

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD  
OCTOBER 23, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Nabors gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
  
Dr. Michael Thompson asked for a moment of silence for former senator Darren Bailey's son and his family who perished in a helicopter crash.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 19 Present. 1 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, Nabors, Penney, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez and Webster. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, and PROCLAMATIONS**

5. Awards - None  
  
Presentations- RAVE FY25 Presentation by Chairman Craig Thomas and General Manager, Gretchen Gilmore. Discussion by Board Members Sweeney and Penney.  
  
Public Hearings - None  
  
Public Participation - L.C. Wilson, Veteran's Stand Down., Pro

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of September 25, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of October 9, 2025, seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for October 23, 2025. Board Member McCarthy a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle

Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**8. Appointments (Per County Board rules, Board Chairman Appointments shall lay over until the second board meeting after they are first introduced)**

**A. Winnebago County Rail Authority, Annual Compensation: None**

1. David Anspaugh (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring November 2028

**B. North Park Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,500**

1. Hannelore Reiger (New Appointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring November 2028

### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules on Agenda Items 2. Thru 14 (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve Agenda Items 2. Thru 14. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
2. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the General Fund to be Laid Over
3. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the IMRF Fund to be Laid Over
4. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the County Highway Fund to be Laid Over
5. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the County Bridge Fund to be Laid Over
6. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Federal Aid Matching Fund to be Laid Over
7. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Health Department Fund to be Laid Over

8. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Tort Judgement and Liability Fund to be Laid Over
9. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Social Security Fund to be Laid Over
10. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Veterans Assistance Fund to be Laid Over
11. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal year 2026 for the Detention Home Fund to be Laid Over
12. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Historical Museum Fund to be Laid Over
13. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Nursing Home Operations Fund to be Laid Over
14. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Children's Advocacy Fund to be Laid Over
10. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Settlement of pending Litigation (Demarious Tyler v. Winnebago County, Et al.), seconded by Board member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

#### **ZONING COMMITTEE**

11. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 10 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 140.43 +- Acre Sit Commonly Known as 8016 Spring Creek Road (PINS: 12-11-226-001 & 12-12-101-003), Rockford, IL 61114 in Rockford Township, District 8, ZBA: Denial (2-5), ZC: TBD, to be laid over.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

12. No Report.

#### **OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

13. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Renewal with AMWINS Group Benefits for the Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug Plan, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
14. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Administrative Services of The Group Insurance Plans, seconded by Board

Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

15. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Renewal with Northern Illinois Health Plan (NIHP) for Third-Party Administrative Services, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
16. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Cybersecurity Backup Annual Licensing Renewal Using IT Infrastructure Funds, seconded by Board Member De La Trinidad. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
17. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding VMWare Annual Licensing Using IT Infrastructure Funds, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
18. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Microsoft Server 3-Year Licensing Contracts Using IT Infrastructure Funds, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
19. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Regroup Licenses for 3 Years Using IT Infrastructure Funds, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

20. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-051) a Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Replacing a Box Culvert on Rockton Avenue at Gleasman Road (Section 25-00737-00-BR), seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
21. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-052) a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of MFT funds for the Riverside Boulevard Project (Section 21-00624-00-RS), seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Discussion by County Engineer Molina and Board Members Tassoni, Booker, and Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
22. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-053) a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of MFT funds for the Bell School Road Project (Section 20-00676-00-WR), seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
23. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-054) a Resolution Requesting Consent of the Illinois Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer and Reappointment of the County Engineer, seconded by Board Member R.

Thompson. Discussion by Board Members Tassoni, Arena, Hanserd, and Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

24. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Amend Contract for Telecommunications Services for Inmates of the Winnebago County Jail, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
25. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Independent Contractor Agreement for Services with Tommy Meeks as a Winnebago County Community Liaison, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Meeks. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
26. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois, the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court and Remedies Renewing Lives, Inc., seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.
27. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois, and Rosecrance, Inc. for Court-Ordered Assessments Program, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

28. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve V-03-25 A variation of Section 23.8.3 A.3. to allow an additional driveway access point for a single-family dwelling use (to a garage) for property that is commonly known as 3802 Brookview Road, Rockford, IL 61107, pins: 12-17-128-012 & 013, in Rockford Township, District 16, Lesa: NA, 2030 LRMP Future Map: NA, ZBA: Denial (3-4), ZC: Approval w/ZC conditions (5-1) (with conditions), Laid over from September 4 and 25, 2025 meetings. \*Requires a favorable vote by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all members of the county board to pass. **Laid over from October 9, 2025 meeting**, seconded by Board Member Goral. Discussion by Board Member Valdez, Sweeney, and Webster. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 15 yes and 4 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, and Webster voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

29. **(Per County Board rules, passage will require a suspension of Board rules).**

Board Member Penney thanked Supervisor of Assessments Hodges and his office for helping a disabled veteran.

Board Member Fellars spoke of concerns the general public has regarding the contract the County currently has with the federal government housing federal inmates at the Justice Center.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION**

30. County Clerk Gummow submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were "Placed on File" by Chairman Chiarelli:

- A. County Clerk Gummow submitted an Objection Resolution from Rockford with regard to the solar project at 8616 Spring Creek Road.

County Clerk Gummow announced Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, is the first opportunity to file petitions.

Board Member Booker gave an update on Springfield Avenue Discussion by Board Member Tassoni.

Chairman Chiarelli thanked Board Member Hanserd for presenting on his behalf a proclamation in recognition of October as domestic violence awareness month.

Chairman Chiarelli thanked Board Member Valdez for presenting on his behalf a proclamation in recognition of Hispanic Heritage month.

Chairman Chiarelli announced River Bluff's annual trick-or-treating event on Halloween at 3:00 pm and Veterans Day is November 11, 2025. Chairman Chiarelli will be a celebrity host at Hard Rock Casino Tuesday, October 28, 2025 for Pinktober charity night to raise funds for breast cancer. Chairman Chiarelli wished Dr. Michael Thompson a happy birthday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

31. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member McDonald was absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow  
County Clerk

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