TOWN OF BROCKWAY
NOTICE
FOR A PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING MACHINE
Wednesday, October 28 at 1:30 pm.

Julie Borek, Clerk/Treasurer *WNAXLP*

MEETING NOTICE

Please take notice that the Plan Commission of the City of Black River Falls will meet on **Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.** at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls to hear the petition of Doc's Bunkhouse, LLC to obtain a conditional use permit for a campsite rental business for the following described land and premises:

TAX PARCEL 206-2653.0000 – UNDEVELOPED LAND LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST LINCOLN STREET IN THE CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Parcel contains 39.25 acres. A map is available at City Hall.

The conditional use permit would allow Doc's Bunkhouse to establish and rent 60-80 campsites at the above location.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

Alex B. Chown
City Clerk
City of Black River Falls
Published in the Banner Journal Oct. 28 and Nov. 5, 2026.

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MEETING NOTICE

Please take notice that the Plan Commission of the City of Black River Falls will meet on **Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.** at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls to review a proposed Certified Survey Map (CSM) prepared by Arrow Land Surveying on behalf of Justin Dougherty for the following described land:

LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
ALL OF LOT 25 OF LALLAPALOOZA ESTATES, AND ALL OF LOT 17 OF SANDBERGEN HEIGHTS, LYING IN PARTS OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND THE SE1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 10, T21N, R4W; CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

The land is located at 1037 Pine Street, and the proposed Certified Survey Map is available at City Hall.
All interested persons are urged to attend.

Alex B. Chown
City Clerk
City of Black River Falls
Posted: September 29, 2026
Published in the Banner Journal Oct. 21 and 28, 2026.

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JACKSON COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2027

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 65.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that the hearing on Jackson County's budget for the year 2027 will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615

BUDGET SUMMARY - GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES:	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Estimated	2027 Proposed	Percent Change from Prior Year Adopted Budget
General Government	8,321,866	7,268,898	6,162,430	6,097,091	-16.1%
Public Safety	7,101,582	7,481,849	6,573,796	8,022,056	7.2%
Social Services	14,432,630	13,731,472	11,769,598	14,475,129	5.4%
Culture, Recreation & Educ.	342,165	367,389	367,389	392,521	6.8%
Conservation & Development	3,531,230	3,536,333	4,382,143	3,406,729	-3.7%
Public Service	161,503	181,841	163,153	169,766	6.6%
Transportation					-8.0%
Debt Service	1,624,063	2,768,787	2,768,787	2,973,969	7.4%
Transfer Out	(600)	0	0	0	
TOTALS:	35,514,439	35,336,568	32,187,296	35,537,261	0.6%
REVENUES:					
County Sales Tax	1,993,780	2,045,000	2,045,000	2,129,265	4.1%
Other Taxes	768,227	604,618	641,583	619,618	2.5%
Intergovernmental Revenue	10,701,169	10,344,724	8,513,900	9,225,630	-10.8%
Intergovernmental Charges					15.6%
Licenses & Permits	339,263	285,100	303,234	306,200	7.4%
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	164,822	169,000	141,204	150,000	-11.2%
Public Charges For Services	1,592,876	1,480,350	1,445,716	1,783,100	20.5%
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	4,301,305	4,177,131	4,563,846	6.1%
Debt Service Transfer In	0	0	0	0	
Transfer In	1,182,227	2,451,368	386,647	4,058,249	65.6%
Fund Adjustment (growth)	142,903	1,879,501	(420,300)	1,552,372	-17.4%
TOTALS:	16,885,266	23,560,966	17,234,115	24,388,280	3.5%
Net TAX Levy	(18,629,173)	(11,775,602)	(14,953,181)	(11,148,981)	

PROPRIETARY FUND

2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Estimated	2027 Proposed
8,848,722	8,023,665	6,270,119	7,378,160
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8,848,722	8,023,665	6,270,119	7,378,160
1,573,490	1,389,987	1,389,987	1,679,921
2,018,295	2,216,590	2,216,590	2,332,970
132,524	0	0	0
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	1,945,284	0	678,141
3,724,310	5,551,861	3,606,577	4,691,032
0	(2,471,804)	(2,663,542)	(2,687,128)

2026 BUDGET / FUND BALANCE SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS

	General Fund/ Social Services	Special Revenues	Enterprise	Capital/Co Bldg	Debt Service	Total
Est. Fund Balance 1/1/2026	21,555,619	509,589	9,441,354	309,151	0	31,815,713
Est. Undesignated 1/1/2026	14,628,312	509,589	9,441,354	309,151	0	24,888,406
Budgeted Revenues	8,607,161	12,559,457	4,691,032	169,636	0	26,027,286
Tax Levy	7,598,424	975,070	2,666,288	0	2,767,362	14,027,144
Budget Expenditures	17,657,974	14,780,689	7,378,160	125,054	2,972,544	42,914,421
Excess of Revenues Over (Fund Balance Applied)	(1,138,517)	(977,077)	(840)	44,582	(205,182)	(2,277,034)
Est. Fund Balance 12/31/2026	20,417,102	(467,488)	9,440,514	353,733	(205,182)	29,538,679
Est. Undesignated 12/31/2026	13,489,795	(467,488)	9,440,514	353,733	(205,182)	22,611,372

	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed
TOTAL COUNTY TAX LEVY	12,424,608	13,769,564	14,332,326
COUNTY TAX RATE	5.08	5.22	5.14
COUNTY EQUALIZED VALUE	2,254,373,500	2,366,295,400	2,681,354,700

A detailed listing of the proposed budget is available at the Jackson County Clerk's office in the Courthouse in Black River Falls, WI

Melissa Windsor
Melissa Windsor, County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River falls on Monday, September 21, 2026, in the District Office Board Room.

School Board President, Kaitlyn Cunningham, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Alexander Woods, Micaela Conlon-Bue, Casey Wyss, Jesse Susa, Nick Helstad, Adam Bantell, Kaitlyn Cunningham.

Board Members Absent: None

Kaitlyn Cunningham verified the public notice with Marti Herzberg.

One community member spoke during the public comment section of the meeting.

Jesse Susa made a motion to move agenda item 8.1 Seclusion and Restraint Report from 2025-2026 toward the beginning of the meeting. Adam Bantell seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Adam Bantell moved to approve the following gifts/grants: $50 from Carol Thomas – Angel Fund; $3,000 from Jim and Kathy Powell (Warming Hearts Fund) – School Necessities; $1,000 School Technology Grant (applied for by Elizabeth Johnson) – Diabetes Awareness; $12,350.03 from D&S Manufacturing – Purchase of a Roland BN2-30 Desktop Printer and Cutter

Alex Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The School Board presented the Board Commendation to Jordan & Stephanie Nortman to recognize them for the creation of the Extra Needs Parent Support Group.

Ben Terpening presented information from Upper 90.

Melanie Floyd presented the 2025-2026 Seclusion & Restraint Report.

Micaela Conlon-Bue moved to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda as presented. Kaitlyn Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Casey Wyss moved to approve the recommendation that the girls' varsity hockey co-op will be hosted by the School District of Tomah beginning with the 2027-2028 season and the team's name and logo will change to The Wilderness. Nick Helstad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson shared the schedule for the upcoming community referendum listening sessions.

Dr. Severson announced that Randy Marsh, Cody Arnold and Kitti Young will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the high school during Homecoming on October 16th.

Dr. Severson reviewed the employment recommendations.

Dr. Severson shared the most recent exit interview responses.

Micaela Conlon-Bue moved to approve the 66.03 Agreement with Holmen School District – Project Bridge. Adam Bantell seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Casey Wyss moved to approve the monthly expenditures as presented. Micaela Conlon-Bue seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Brandon Jahr and Dr. Severson explained the need for short-term borrowing in order to meet expenses for the 2026-2027 school year. Brandon will present a short-term borrowing proposal to the Board at the October School Board meeting.

Casey Wyss moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 17th and 24th. Micaela Conlon-Bue seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Severson's District Administrator's Report included:

• Melanie Cassidy has been chosen to receive Channel 8's Top Notch Teacher Award.

• The City of BRF is exploring an expansion of the Foundation Trail. A firm working with them has reached out to consult with the schools regarding the best option.

• Everyone should see the new sign at the entrance to the high school. Michelle Wood is doing an excellent job at keeping it updated.

• She shared the thank you letter that the district received from WASBO for holding the Custodial Conference this year.

Upcoming WASB opportunities – The Regional Meeting will be held in West Salem on October 1st. The State Education Convention will be held January 20-22. Please let Marti Herzberg know if you'd like to be registered for either conference.

School Board Connection Opportunities – The Homecoming Parade will start at 2:00 p.m. on October 16th at the High School. Kaitlin Cunningham and Alex Woods would like to hand out referendum information while walking the parade route.

Future Agenda Items – Enrollment Summary, Ho-Chunk Nation MOU Update, School Forrest Utilization Report.

At 7:16 p.m. Micaela Conlon-Bue moved to adjourn. Alex Woods seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the School District of Black River Falls on November 3, 2026, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY $1,000,000 PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Black River Falls, Jackson, Clark and Monroe Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the School District of Black River Falls, Jackson, Clark and Monroe Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the School District of Black River Falls budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses,
including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the School District of Black River Falls the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 301 North Fourth Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Town of Adams
Dale Ann Bohac
715-896-1735

Town of Albion
Joan Hanson
715-896-2226

Town of Alma
Don Forsting
715-896-4898

Town of Brockway
Julie Borek
715-284-5234

Town of Curran
Jim Gathje
715-299-5253

Town of Franklin
Ashley Stetzer
608-797-6734

Town of Garden Valley
Ann Klieforth
715-937-1865

Town of Hixton
Melissa Windsor
715-533-4243

Town of Irving
Paula Proft
715-299-2388

Town of Knapp
Dawn Linder
608-343-3233

Town of Komensky
Alina Limberg
715-299-4501

Town of Manchester
Clare McNamara
952-215-6772

Town of Millston
Dawn Wojtyla
715-299-6368

Town of Northfield
Jessica Lind
301-752-0774

Town of Springfield
Susan Waldera
715-662-2661

Village of Hixton
Laurie Mueller
715-963-3732

City of Black River Falls
Brad Chown
715-284-5514

Town of New Lyme (Monroe Co.)
Lisa Green
608-487-0051

Town of Dewhurst (Clark Co.)
Helen Bohac
715-896-0380

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors2

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.3

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE")* to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan ballot**, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

November 3, 2026

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).
To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: ☒
To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: ☒
School District
Question: Shall the School District of Black River Falls, Jackson, Clark and Monroe Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Shelly Severson, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Black River Falls
on October 28, 2026
Alexander Woods
District Clerk

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Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots
November 3, 2026

Office of the Jackson County Clerk
To the voters of Jackson County

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in several wards in Jackson County on November 3, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

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Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make an "X" in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make an "X" in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "Express Vote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the name of the person of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit their folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Melissa Windsor, Jackson County Clerk

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Official Ballot

Partisan Office and Referendum

November 3, 2026

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To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name like this: ☒

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

Statewide

When voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, you have one of two choices:

- Vote for candidates on one ticket, *or*
- Write in names of persons on both write-in lines

A write-in vote for only a Lieutenant Governor candidate **will not be counted.**

Governor/ Lieutenant Governor
Vote for 1

- ☐ Tom Tiffany / David Varnam (Republican)
- ☐ David Crowley / Sarah Godlewski (Democratic)
- ☐ _____ / Write-in (Governor) _____ Write-in (Lieutenant Governor)

Statewide (cont.)

Attorney General
Vote for 1

- ☐ Eric Toney (Republican)
- ☐ Josh Kaul (Democratic)
- ☐ Write-in:

Secretary of State
Vote for 1

- ☐ Jay Schroeder (Republican)
- ☐ JoCasta Zamarripa (Democratic)
- ☐ Peter Karas (Wisconsin Green)
- Write-in:

State Treasurer
Vote for 1

- ☐ John S. Leiber (Republican)
- ☐ Yee Leng Xiong (Democratic)
- Write-in:

Congressional

Representative in Congress
District 3
Vote for 1

- ☐ Derrick Van Orden (Republican)
- ☐ Rebecca Cooke (Democratic)
- ☐ Alexander Valiensi Kent (Independent)
- ☐ Rustin Provance (Independent)
- Write-in:

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote for 1

- ☐ Michael Alfonso (Republican)
- ☐ Fred Clark (Democratic)
- ☐ Write-in:

Legislative

State Senator
District 70
Vote for 1

- ☐ Nancy VanderMeer (Republican)
- ☐ Stephanie Stuve Bodeen (Democratic)
- ☐ Write-in:

County

Sheriff
Vote for 1

- ☐ Kristin Bills Garcia (Republican)
- ☐ Duane M. Waldera (Democratic)
- ☐ Write-in:

Clerk of Circuit Court
Vote for 1

- ☐ Jean Sahr (Republican)
- ☐ Write-in:

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: ☒

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: ☒

State

QUESTION 1: ***"Partial veto.*** Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

QUESTION 2: ***"Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency.*** Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

QUESTION 3: ***"Governmental entity discrimination prohibited.*** Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

School District

Question: Shall the School District of Black River Falls, Jackson, Clark and Monroe Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses, including to maintain class sizes and educational programs, transportation costs, and to address staff salaries and benefits?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Question: Shall the Whitehall School District, Trempealeau and Jackson Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,250,000 per year for two years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, to continue the approval for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Official Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
November 3, 2026
for

_____
Municipality and ward number(s)

Ballot issued by

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Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

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Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. § 6.82 to receive assistance.

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Signature of assistor

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Our File #T984011
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CHIPPEWA COUNTY
SECURA INSURANCE COMPANY
AS SUBROGEE OF WAYNE & JULIE BOLLINGER
Plaintiff,
vs.
CRISS BALZ
Defendant.
Case No. 26-CV-000285
AMENDED SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: CRISS BALZ
N8080 CHARCOAL RD N
HIXTON WI 54635-8628

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within Forty (40) days after October 28, 2026, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, 711 N BRIDGE ST, CHIPPEWA FALLS WI 54729 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiffs attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin October 13, 2026.
2026CV000285
KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/JASON D. HERMERSMANN
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Chris C. Emerson

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-36

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/16/1948 and date of death 4/19/2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7582 County Rd E, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/13/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Sept. 30, 2026

Sarah Emerson
N7582 County Rd E
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT H. NESBITT

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-39

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 01-16-1937 and date of death 08-04-2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1005 Golf Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is o1/20/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Oct. 7, 2026

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
November 3, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 Senate Joint Resolution 116

To amend section 10(1)(c) of article V; **relating to:** prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto to create or increase any tax or fee.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 112, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 16, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article V] Section 10 (1) (c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, ~~and~~ may not create a new sentence by combining parts of 2 or more sentences of the enrolled bill, and may not create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further

Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: *"**Partial veto.** Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"*

2025 Assembly Joint Resolution 10

To amend section 18 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** the freedom to gather in places of worship during a state of emergency.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 54, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 11, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 18 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

[Article I] Section 18. The right of every person to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed; nor shall any person be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry, without consent; nor shall any control of, or interference with, the rights of conscience be permitted, or any preference be given by law to any religious establishments or modes of worship; nor shall any money be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of religious societies, or religious or theological seminaries; nor shall the state or a political subdivision of the state order the closure of or forbid gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency at the national, state, or local level, including an emergency related to public health.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 2: "***Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency***. *Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"*

2025 Assembly Joint Resolution 102

To create section 27 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** prohibiting governmental entity discrimination.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 109, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 15, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 27 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

[Article I] Section 27 (1) In this section, "governmental entity" means the state, its political subdivisions including municipalities, the University of Wisconsin System, the Technical College System, any public college or university, any public school district, and any office, department, independent agency, board, commission, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state or local government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts.

(2) A governmental entity may not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

(3) This section does not prohibit action that must be taken to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program, if ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the governmental entity.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits bona fide qualifications based on sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

(5) If any part or parts of this section are found to be in conflict with the United States Constitution or federal law, the section shall be implemented to the maximum extent that the United States Constitution and federal law permit. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further ***Resolved, That*** the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 3: "***Governmental entity discrimination prohibited***. *Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"*

Explanatory Statements as to the Questions

Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

Under current law, the Governor may partially veto language in a spending bill passed by the Legislature. The veto may result in either more or fewer taxes or fees being imposed and may also result in local government entities being authorized to increase or decrease local taxes or fees.

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to Article V, section 10(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Constitution, providing that the Governor's veto "may not create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee." This language would not only prevent a veto from increasing any state taxes or fees, but also prevent a veto from allowing local governments, such as school districts, to increase their own taxes or fees.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. V, § 10(1)(c) to prohibit the Governor from partially vetoing a spending bill in a way that would create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee.

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. V § 10(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

Under current law, Article I, section 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution, like the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, protects religious rights. In a declared state of emergency, officials may limit public gatherings, including religious gatherings, so long as religious and secular gatherings are treated equivalently.

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to the end of Article I, section 18, prohibiting the state and local governments from ordering the closure or forbidding gatherings "in places of worship" when there is a state of emergency. That language would prevent officials from forbidding gatherings in places of worship even when other types of public gatherings have been closed.

A "yes" vote on Question 2 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 18. The amendment would prohibit the state and local governments from closing or prohibiting gatherings in places of worship during a state of emergency.

A "no" vote on Question 2 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 3:

Under current law, both under Article I, section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, states and local governments may not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, or sex except under specific circumstances. For race, color, ethnicity, or national origin, discrimination in favor of or against a group is permissible only if the government has a compelling interest and a narrowly tailored remedy. For sex, discrimination is permissible if it serves an important government interest and is substantially related to that interest. Current law also makes distinctions depending on whether discrimination is overt and intentional, or merely a disparate impact of a neutral policy.

The proposed amendment would create a new provision, Article I, section 27, which would prohibit state and local governmental entities from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

This language appears to impose stricter standards against discrimination than the standards under current state and federal law.

The amendment contains three exceptions. It does not apply if it would cause the governmental entity (1) to lose eligibility for a federal program or (2) to violate federal law. And the amendment's prohibition on treating people differently based on sex does not apply to measures that are "reasonably necessary" to the "normal operation" of public employment, education, contracting, or administration.

A "yes" vote on Question 3 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. I, § 18, which would prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

A "no" vote on Question 3 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. I § 18 to the Wisconsin Constitution.

Done in the City of Black River Falls,
on this 14th day of October, 2026.
Melissa Windsor, Jackson County Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BERNARD JOHN KUTCHERA
06/08/2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-35

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/16/1961 and date of death 06/08/2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W12269 County Road P, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/14/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
October 2, 2026

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Betty J. Chandler-Anderson

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-40

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-28-1929 and date of death 8-31-2026, was domiciled in Dallas County, State of Texas, with a mailing address of 5600 N. Shiloh Road, Garland, TX 75044.

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/25/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

Electronically signed by
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on **November 16th, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** on the following:

- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2026-33 as requested by Todd Waldo, on property located in the SW1/4-SW1/4, Section 05, T23N, R05W, Town of Garden Valley, Jackson County, WI; 020-0075.0000. The request is to change 20 acres of the R4(Residential- Manufactured Home2) District to the R2(Residential-Private Water & Septic System) District to place a small cabin and shipping container for storage.**
- **CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST #2026-34 as requested by Travis & Kayla Oppelt, on property located in the SW1/4-SE1/4, Section 2, T21N, R04W, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, WI; 010-0569.0504. The request is to operate a short-term rental and use as a secondary home in the R2(Residential-Private Water & Septic System) District.**
- **CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST #2026-35 as requested by Colt & Erin Johnson, on property located in the SE1/4-SE1/4, Section 15, T20N, R04W, Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI; 032-0774.0000. The request is to place two small cabins on site and operate a short-term rental in the B2(Outlying Business) District.**

The petitioner or their agent must attend the County's Public Hearing.
Jackson County Zoning Department
307 Main Street, Courthouse
Black River Falls WI 54615
715-284-0220
Zoning@Jacksoncountywi.gov

This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the proposed changes, and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. The decision of the Committee to conditionally grant any conditional use or grant/conditionally grant or deny any subdivision request will be finalized at this public hearing. The Committee, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the full County Board for their final decision to either grant or to deny any proposed zone changes. Should you desire more information regarding the proposals, please call or visit the Jackson County Zoning Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0220.

A Notice of this Petition will be forwarded to the Town Board. The Town officials will discuss this request and return a "TOWNSHIP POSITION" form. Thus, the Petitioner SHOULD contact the Town Chairman to explain the proposal and answer any questions. An effort has also been made to notify adjoining landowners of the proposal/s, so that they may contact the Town Chairman for more information and/or voice their concerns. To ensure that those interested have been notified, please share this notice with your neighbors. CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN MEETING DATE AND TIME.

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Dated this 21st day of October, 2026.

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