

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Here are the results of the voting in the race for a position on the ballot for Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Branch 1:

	Winnebago County	Town of Omro
La Keisha Haase	5,780	82
Michael Rust	3,526	62
Eric Heywood	3,197	22

The top two will be on the ballot for the April 2, 2024, election.

SPRING ELECTION

The next election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Voters are reminded that that is just two days after Easter Sunday and may factor into whether they need to use the absentee balloting process. Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the Clerk, Dana Woods, or using this link: [Vote Absentee By Mail \(wi.gov\)](#) As of this writing the complete ballot has not been posted, but shortly a voter should be able to find what is on their ballot by using the same link and choosing the appropriate tab.

AFTER ELECTION COMMENTS BY DANA WOODS, TOWN CLERK

Just another note about the election.

With using Badger Books now, voter participation has already been uploaded from our flash drive (and the computer in my office) to WisVote. As of this morning, voters can already go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/> and see that their vote was recorded, by simply scrolling down to the VOTING ACTIVITY part of that website after they enter in their own information.

Without Badger Books, this data would not be available online for up to 30 days after the election due to the more tedious process of manually recording each voter's participation and manually entering in Election Day Registration forms. Although I was personally confident it was a good idea to get Badger Books, I'm still a little pleasantly surprised at the realization that our Election Reconciliation in WisVote was already complete a mere 12 hours or so after the polls closed.

For voters and poll workers, it might simply be new technology to experience at the polling place, but in terms of election-related workload in the clerk's office, it's truly a game-changer, especially in a year when we have back-to-back elections in the spring and fall. I can now focus all election-related attention solely on the April 2 election (which is now less than 6 weeks away) without having to prep for April while still putting time into closing out data from February 20.

To all who supported the investment in Badger Books, and to those who embraced the use of them on Election Day, I can't thank you enough!

FEBRUARY 12, TOWN BOARD MEETING

There was no public comment.

The Board did the following:

- Set aside action on a Fire District agreement until there is a new proposal available.
- Passed a Resolution stating that they intend to adopt a Code of Ordinances. Publication and a public hearing are to come.
- Adopted an Ordinance governing Electronic Preservation of Records.
- Increased the compensation for Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Amounts were not made public.
- Approved operator licenses for two persons.
- Took no action on a WTA Culvert Inventory and Assessment Program. They did express the hope that Winnebago County personnel could deal with the inventory portion.
- Set the date for the annual road inspection as April 12 starting at 7:30 A.M.

From the Plan Commission came the news that the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (COR) Plan should be ready for public hearing in May.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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