



COMMITTEE:	Planning & Zoning
MEETING DATE:	March 3, 2026
OPEN HOUSE TIME:	1:00
MEETING TIME:	1:45
PUBLIC HEARING TIME:	3:00
LOCATION:	Administration Building – Meeting Room 115 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage, WI
REASON FOR MEETING:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Special

1:00

Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan Updates Open House

1:45

Call to Order and Roll Call

Certify Meeting was Properly Noticed

Discuss/Review and any Possible Action on the Following Subject Matter:

1. Agenda and any legally noticed changes
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)
3. Public Input
4. Chairman’s Update
5. Operational Overview
 - a. Expenditure Report
 - b. Department Budgets, Compensatory Time, Out of County Travel
 - c. Director’s Staff Report/Update
6. Access Variance
 - Doherty – Town of Dekorra
 - Paulson Investments LLC – Town of Columbus
7. Update on Local Operating Agreement for Highnoon Project
8. 2025 Annual Report
9. Department Head Performance Evaluation*

3:00

10. Public Hearings:

Item I Zoning Change – To rezone from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay; Applicant(s): Merlin D Miller, Alta R Miller, et al – Town of Marcellon

- a. Public Hearing
- b. Discussion & Deliberation
- c. Committee Recommendation

Item II Zoning Change – To rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay; Applicant(s): RM Smith Trust Dated 4/12/2022 – Town of Wyocena

- a. Public Hearing
- b. Discussion & Deliberation
- c. Committee Recommendation

Item III Zoning Change – To rezone from A-1 Agriculture, A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, and A-2 General Agriculture to A-3 Agriculture Business, RR-1 Rural Residence, AO-1 Agricultural and Open Space with A-4 Agricultural Overlay, and A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay; Applicant(s): Sean O Doherty, Shane O Doherty, Trevor B Doherty & April L Doherty – Town of Dekorra

- a. Public Hearing
- b. Discussion & Deliberation
- c. Committee Recommendation

Item IV Conditional Use Permit – For a Contractor’s Shop; Applicant(s): Sean Doherty & Shane Doherty – Town of Dekorra

- a. Public Hearing
- b. Discussion & Deliberation
- c. Committee Recommendation

Item V Zoning Change – To rezone from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residence and A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay; Applicant(s): Darwin C Selle – Town of Leeds

- a. Public Hearing
- b. Discussion & Deliberation
- c. Committee Recommendation

Item VI Plan Amendment – Amend Chapter 13 of the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan 2030 Including Appendix IV Farmland Preservation Plan

- a. Public Hearing
- b. Discussion & Deliberation
- c. Committee Recommendation

11. Adjourn

*The Committee may go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility [Department Head Performance Evaluation]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session.

Agenda items may be taken out of order to accommodate schedules of those presenting subject matter.

An incidental quorum of one or more other County committees may occur, however no additional committee business will be conducted other than the legally posted agenda.

Copies sent/mailed to the following on February 24, 2026 by the Planning & Zoning Office.

Tess Carr	Kurt Calkins
Andrew Kolberg	Lisa Black, County Clerk – Email
Henry St. Maurice	Darren Schroeder
Jeffrey Leckwee	Corporation Counsel
Doug Richmond	Renee Pulver-Johnson

Placed on meeting calendar by the County Clerk on _____.

Persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in the meeting, should notify the Columbia County Clerk’s Office at (608) 742-9654 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so accommodations may be arranged.