



Milwaukee County Meeting Agenda

County Courthouse
901 N. 9th Street, Rm. 105
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Sustainability Task Force (Steering Group)

*Dept. of Health and Human Services – Heidi Ciske-Schmidt;
Community Reintegration Center – Alex Roberts;
County Parks – Jim Tarantino;
Dept. of Transportation – Danny Park, Michelle Dasse (MKE), Mike Wrench (MKE);
Emergency Management – Natalie Meier;
Facilities Management - Grant Helle (Chair), Amber Mose;
Procurement: Marina Litvinets;
Office of Equity – Dynasty Ceasar;
Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance – Rachael Schaser;
Milwaukee County Transit Services – VACANT;
Milwaukee County Zoo - Kari Williams, Matt Haseman*

September 26, 2025

8:30-10 AM

Via Teleconference

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams and teleconference
Phone: 414-436-3530 United States, Milwaukee (Toll)
Conference ID: 290 587 340 059 7

Public comments will be taken at the discretion of the Chair.
* Action item

1 Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: 13 (Quorum) Alex Roberts, Jim Tarantino, Michelle Dasse, Mike Wrench, Natalie Meier, Grant Helle, Amber Mose, Marina Litvinets, Dynasty Caesar, Rachael Schaser, Kari Williams, Daniel Park, Matt Haseman

Excused:

Guests: 2 Anne O'Connor (Board Supervisor, 1st District), Sean Hayes (Director of Facilities Management Division)

2 Task Force Member Introductions

3 Address from Leadership

a. Comments from Sean Hayes & Anne O'Connor

4 Approval of Meeting Minutes*

Presented by G. Helle

Attachment: Draft Meeting Minutes 20250303

This item was APPROVED AS-IS with no objections.

5 Sustainability Task Force Charter (Draft)

Presented by: G Helle

Attachment: STF Charter Draft

- a. Line by line review of charter draft, which will be provided to the group after the meeting.
 - i. Question from K. Williams- request to enlarge screen.
- b. Remaining sections of the charter did not bring up any further questions.

ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, (414) 278-3932 (voice) or 711 (TRS) upon receipt of this notice.

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

6 Climate Action 2050 (CA50) Plan Overview

Presented by G. Helle

Attachment: CA50 Plan Presentation 09262025

- a. Detailed review of CA50 plan & process to create it for the benefit of new STF members
 - i. Question/comment from M. Dasse on the Vulnerability Assessment: What did opportunities for disadvantaged high SVI communities look like during the flooding we experienced in Aug 2025? Does this give us a snapshot of the current state of vulnerability of those communities?
 - ii. Clarifying comment from A. Mose: floods in August. All waterways listed experienced flood damage.
- b. Comment from M. Haseman on County-Wide emissions redux strategies: question on goal from WE Energies on moving away from Coal Generation at the plant supplying electricity to the County. Answer G. Helle: Municipalities in SE WI have engaged with WEC in our region but have not dug into strategies to do so. This is overseen by the Public Service Commission. Follow up questions M. Haseman: does that WEC strategy affect County's emissions numbers? Answer G. Helle: yes, it is worked into our strategies.

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

7 CA50 Plan Implementation

Presented by G. Helle

Attachment: CA50 Plan Presentation 09262025

- a. Next steps STF slide: How can we make this (STF and recurring mtgs) the most impactful and find success?
 - i. K. Williams: It's easier for her to get things before the meeting to review ahead of time vs getting in the meeting & learning there or receiving it after. Answer G. Helle: we will plan to provide resources well in advance.
 - ii. M. Dasse: Helpful for meetings- Important to share within the STF so eliminate siloing. Tracking of tasks & actions is important, avoid reinventing tracking methods. Knowledge sharing is important. Answer G. Helle: Does knowledge share mean open discussion, or should have structured time for share-outs about strategies & projects? M. Dasse: Would prefer structured time because she sees people who don't realize the CA50 goals are real. Central strategies for internal-to-county messaging.
- b. Next steps: Department Specific: What are anticipated challenges to Dept Collab?
 - i. A. Roberts: Funding and ROI timelines. Consultant to do performance-based contracting? Help understanding energy dashboard. Help understanding what it looks like in data to reduce data/what is the benchmark? Understanding like-for-like buildings and weatherized data?
 - ii. R. Schaser: Identifying external funding will be difficult in current environment.
- c. Next Steps: Other: Are we missing any key areas of implementation?

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

8 Other Topics

- a. STF Meeting cadence going forward
- b. Input from STF on charter document
- c. STF members instructed to review their Department-specific plans

9 Adjourn

Meeting concluded at 9:56AM