

**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request (WI-DOOR-24-2103)  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 1:17:48 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** DONOHUE, SEAN  
**To:** AO Records  
**Attachments:** 2024.10.8 - PRR Response.pdf, Democratic Candidate Letter\_redacted.pdf, Republican Candidate Letter\_redacted.pdf, County Clerk Declaration of Candidacy\_redacted.pdf, November 2020 BOC Agenda.pdf, November 2022 BOC Agenda.pdf, April 2023 BOC Agenda.pdf, August 2024 BOC Agenda.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ms. Mayanja,

Please find attached the response to Mr. David Kronig's October 1, 2024 public record request to the Door County Clerk.

Sincerely,

Sean Donohue

Door County Corporation Counsel  
County Government Center  
421 Nebraska Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
Phone: (920) 746-2227

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**From:** AO Records <[records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:31 PM  
**To:** County Clerk <[CountyClerk@co.door.wi.us](mailto:CountyClerk@co.door.wi.us)>  
**Subject:** Public Records Request (WI-DOOR-24-2103)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Wisconsin's public records law.

Sincerely,

**Eva Mayanja** | She/Her  
Paralegal | American Oversight  
[records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)  
[www.americanoversight.org](http://www.americanoversight.org) | @weareoversight  
PRR: WI-DOOR-24-2103



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October 8, 2024

Via E-Mail Only: [records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)

Mr. David Kronig  
American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005

RE: October 1, 2024 Public Records Law Request  
Door County, WI

Dear Mr. Kronig,

Receipt of your Public Records Request dated October 1, 2024 directed to the Door County Clerk is acknowledged. Your correspondence has been referred to this office for response.

Request 1: Records sufficient to identify the names and party affiliations of the members of the 2024 County Board of Canvassers.

See the attached correspondence from the Democratic and Republican Party of Door County submitting a list of candidates for the Door County Board of Canvassers according to Wis. Stat. § 7.60(2). Due to the unavailability of Allin Walker, Heidi E. Ling was selected from the Democratic Party's list of candidates to serve on the Door County Board of Canvassers. Jane Pluff was selected to serve on the Door County Board of Canvassers as the sole candidate offered by the Republican Party.

Door County Clerk, Jill Lau, is the third member of the Door County Board of Canvassers. See the attached Declaration of Candidacy for Jill Lau, listing her party affiliation.

The personal addresses (excluding city and state), phone numbers, and email addresses of the individuals acting as members of the Door County Board of Canvassers have been redacted. In deciding to redact the records, we conducted a balancing test to determine whether the strong presumption of openness under the Wisconsin Public Records Law is overcome by other public policies. The strong presumption favoring release can only be overcome when there is a stronger public policy interest in keeping the records confidential.

After conducting the balancing test, we concluded that the strong presumption of openness is overcome by the stronger public policy interest of protecting the safety and security of the members of the Board of Canvassers. In support of this conclusion, we looked at the public policy expressed by the State of Wisconsin in enacting 2023 Wis. Act 126. 2023 Wis. Act 126 establishes multiple measures to protect the security of election officials, including creating Wisconsin Statute § 19.36(14), effective July 1, 2025, prohibiting the release of records containing the personally identifiable information of election officials, other than their name and city and state where they reside. As the public policy concern for the safety of election officials, including the members of the Board of Canvassers, outweighs the presumption of openness under the Wisconsin Public Records Law, we redacted the personal addresses (excluding city and state), phone numbers, and email addresses of the members of the Board of Canvassers. It is also important to note that the redactions do not interfere with identifying the name and party affiliation of the 2024 Door County Board of Canvassers.

Request 2: Records sufficient to determine how each member of the 2024 County Board of Canvassers was selected.

See the attached correspondence from the Democratic and Republican Party of Door County submitting a list of candidates for the Door County Board of Canvassers. Wisconsin Statutes § 7.60(2) provides, “The county clerk and 2 qualified electors of the county appointed by the clerk constitute the county board of canvassers.” The members of the Door County Board of Canvassers, other than the county clerk, were selected from the attached lists of candidates submitted by the Democratic and Republican Party of Door County. The Democratic candidate was selected according to the preferred order of available candidates as detailed in their attached letter dated December 21, 2023. The Republican Party only submitted one candidate.

Request 3: All notices of meetings of the County Board of Canvassers for the November 2020, November 2022, April 2023, and August 2024 elections.

See the attached notices for the November 10, 2020, November 15, 2022, April 11, 2023, and August 20, 2024 meetings of the Door County Board of Canvassers.

Request 4: Records sufficient to identify where and when the meeting notices identified in part 3 of this request were posted.

No responsive record exists pertaining to your fourth request. The meeting notices were timely posted on Door County’s kiosks located in the:

- Door County Government Center, 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235;
- Door County Justice Center, 1201 S. Duluth Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235; and
- Sturgeon Bay Branch of the Door County Library, 107 South 4th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this response, do not hesitate to contact me.

A requester may bring an action for mandamus or request in writing that the District Attorney or Attorney General bring an action, asking the court to order release of any records withheld pursuant to § 19.37, Wis. Stats.

Respectfully,

CORPORATION COUNSEL OFFICE

/s/ Sean Donohue

Sean Donohue, Corporation Counsel

Attachments: 7

cc: Door County Clerk



**DOOR COUNTY**

**DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS  
GOVERNMENT CENTER – 421 NEBRASKA STREET  
COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE (ROOM A113) – LOBBY FLOOR**

TUESDAY, April 11, 2023

9:00 A.M.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Door County Board of Canvass will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 beginning at 9 a.m. in the County Clerk's Office, Lobby Level, Room A113 – Government Center.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing assistance to participate in this meeting, should contact the Office of the County Clerk at (920) 746-2200. Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting.



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**DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS**  
**GOVERNMENT CENTER – 421 NEBRASKA STREET**  
**COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE (ROOM A113) – LOBBY FLOOR**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Door County Board of Canvass will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 beginning at 9 a.m. in the County Clerk's Office, Lobby Level, Room A113 – Government Center.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing assistance to participate in this meeting, should contact the Office of the County Clerk at (920) 746-2200. Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting.

# Declaration of Candidacy

(See instructions for preparation on back)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Is this an amendment?

Yes (if you have already filed a DOC for this election)

No (if this is the first DOC you have filed for this election)

I, Jill M. Lau, being duly sworn, state that  
Candidate's name

I am a candidate for the office of Door County Clerk  
Official name of office - Include district, branch or seat number

representing Republican Party  
If partisan election, name of political party or statement of principle - five words or less (Candidates for nonpartisan office may leave blank.)

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.<sup>1</sup>

**My present address, including my municipality of residence for voting purposes is:**

<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Sturgeon Bay, WI</u>	<u>54235</u>	Town of <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Nasewaupee</u>
				Village of <input type="checkbox"/>	
				City of <input type="checkbox"/>	
<small>House or fire no.</small>	<small>Street Name</small>	<small>Mailing Municipality and State</small>	<small>Zip code</small>	<small>Municipality of Residence for Voting</small>	

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

JILL M. LAU

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Door  
(County where oath administered)

} ss.

Jill M. Lau  
(Signature of candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April, 2020.

Joni J. Hobbs  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

**NOTARY SEAL  
REQUIRED, IF OATH  
ADMINISTERED BY  
NOTARY PUBLIC**

Notary Public or  other official \_\_\_\_\_  
(Official title, if not a notary)

If Notary Public: My commission expires December 20, 2023 or  is permanent.

The information on this form is required by Wis. Stat. § 8.21, 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. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.05 (1)(j), 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 120.06 (6)(b), 887.01.



<sup>1</sup> 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.

WI-DOOR-24-2103-A-000005



December 21, 2023

County Clerk Jill M. Lau  
Government Center  
Lobby Level- Room A113  
421 Nebraska Street  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235

Re: List Of Candidates For The County Board Of Canvassers

Dear County Clerk Lau:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of Door County, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 7.60(2), we hereby submit the list of Democratic candidates for the county board of canvassers to serve for the 2-year term commencing on January 1, 2024.

Candidate 1: Allin Walker, 7 S. 2nd Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235; phone: 920-493-2912; email: allin7s2walker@gmail.com

Candidate 2: Heidi E Ling, [REDACTED] Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235; phone: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

Candidate 3: Diane Slivka, 6980 Geier Road, Forestville WI 54213; phone: 920-559-6980; email: diane.slivka@gmail.com

Candidate 4: Nancy Kidd, 5150 County P, Sturgeon Bay 54235; phone: 414-239-2320; email: Nkidd1098@gmail.com

We certify that, as of the date each candidate was contacted, and to the best of our ability to verify, each candidate is an eligible elector of Door County. Our preferred nominee is Candidate 1. However, if that person is not available, we request that you substitute Candidate 2. And if that person is unavailable, please substitute Candidate 3, and so forth.

Cordially,

Kris Sadur (Dec 21, 2023 17:27 CST)

Kris Sadur  
County Party Chair  
Democratic Party of Door County

Robert Ling (Dec 22, 2023 00:39 CST)

Heidi Ling  
County Party Secretary  
Democratic Party of Door County



**DOOR COUNTY**

**DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS**  
**GOVERNMENT CENTER – 421 NEBRASKA STREET**  
**PENINSULA ROOM (ROOM C121) – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Door County Board of Canvass will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Peninsula Room (C121) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Government Center.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing assistance to participate in this meeting, should contact the Office of the County Clerk at (920) 746-2200. Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting.



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**GOVERNMENT CENTER – 421 NEBRASKA STREET**  
**COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE (ROOM A113) – LOBBY FLOOR**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M.**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Door County Board of Canvass will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 beginning at 9 a.m. in the County Clerk's Office, Lobby Level, Room A113 – Government Center.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing assistance to participate in this meeting, should contact the Office of the County Clerk at (920) 746-2200. Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting.



# Republican Party of Door County

P.O. Box 94 · Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

November 22, 2023

To:

County Clerk Jill Lau  
421 Nebraska Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes, below you will find the names of the Republican Party of Door County's candidates for appointment to the Door County Board of Canvassers.

We understand you will appoint one of the candidates from our list and this appointment will be for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our candidates for appointment to this board, please contact Stephanie Soucek, our county chairperson at 920-421-0288 or email her at [stephanie.jane81@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.jane81@gmail.com).

Our candidates for your consideration for appointment are:

Jane Pluff

[REDACTED]  
Baileys Harbor, WI 54202  
[REDACTED]

Thank you.

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Soucek in blue ink.

Stephanie Soucek

Chairman

Handwritten signature of Lisa Hart in blue ink.

Lisa Hart

Secretary