

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE 2012 SPRING GENERAL ELECTION:

NOMINATION PAPERS (GAB-169)

- MAY START CIRCULATING DECEMBER 1, 2011
- DUE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 5:00 P.M. JANUARY 3, 2012

NOTIFICATION OF NONCANDIDACY

- IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO RUN FOR REELECTION – DUE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 5:00 P.M. DECEMBER 27, 2011

GENERAL ELECTION

- APRIL 3, 2012

PRIMARY

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

County Supervisor

County Supervisor* is elected in the Spring Election. Candidates must be a resident and qualified elector** of district at the time of filing nomination papers. See attached Government Accountability Board elections forms for your reference and use:

- GAB-1 Campaign Registration Statement
- GAB-162 Declaration of Candidacy
- GAB-163 Notification on Noncandidacy (due December 27, 2011)
- GAB-169 Nomination Paper for Nonpartisan Office (20 – 100 signatures needed)
- GABIS-3 Ballot Access Checklist
- GABIS-4 Campaign Finance Checklist

The following are available in the County Clerk's Office or at the Government Accountability Board website <http://gab.wi.gov/>

- GAB-2 Campaign Finance Report
- Memorandum Regarding Felony Convictions
- IRS Registration and Filing Requirements
- Campaign Finance and Bookkeeping Manual

*No person may hold any state or local elected office in Wisconsin if the person has been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States unless the person has been pardoned of the conviction. No person may have his/her name placed on the ballot for any state or local elected office in Wisconsin if the person has been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States unless the person has been pardoned of the conviction. (Article XIII, Section 3 (2), (3), Wis. Constitution)

**Qualified elector is defined in s.6.02, Stats., as a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, who has resided in the election district for at least 28 consecutive days before any election at which he or she offers to vote (and who is not disqualified by virtue of one or more of the impediments described in s.6.03, Stats.).

**NOTICE OF
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE
AND
JUDICIAL AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR ELECTION
APRIL 3, 2012**

COUNTY OF PRICE }
STATE OF WISCONSIN }

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the County of Price, on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, there will be held a Presidential Preference Vote to express preferences for the person to be the presidential candidate for each party.

SPRING ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the County of Price, on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, the following officers are to be elected:

JUDICIAL OFFICERS

ONE COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES, for the term of six years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose terms of office will expire on July 31, 2012:

District III

Vacant

COUNTY SUPERVISORS

A COUNTY SUPERVISOR, for each county supervisory district, for a term of two years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term will expire on April 16, 2012:

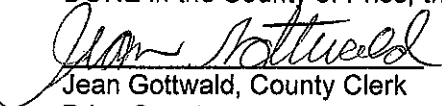
District 1	Larry Palecek	District 2	Robert Rogalla
District 3	John Walasek	District 4	Ronald Kardas
District 5	James Robb	District 6	Ronald Heikkinen
District 7	Richard Schneider	District 8	James Rutherford
District 9	Jay Janssen	District 10	Robert Kopisch
District 11	John Vlach	District 12	Russell Kapitz
District 13	Dick Laws		

Information concerning county supervisory district boundaries may be obtained from Jean Gottwald, Price County Clerk, 126 Cherry St., Phillips, WI. Phone 715-339-3325.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2011, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Judicial Office candidates file with the Government Accountability Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

DONE in the County of Price, this 7th day of November, 2011.


Jean Gottwald, County Clerk
Price County
126 Cherry St, Phillips, WI 54555

3. COMMITTEE TREASURER (Campaign finance correspondence is mailed to this address.)

Treasurer's Name	Telephone Number (residence)
Address (number and street)	Telephone Number (employment)
City, State and Zip Code	Treasurer Email Address

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF COMMITTEE AND OTHER CUSTODIANS OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

Attach additional listing if necessary. Indicate which officers or committee members are authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination due to death of candidate by an asterisk(*). This provision only applies to independent and local nonpartisan candidates. s.8.35, Stats.

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	Email Address	Phone #	POSITION

5. DEPOSITORY INFORMATION

Name of Financial Institution	Account Number (Attach list of any additional accounts and deposit boxes, location, type and number, i.e., savings, checking, money market, etc.)
Address (number and street)	City, State and Zip Code

CERTIFICATION

TREASURER

I, _____ (print full name) certify the information in this statement is true, correct and complete.

Signature _____, Treasurer _____
Date _____

CANDIDATE

I, _____ (print full name) certify the information in this statement is true, correct and complete, and that this is the only committee authorized to act on my behalf.

Signature _____, Candidate _____
Date _____

+++ EXEMPTION FROM FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS §11.05(2r), Wis. Stats. +++

You may be eligible for an exemption from filing campaign finance reports. Consult the Campaign Finance Instruction and Bookkeeping Manual to determine if the registrant qualifies for exemption.

This registrant is eligible for exemption. This registrant will not accept contributions, make disbursements or incur obligations in an aggregate amount of more than \$1,000 in a calendar year or accept any contribution or cumulative contributions of more than \$100 from a single source during the calendar year, except contributions by a candidate to his or her campaign of \$1,000 or less in a calendar year.

This registrant is no longer eligible to claim exemption.

Signature of Candidate or Treasurer _____ Date _____

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS REQUIRED BY §§9.10(2)(d), 11.05, 11.06(7), WIS. STATS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION MAY SUBJECT YOU TO THE PENALTIES OF §§8.30(2), 11.60, 11.61, 11.66, WIS. STATS.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

(See instructions for preparation on back)

Is this an amendment? Yes No

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that
(Candidate's name)

I am a candidate for the office of _____
(Official name of office - Include district, branch or seat number)

representing _____
(Name of political party or statement of principle - five words or less)

and I meet or will meet at the time I assume office the applicable age, citizenship, residency and voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and that I will otherwise qualify for office, if nominated and elected.

I have not been convicted of a felony in any court within the United States for which I have not been pardoned.¹

My present municipality of residence for voting purposes is:

(Candidate's address for voting purposes - Include the number, street, and municipality where the candidate resides.)

My name as I wish it to appear on the official ballot is as follows:

(Any combination of first name, middle name or initials with surname. A nickname may replace a legal name.)

(Signature of candidate)

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
County of _____) ss.
(County of notarization)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

**NOTARY SEAL
NOT REQUIRED**

My commission expires _____ or is permanent.

Notary Public or _____
(Official title if not a notary)

GAB-162 (Rev. 7/2009) The information on this form is required by §8.21, Stats., Art. XIII, Sec. 3, Wis. Const., and must be filed with the filing officer in order to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot. §§8.05 (1)(j), 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.17 (2), 8.20 (6), 120.06 (6)(b), Wis. Stats.

This form is prescribed by the GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD, 212 East Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984
608-266-8005, <http://gab.wi.gov> Email: gab@wi.gov

¹ A 1996 constitutional amendment bars any candidate convicted of a misdemeanor which violates the public trust from running for or holding a public office. However, the legislature has not defined which misdemeanors violate the public trust. A candidate convicted of any misdemeanor is not barred from running for or holding a public office until the legislature defines which misdemeanors apply.

Instructions for Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates seeking ballot status for election to any office in the State of Wisconsin must properly complete and file a **Declaration of Candidacy**. This form must be **ON FILE** with the proper filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A facsimile will be accepted if the FAX copy is received by the filing officer no later than the filing deadline **and** the signed original declaration is received by the filing officer with a postmark no later than the filing deadline.

Information to be provided by the candidate:

- Type or print your name on the first line.
- The title of the office and **any district, branch, or seat number** for which you are seeking election must be inserted on the second line. *For legislative offices insert the title and district number, for district attorneys insert the title and the county, for circuit court offices insert the title, county and branch number, and for municipal and school board offices insert the title and any district or seat number.*
- Type or print the political party affiliation or principle supported by you in five words or less on the third line. *Nonpartisan candidates may leave this line blank.*
- **Felony convictions: Your name cannot appear on the ballot if you have been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States for which you have not been pardoned. Please see footnote on page 1 for further information with respect to convictions for misdemeanors involving a violation of public trust. These restrictions only apply to candidates for state and local office.**
- Your current municipality of residence for voting purposes must be inserted on the fourth line. This must include the street and number, or post office address, and **the name of the municipality of residence** (town, village, or city). If your address changes before the election, an amended Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the filing officer. s.8.21, Stats. *Federal candidates do not have to provide this information.*
- Type or print your name on the fifth line as you want it to be printed on the official ballot. You may use your full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials, or nickname with last name.

The Government Accountability Board has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as "Red" or "Skip" are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as "Lower taxes," "None of the above" or "Lower Spending" are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses between first and last names. For example, John "Jack" Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

This form must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths, such as a county or municipal clerk.

Information to be provided by the person administering the oath:

- The county of notarization.
- The date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed and the oath administered.
- The signature and title of the person administering the oath. If signed by a notary public, the date the notary's commission expires must be listed. *The notary seal is not required.*

All candidates for offices using the nomination paper process and all school district candidates must file this form with the appropriate filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. §§ 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.17 (2), 8.20 (6), 8.50 (3)(a), 120.06 (6)(b), Wis. Stats.

Candidates nominated for local office at a caucus must file this form with their municipal clerk within 5 days of receiving notice of nomination. § 8.05 (1)(j), Wis. Stats.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

NOTIFICATION OF NONCANDIDACY

I, _____, state that I am currently the
(please print name)

incumbent officeholder for the office listed below.

I will not be a candidate for this office at the next election. I understand that the timely receipt* of this notice will avoid an extension of the deadline for filing ballot access documents.

TITLE OF OFFICE: _____
(print current office, including district #, if any)

NEXT ELECTION DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE OF SIGNING: _____

**Notification must be received by the proper filing officer no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the deadline for filing ballot access documents to avoid an extension of time for filing such papers.*

The information on this form is filed in accordance with §§ 8.05(1)(j), 8.10(2)(a), 8.15(1), 8.20(8)(a), 120.06(6)(b), Wis. Stats. This form is prescribed by the Government Accountability Board, 212 East Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984, (608) 266-8005, FAX (608)267-0500, <http://gab.wi.gov> Email: gab@wi.gov.

NOMINATION PAPER FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Candidate's name; no titles may be used.			Street, fire, or rural route number; box number (if rural route); and name of street or road			
Name of municipality for <u>voting</u> purposes <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City		Name of municipality for <u>mailing</u> purposes	State WI	zip code	Type of election <input type="checkbox"/> spring <input type="checkbox"/> special	Election date
Title of office		<input type="checkbox"/> Branch <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Seat		Branch, district or seat number	Name of jurisdiction or district in which candidate seeks office	

I, the undersigned, request that the candidate, whose name and address are listed above, be placed on the ballot at the election described above as a candidate so that voters will have the opportunity to vote for him or her for the office listed above. I am eligible to vote in the jurisdiction or district in which the candidate named above seeks office. I have not signed the nomination paper of any other candidate for the same office at this election.

THE MUNICIPALITY USED FOR MAILING PURPOSES, WHEN DIFFERENT THAN MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE, IS NOT SUFFICIENT. THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE MUST ALWAYS BE LISTED.			
SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS	STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE <small>Rural address must also include box or fire no.</small>	MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE <small>Indicate Town, Village, or City</small>	DATE OF SIGNING
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
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10.		<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	

CERTIFICATION OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____, certify:
(Name of circulator)

I reside at _____
(Circulator's residence - Include number, street, and municipality.)

I personally circulated this nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures on this paper. I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district the candidate seeks to represent. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this candidate. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under §12.13(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

(Date)

(Signature of circulator)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

This is a sample nomination paper form. It conforms to the statutory requirements for nomination papers for nonpartisan office. All information concerning the candidate must be completed in full before circulating this form to obtain signatures of electors. All information concerning the signing electors and the circulator must be completed in full before filing with the appropriate filing officer. This form may be reproduced in any way. A candidate's picture and biographical data may also be added to this form. The Government Accountability Board has determined that no disclaimer or other attribution statement is required on nomination papers.

Page Numbers - Number each page consecutively, beginning with "1", before submitting to the filing officer. A space for page numbers has been provided in the lower right-hand corner of the form.

Candidate's Name - Insert the candidate's name. A candidate may use his or her full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials or nickname with last name. The Government Accountability Board has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as "Red" or "Skip" are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as "Lower taxes," "None of the above" or "Lower Spending" are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses between first and last names. For example, John "Jack" Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

Candidate's Residence - If a candidate's municipality of residence is different from the municipality used for mailing purposes, both must be given. Indicate if the municipality of residence is a town, village, or city.

Date of Election - Insert the date of the election. If the nomination paper is being circulated for a spring election, the date is the first Tuesday in April. If the election is a special nonpartisan election, the date of the special election must be listed.

Title of Office - The name of the office must be listed **along with any branch, district, or seat number** that clearly identifies the office the candidate is seeking. If necessary, the name of the jurisdiction that identifies the office, such as Dane County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3, must also be listed.

Name of Jurisdiction - The nomination papers must also indicate the municipality or jurisdiction in which the signing electors are qualified to vote, as it relates to the office sought by the candidate named on the nomination paper. For example, for a statewide office the jurisdiction is the State of Wisconsin. Others may be the county, town, village, city, aldermanic district, school district, or town sanitary district, as required.

Signatures of Electors - Only qualified electors of the jurisdiction or the district the candidate seeks to represent may sign the nomination papers. Each elector's municipality of residence must be listed on the nomination paper along with the mailing address, including any street, fire or rural route number, box number (if rural route) and street or road name. The Street & Number or Rural Route section for each elector's address is split into two lines. The first line is for the street address. The second line is for the municipality for mailing purposes. The Municipality of Residence listed for each signing elector must clearly identify the town, village or city where the elector's voting residence is located. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides. The date the elector signed the nomination paper, including month, day and year, must be indicated. Ditto marks that follow correct and complete address or date information are acceptable. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address or date information before the papers are filed with the filing officer.

Signature of Circulator - The circulator should carefully read the language of the *Certification of Circulator*. THE CIRCULATOR MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT THE NOMINATION PAPER TO EACH SIGNER. THE NOMINATION PAPER MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED ON COUNTERS OR POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS. The circulator's complete address (**including municipality of residence**) must be listed in the certification. After obtaining signatures of electors, the circulator must sign and date the certification.

Other Instructions - Candidates and circulators should review GAB 2.05, 2.07, Wis. Adm. Code.

- Nomination papers must be in the physical custody of the appropriate filing officer by the filing deadline. A postmark on the filing deadline is NOT sufficient. Nomination papers CANNOT be faxed to the filing officer.
- Nomination papers with the required number of signatures must be filed with the appropriate filing officer **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on the first Tuesday in January (or the next day if the first Tuesday is a holiday) before the spring election. Special elections may have different filing deadlines. Check with the filing officer.
- In order for a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot, a candidate must file a *Campaign Registration Statement* (GAB-1), a *Declaration of Candidacy* (GAB-162), and *Nomination Papers* (GAB-169) containing the appropriate number of signatures for the office sought no later than the filing deadline. §8.10(3), Wis. Stats. Candidates for state office and municipal judge must also file a statement of economic interests with the Government Accountability Board by the third business day after the nomination paper filing deadline. §19.43, Wis. Stats. If any one of these required forms is not filed by the deadline, the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. §8.30, Wis. Stats.
- If a candidate or circulator has any questions, he or she should contact the filing officer.

BALLOT ACCESS CHECKLIST

FOR 2012 COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES



Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for the office of county supervisor or county executive in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot for the February 21, 2012 Spring Primary and the April 3, 2012 Spring Election.

The filing officer for county supervisor or county executive is the county clerk, except in Milwaukee County where the filing officer is the Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

- Complete and submit a **Campaign Registration Statement (Form GAB-1)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.**
 - *New candidates* should file a campaign registration statement as soon as intent to seek elective office is known and before funds are collected or spent. §§11.05(2g), 11.10(1), Wis. Stats.
 - *Continuing candidates* should file an amended campaign registration statement indicating the office sought and the new primary and election dates.
 - **All candidates** should file a campaign registration statement or amended statement **before** circulating nomination papers. A current form must be filed with the filing officer by January 3, 2012, or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. §§8.10(5), 8.30(2), Wis. Stats.

- Circulate and submit **Nomination Paper for Nonpartisan Office (Form GAB-169)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.** Nomination papers may not be circulated before December 1, 2011. §8.10(2), Wis. Stats.

The number of signatures required are as follows:

County Executive:

In counties with populations over 500,000	2,000 - 4,000
In counties with populations between 100,000 and 500,000	500 - 1,000
In counties with populations under 100,000	200 - 400

County Supervisor:

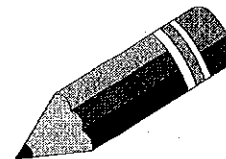
In counties with populations over 500,000	200 - 400
In counties with populations between 100,000 and 500,000	*100 - 200
In counties with populations under 100,000	20 - 100

- Complete and submit a **Declaration of Candidacy (Form GAB-162)** to the filing officer no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.** This form must be filed by January 3, 2012, or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. §§8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), Wis. Stats.

*This number applies unless the county has passed an ordinance per §8.10(3m), Wis. Stats., to reduce the minimum number of signatures to 50.

For further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms, please contact:

CAMPAIGN FINANCE CHECKLIST FOR 2012 COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES



Candidates for county supervisor and county executive should determine if they are required to make financial disclosure reports.

The filing officer for county supervisor or county executive is the county clerk, except in Milwaukee County where the filing officer is the Milwaukee County Board of Election Commissioners. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

If NOT eligible for exemption from reporting requirements:

- Obtain a copy of the *Campaign Finance Overview – Local Candidates Manual* from your filing officer and carefully review it with your treasurer.
- Complete and submit a *January Continuing Campaign Finance Report (Form GAB-2L)* to the filing officer no later than **January 31, 2012**, if registered before January 1, 2012. This report covers activity from July 1, 2011, or the date of registration (whichever is later), through December 31, 2011. §11.20(4), Wis. Stats.
- Complete and submit a *Pre-Primary Campaign Finance Report (Form GAB-2L)* to the filing officer, no later than **February 13, 2012**, if a primary is held. This report covers activity from January 1, 2012, through February 6, 2012.
- Complete and submit a *Pre-Election Campaign Finance Report (Form GAB-2L)* to the filing officer no later than **March 26, 2012**. This report covers activity from February 7, 2012, through March 19, 2012, if a primary is held, *or* from January 1, 2012, through March 19, 2012, if no primary is held.
- Complete and submit a *July Continuing Campaign Finance Report (Form GAB-2L)* to the filing officer no later than **July 20, 2012**. This report covers activity from March 20, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Committees must file “Continuing Reports” until a termination report (GAB-2L) is filed.

For further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms, please contact:

SERVING ON THE PRICE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Price County is governed by the County Board of Supervisors (commonly called "County Board"). The Board has 13 Supervisors elected from specific districts for two-year terms. Elections are the first Tuesday in April of even numbered years. The term of office begins on the third Tuesday of that April and continues until a newly elected Board is seated two years later. The position of Supervisor is nonpartisan (not identified with a specific political party on the ballot) representing an average of 1,200 residents in the district.

Supervisors are expected to attend meetings of the County Board as scheduled and meetings of committees to which they are assigned. The annual County Board meeting is the Tuesday after the second Monday in November. The other regularly scheduled County Board meetings are the third Tuesday in April and the second Tuesdays of February, June and August. All meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room unless otherwise scheduled by the County Board Chair. Other meetings of the County Board are scheduled as needed.

Supervisors are elected or appointed by the County Board or its Chairperson to serve on a number of committees of the Board, where much of the work of county government is conducted. The typical Supervisor has 3-4 committee assignments. There are 12 standing committees of the Board. Committees generally meet at least ten times per year and typically follow a standard schedule developed by the committee. Most meetings are held during the morning or afternoon. The ability to attend daytime meetings at various times with about one week's notice is an expectation of individuals serving on the County Board.

When the newly elected County Board holds its organizational meeting in April, one of its first assignments is the election of the County Board Chairperson. The chair is one of the 13 Supervisors but takes on additional duties and responsibilities following his/her election to the position as county government's chief elected official. The Chair has an office in the Courthouse and is expected to devote an average of 10 hours per week to this position. The Board also elects a Vice-chair and three additional members of the Executive/Finance/IT Committee. In addition Supervisors are elected to five positions of the Highway Committee and five positions of the Health and Human Services Board. Most other assignments for County Board Supervisors to committee positions are made by appointment of the Chair.

County Board members receive a per diem of \$50 per meeting attended, with a limit of one per diem allowed per day. Supervisors are also eligible for mileage reimbursement at the rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. The County Board Chairperson receives a salary of \$7,200 per month plus per diem for meetings attended.

For more information, please request a copy of the Price County Board Policy and Procedure Manual. Another good resource for information on the working of county government is the Wisconsin County Official's Handbook developed by the Wisconsin Counties Association. Both are available at the County Clerk's office.

Government Accountability Board

State of Wisconsin

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, June 25, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Kyle R. Richmond, 608-267-7887

Political Campaign Workers and Government Employees Should Remember Wisconsin's Rules

MADISON, WI – Wisconsin's Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) on Wednesday issued a reminder to state citizens engaging in campaign work this summer and fall to carefully observe the legal boundaries between campaigning and government.

As Wisconsin's partisan primary approaches on September 9, candidates and campaign volunteers must remember that campaign activities may not be carried out in government buildings or with government resources. For example, campaign workers should not solicit in a government building:

- Campaign volunteers
- Signatures for nomination papers
- Campaign contributions

Section 11.36 (4) of Wisconsin statutes lists the prohibition against solicitation of contributions: *"No person may enter or remain in any building, office or room occupied for any purpose by the state, by any political subdivision thereof...or send or direct a letter or other notice thereto for the purpose of requesting or collection a contribution."*

"The rules are clear: Only the public's business must be done in public offices," said Kevin Kennedy, G.A.B. Director and General Counsel. "Campaign activity is not appropriate in government offices, and it's everyone's job to maintain a clear line."

Government employees who wish to carry out campaign work on their personal time must also be aware of the boundaries, Kennedy said. Government resources such as offices, telephones or e-mail may not be used by workers for campaign purposes.

"If the rules at first seem severe," Kennedy added, "think about it in this context: If you saw a government worker doing campaign work that you opposed with resources paid for by your taxes, how would you feel?"

Get more information about the work of the Government Accountability Board by telephone at 1-608-266-8005, by electronic mail at gab@wi.gov, or through the Internet at <http://gab.wi.gov>.

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DISCLAIMERS

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No disclaimer is required on 1) personal correspondence not reproduced by machine for distribution, 2) a single personal item which is not reproduced or manufactured by machine or other equipment, 3) nomination papers even if the papers contain biographical information, 4) pins, buttons, pens, balloons, nail files and similar small items on which a disclaimer cannot be conveniently printed, or 5) envelopes which have campaign committee identification printed on them. Disclaimers must be included on each separate page of a political communication, including letterhead and enclosures.

Formats for Disclaimers

When a communication is paid for by a candidate without a committee, or paid for by an individual, the disclaimer should read:

"Paid for by Mary Smith."

When the communication is paid for by the campaign committee of a candidate or by a political committee, the disclaimer should read:

"Paid for by Friends of Mary Smith for Mayor, James Jones, Treasurer."

"Paid for by the Committee for Voters, John Jones, Treasurer."

When the communication is an independent expenditure either supporting or opposing a candidate, the disclaimer should read:

"Paid for by the Committee for Voters, John Jones, Treasurer. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's agent or committee."

Excerpt from Campaign Finance and Bookkeeping Manual
This information is required by S. 11.30, Wis. Stats.

Political and campaign signs

Any signs along roadways, including political/campaign signs, pose potential hazards. Improperly placed signs can:

- Obstruct a motorist's view
- Distract a driver's attention
- Compound damages or injuries in the event of a crash
- Endanger the safety of individuals who are erecting signs along busy highways
- Present obstacles to crews who maintain (mow) roadways

Political/campaign signs, especially larger billboard-type signs, are particularly dangerous when placed in vision areas at intersections.

Signs prohibited on state highway right of way

Wisconsin law prohibits the placement of signs on any rural or urban portion of the state highway system right of way. This prohibition applies to commercial advertising and covers political signs, posters and banners. As a general rule, highway right of way in rural areas extends to beyond both shoulders and ditches and any adjoining fence line.

Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 201.16 details the conditions under which political/campaign signs may be placed adjacent to the state highway system (state, federal and interstate highways)

Local municipalities may have additional guidelines regulating the placement of political signs along county highways or local roads and streets.

Signs on private property

Political signs are allowed on private property along the state highway system without a billboard permit as long as the signs:

- Do not exceed 32 square feet in size
- Contain no flashing lights or moving parts
- Are put up less than 45 days before the election*
- Are removed within one week after the election*

* The Department has suspended enforcement of the restrictions limiting these signs to 45 days prior to and one week after the election. The suspension of enforcement activity will continue until the applicable Administrative Rule can be revised. The need to revise the rule was prompted by a 2004 ruling of a Federal District Court in Wisconsin that suggests these time limits may inappropriately limit political speech.

When placing political yard or lawn signs on private property adjacent to the state highway system, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- In urban areas, signs are prohibited from the roadway area to at least one foot past the sidewalk
- In urban areas without sidewalks, signs must be at least 15 feet from the

- pavement edge
- Signposts, street name marker posts and most utility poles are all within highway right of way
- Signs are **not** allowed within highway medians

Dealing with improper political signs

Highway maintenance workers will remove political signs found within state highway right of way – especially if the signs pose a safety hazard.

Highway crews are asked to make reasonable attempts to preserve campaign signs that are taken down and to provide campaign offices with an opportunity to claim the signs.

Sec. 86.19, Wis. Statutes does provide for a \$10 to \$100 fine for signs that violate the law.

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