



**Kewaunee County
Executive Committee Meeting**

AMENDED

AGENDA

June 2, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Conference Room

County Administration Building, 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of June 2, 2025 Agenda
4. Approval of April 7 and May 5, 2025 Minutes
5. Public Comment (3 minutes per person – 20 minute maximum)
6. Live streaming and/or recording meetings
7. A Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Authority of Counsel for Kewaunee County to Add Additional Defendants to Opioid Litigation, Including IN MDL 2804
8. County Administrator's Report
 - a. Personnel Report
 - b. Approve Filling Vacancies
9. Next Meeting Date
10. Adjournment

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

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KEWAUNEE COUNTY
PERSONNEL REPORT
 June 2, 2025



Jeremy Kyal
 County Administrator

Hire		
Chantel Kinnard	Children's Long-Term Support Case Manager	May 15
Braeden Schley	Summer/Temporary Help	May 21
Jordan Leischo	Economic Support Specialist	May 28
Ann Marie Luckow	Economic Support Specialist	May 29
Jackson Wisnicky	Summer/Temporary Help	June 2
Charr Oswald	Economic Support Specialist	July 1

Recruitment

- Economic Support Specialist Lead - advertising
- Program Assistant (Public Health) - advertising
- Radio Operator/Jailer - advertising/interviewing
- Summer Temporary Help Parks/Highway - advertising/interviewing

as of report date 5/22/2025



RESOLUTION NO.

CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF COUNSEL FOR KEWAUNEE COUNTY TO ADD ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS TO OPIOID LITIGATION, INCLUDING IN MDL 2804

TO THE HONORABLE KEWAUNEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors previously authorized the County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, among others, of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants responsible for the opioid epidemic in the County's community;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the County, the Law Firms filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Law Firms filed similar lawsuits on behalf of 66 other Wisconsin counties and all Wisconsin cases were coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned *In re: Opioid Litigation*, MDL 2804 (the "Litigation");

WHEREAS, four (4) additional Wisconsin counties (Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth) hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation;

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firms have coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for Milwaukee, Dane, Waukesha, and Walworth Counties) to prepare the County's case for trial and engage in settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants;

WHEREAS, to date, through nationwide settlements, the Law Firms have achieved considerable success on behalf of the County in holding the Opioid Defendants responsible for their role in creating or maintaining the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, through the course of ongoing discovery and investigation concerning the opioid epidemic and parties potentially responsible therefor, it was determined that meritorious opioid-related claims exist against additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A hereto, and that they should be added as defendants in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, the engagement agreement with the Law Firms provides "depending upon the results of initial investigations of the facts and circumstances surrounding the potential claim(s), there may be additional parties sought to be made responsible;"

WHEREAS, while the County believes the engagement agreement with the Law Firms provided the Law Firms with adequate authority to add additional parties to be held responsible, the County understands that recently those parties questioned that authority, and therefore, for the avoidance of doubt, the County is adopting this Resolution confirming and ratifying the Law Firms' authority to add additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A, as defendants in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, to avoid any confusion surrounding the County's authorization to the Law Firms to amend the pleadings in the Litigation to include additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A as named defendants in MDL 2804, this Resolution is intended to serve as confirmation and ratification of such authorization; and

WHEREAS, the County, by this Resolution, intends to confirm and ratify the authority of the Law Firms to amend the pleadings in the Litigation to add additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A as defendants in MDL 2804, or to commence appropriate federal or state court proceedings against

such entities, and further intends to authorize Corporation Counsel to execute and deliver any and all other and further documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 17th day of June 2025, that the Board hereby confirms and ratifies the authority of:

1. The Law Firms to file appropriate pleadings in MDL 2804 or appropriate federal or state court proceedings to add additional parties, including but not limited to the entities listed on Exhibit A as defendants.
2. The Corporation Counsel, Board Chair or other authorized official to execute and deliver any and all other and further documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Daniel A. Olson, Chair

Aaron Augustian

Doak Baker

Scott Jahnke

Joanne Lazansky

Joe Lukes

Gerald Paape

Thomas J. Romdenne

Linda Teske

APPROVED AS TO FORM
David J. DePeau
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Y E S	N O	A B S E N T	A B S T A I N
Agamaite, S.				
Augustian, A.				
Baker, D.				
Browne, S.				
Guillette, N.				
Jahnke, S.				
Kinnard, T.				
Kroll, K.				
Lazansky, J.				
Lukes, J.				
Olson, D.				
Ortlieb, J.				
Paape, G.				
Patrycia, B.				
Romdenne, T.				
Shelton, W.				
Swagel, M.				
Teske, L.				
Vollenweider, J.				
Zeitler, P.				
TOTALS				