitted to the Auditor.

Breckyn Sprock, Zoning Administrator, attended the meeting to address questions from the Board. In response to an inquiry regarding average monthly hours devoted to zoning activities, Sprock stated that approximately 20 hours per month are dedicated to zoning matters. The Board thanked Sprock for her attendance.

Additional budget review was conducted for the following departments: Board Control, Courthouse, Economic Development, Juvenile Services, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Non-Departmental. The Board requested that the County Attorney allocate \$10,400 from the Incentive Fund to support the new position. The Board also discussed allowing the Conservation Department to retain 100% of the revenue generated from park fees, contingent upon the condition that the County's General Fund not be utilized to finance the Lake Restoration project. Additionally, the Board

requested that the Conservation Department defer any future land acquisitions that have not already been approved

Amy Sprock, Auditor, informed the Board that the budget is currently based on maximum levy rates. These include a General Fund levy rate of 3.2661, a General Supplemental levy rate of 0.87224, and a Rural Services levy rate of 3.26012. The Board will determine the final maximum levy rates at a regular board meeting following the completion and entry of all departmental budgets.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Vanden Bosch, seconded by Altena to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
County Auditor Chairman

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.