

TOWN OF ANDERSON
Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Call to order by James Mielke.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Mielke.

Affidavit of Posting signed by James Mielke.

Motion for Approval of Agenda

Kevin Louis motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of September 9, 2025 meeting minutes

Kevin Louis motioned to approve the September 9, 2025 meeting minutes as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update

Ramona Moody gave the Burnett County District 4 Supervisor report. Please see attached for details.

Nicole Flamang – WDNR request a town resolution

Nicole Flamang is the Real Estate Specialist Advanced for the Land & Facilities with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. She came to ask the Town of Anderson's support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' proposed acquisition of a 54.34-acre parcel within the Town of Anderson. The owner of land was not able to be at the meeting but sent an email to the Board stating the history of the land and her wish for the land sold to the state to keep it in a wildlife habitat. This land is being purchased by Northwest Coastal Assistance grant funds and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funds. Due to the funds being used the State is requiring them to ask permission from the town the land is in. James Mielke motioned to approve the wishes of the landowner to have her land sold. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Pardun – Assessor

Bob Pardun asked the Board to amend his contract to add Sonja Rikkala to the contract to help him. The Board agreed to the amendment to his contract. Sonja signed an Oath and sent Annette Bethke her Assessor's certificate.

Treasurer's Report

Patsy Tucker gave the Treasurer's report. The Town of Anderson has \$3,468.36 in checking, \$2,537.34 in the money market at Community Bank, \$5,063.44 in the machinery fund and \$151,478.82 in the money market at Royal Credit Union. This is a total asset of \$162,547.96. This reconciles with all bank statements.

Fire Association update

Kevin Louis gave the Fire Association update. The 2026 budget was approved with each town paying at equal percentage based on the levy. The question had come up about purchasing new one at a time. However, due to new safety requirements and the maintenance, it is best to have everyone in the same style equipment.

Chairman's Report

James Mielke attended the Wisconsin Town Association Annual Convention. He gave an update, saying that the convention was good. He was able to speak with several different Town Chairs. He said that the roads were talked about a lot. There is a new application for cemeteries. It gives you who to contact regarding the cemeteries and where people are buried. There is a cost for this.

James also talked about branding for the town. Like a logo, colors and fonts for letter head and emails. He had two different quotes one for \$500 and one for \$1,000. This would unify the town and make us look more professional.

Clerks Information

Nothing to report.

Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month

Jim Bethke said he has been grading and mowing the ditches. He said that he would be mixing the salt/sand himself this year. It would be over a \$2,000 saving. He had called the security place in St. Croix Falls about security cameras. They are too expensive. He purchased a Ring Camera to see how it works before we purchase more.

a. Approval needed to purchase new one ton.

Patsy Tucker had some loan numbers from a couple different banks. Community Bank was the best at 4.5% interest for a 72 month loan. Our payments would be \$1,280/month. This is the same as our current loan on the backhoe that will be ending at the end of the year. Kevin Louis motioned to approve the loan for the new one ton with Community Bank. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Don Syring said the people have been driving in his yard and turning around in this driveway looking for the "Day Spa" that is being run on the Karachenets property. Jason Towne has been informed as this property is not zoned for commercial use.

Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of September 2025 bills.

James Mielke motioned to approve the September 2025 bills in the amount of \$35,513.64. Jim Loomis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

Nothing to report.

Motion to Adjourn

James Mielke motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Louis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update 10/14/2025:

The Administration Committee approved a Resolution In Support of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Land Acquisition for Fish Lake Wildlife Area. The resolution will go to County Board on Oct 16th.

Land Use Committee: The committee met October 7th. The committee held public hearings for 2 rezone requests and 2 Conditional Use Permits all in the Town of Scott. The rezones were approved to move forward to County Board and the CUPs were both approved.

- a. Rezone Request #MAP-25-06: Hicks, Geoffrey – Rezone from F-1 to A-2
- b. Conditional Use Permit #CUP-25-17: Hicks, Geoffrey – Equipment Sale and Service Facility in the A-2 Agricultural-Residential District
- c. Rezone Request #MAP-25-07: Hicks, Curtis and Angela – Rezone from F-1 to A-2
- d. Conditional Use Permit #CUP-25-18: Hicks, Curtis and Angela – Equipment Sale and Service Facility in the A-2 Agricultural-Residential District

Infrastructure Committee: The committee met on October 8th.

Walker in building maintenance reported he has been working on painting and carpet cleaning in the former Conservation offices in preparation for another unit to fill the space. This is another planned move in order to make space for the second floor court room remodel.

The Highway Department has been Crack sealing, Fog Sealing, Shouldering, Patching, replacing culverts and preparing for winter.

Monarch has paved County Road Y, and County Road W. County Road T paving started last week. County Road Y is nearly complete and they will be doing some extra 50/50 topsoil blend behind shoulders along with seeding to help prevent shoulder washouts.

The Commissioner is preparing ARIP grant paperwork for CTH-O between 87 and 48.

Natural Resources Committee: The committee met on October 9th.

Forest and Parks Department reported they met with DNR and some Eagle Lake property owners to go over information needed regarding the eroding bank and boat ramp issue. From that meeting, they applied for an individual permit for rip rap on both sides of the stream, to take care of the eroding banks. Once the banks are secured, if the county wants to move forward with a project where old dam was, they will need to request a permit for a new dam to be placed in this location. This will take a fair amount of work and engineering if the County wants to move in that direction. For now, they are focusing on the erosion issues on the banks.

The Devils Lake and Clam Dam restroom buildings were installed on September 4. Sidewalks, final grading, and seeding are complete at both sites.

The Burnett County Snow Trails Association held their first monthly meeting of the fall at our building on September 23. The clubs are busy working on getting trails and equipment ready for the winter season.

Health & Community Services Committee met this morning. Public Health is partnering with law enforcement for Drug Take Back Day. This will be Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 9–Noon.

This event helps to reduce public safety risks from expired and unused prescription medications.

Participating locations are Burnett Medical Center, St. Croix Casino, Danbury and the Siren Village Hall. All locations will have law enforcement conducting the event.

The past month has seen more Adult Protective Services referrals for financial abuse and scamming. Recovery of funds is almost impossible due to the untraceable nature of the predators. Unfortunately, they are seeing scams that involve large sums. The only thing they can do is to educate on how to avoid future scams.