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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

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2025AP217

In the Matter of the Condition of J.J.E.: Juneau County v. J.J.E.  
(L.C. # 2024ME23)

Before Taylor, J.<sup>1</sup>

**Summary disposition orders may not be cited in any court of this state as precedent or authority, except for the limited purposes specified in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).**

Appellant J.J.E. appeals orders of the circuit court involuntarily committing her under WIS. STAT. ch. 51 and providing for her involuntary medication and treatment. Juneau County has informed this court that it will not file a brief in this matter because it concedes the circuit court erred. Based on this concession and my review of the appellant's brief and record, I conclude that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21. The orders are summarily reversed.

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<sup>1</sup> This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(d) (2023-24). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2023-24 version.

This case began with an emergency detention on August 15, 2024. The circuit court held a final hearing on commitment on August 27, 2024. At the conclusion of this hearing, the court entered the two orders that J.J.E. appeals here.

J.J.E.’s appellant’s brief argues that the County failed to introduce sufficient evidence that she was dangerous under any of the standards set forth in WIS. STAT. § 51.20(1)(a)2. The brief further argues that the circuit court failed to make the specific factual findings mandated by *Langlade County v. D.J.W.*, 2020 WI 41, ¶40, 391 Wis. 2d 231, 942 N.W.2d 277.

The second, third, and fourth commitment standards concerning J.J.E.’s alleged dangerousness are implicated here. *See* WIS. STAT. § 51.20(1)(a)2.b.-d. As to the second standard—substantial probability of physical harm to others—although the circuit court did not refer to this standard in its oral decision or check the corresponding box on the commitment order, it did find that J.J.E. had threatened to kill someone. However, as J.J.E. argues, this appears to have been a mishearing of the testimony by the court because no such testimony was given.

The circuit court did check the boxes on the commitment order making findings of dangerousness as to the third and fourth standards: that due to J.J.E.’s mental illness, she evidences impaired judgment such that there is a substantial probability of physical impairment or injury to herself or other individuals; and that J.J.E. is unable to meet her basic living needs such that she presents a danger of death or injury to herself. *See* WIS. STAT. § 51.20(1)(a)2.c.-d. J.J.E. argues that the testimony and other evidence provided only bare and general assertions that she has the impaired judgment or inability to care for herself that these standards require. After review of the final hearing transcript and in light of the County’s concession that the circuit court erred, I conclude that summary reversal is merited.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the orders appealed from are summarily reversed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

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*Samuel A. Christensen*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*