

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
MAY 8, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Board Member Booker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Announcements:

County Administrator Thompson announced there will be two additional speakers.

4. Roll Call: 17 Present. 2 Absent. (Board Members Booker, Butitta, Fellars, Goal, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, McDonald, Nabors, Penney, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, M. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members Arena and R. Thompson were absent.)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to allow remote access. Board Member M. Thompson made a motion to allow remote access for Board R. Thompson, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena and R. Thompson were absent.)

Board Member R. Thompson joined remotely at 6:02 p.m.

Board Member Arena arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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

5. Awards - None

Presentations- None

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - Nancy Edwardsen, Winnebago County Veterinary School of Medicine, Pro

Connor Brown, Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce, Restoring Chairman's Executive Powers, Pro

Pastor Ed Copeland, New Zion Church Restoring Chairman Powers, Pro

Mayor Tom Fitzgerald, Restoring Chairman Powers, Pro

Chairman Chiarelli recolonized two former Board Members in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Penney made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of April 10, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of April 24, 2025, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 8, 2025. Board Member Penney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

APPOINTMENTS

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. No Report.

ZONING COMMITTEE

10. See under Unfinished Business.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11. No Report.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

12. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockford Public Schools, District No. 205, for Reciprocal Co-Location of Assets, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

13. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Email Security Filtering Annual Licensing, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.
14. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Amending the Master Commercial Card Agreement with PJMorgan Chase Bank, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.
15. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Huffman Keel Partners, Inc. as the Construction Consult for the Public Safety Building Project, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.
16. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Replacement Carpet for the Administration Building Using CIP 2023 and 2024 Funds, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.
17. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Snow Plowing Maintenance Services, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

18. Board Member Tassoni announced the Public Works Committee will meet next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

19. Board Member Lindmark announced the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee will meet Monday, May 12, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE AND LOBBYING COMMITTEE

20. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. **Zoning Committee**

1. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve SU-02-25 A special use permit to allow a ground-mounted solar energy system in the front yard (that is proposed at 8 feet, exceeding the maximum height of 3 feet) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 17120 Laube Road, Davis, IL 61019 in Laona Township (with conditions), District 2, Laid Over from April 24, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Board Member reported the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 and the next Zoning Committee will meet Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Board Member Hanserd requested a ten-minute recess, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. Board Member Scrol made a motion to enter back into open session at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

- A. Board Member Valdez made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (“Administration”) of the Winnebago County Code to Restore Administrative Authority to the County Board Chairman to be referred to the next Economic Development Committee (Motion to Suspend Rule 2-64 only), seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Board Members Arena and Penney called point of order. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn and Board Members Arena and Penney. Motion to suspend was approved by a roll call vote of 12 yes and 7 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, McDonald, R. Thompson, and Webster votes no.). Further discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn and Board Member Sweeney. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to discharge the Ad-Hoc committee created under Operations & Administrative Committee from considering this item, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 12 yes and 7 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, McDonald, R. Thompson, and Webster votes no.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

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

- A. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission the following:
- a. Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 – Issuance of Relief Request 15R-04 Regarding Non-Destructive Examination Requirements (EPID L-2024-LLR-0064)
 - b. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, and Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2-Request for Additional Information in Support of Review of License Amendment Request to Transition to Framatome Gaia Fuel (EPID L-2024-LLA-0072)
 - c. Byron Station, units 1 & 2-Authorization and Safety Evaluation for Vessel Head Penetrations (EPID L-2024-LLR-0062)
 - d. Federal Register/Vol. 90. No. 56/Tuesday, March 25, 2025/Notices
- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted from ThermoFisher Scientific a Notice of RCRA Permit Modification-Facility Name Change:
Pierce Biotechnology, Inc.
3747 N. Meridian Road

Rockford, Illinois

Board Member Fellars thanked the Sheriff's Department for replying to a request for information regarding finances associated with inauguration ceremonies.

Board Member Penney thanked County Engineer Molina and County Administrator Thompson for guidance on fiberoptics that are being installed.

Board Member Webster asked for clarification of procedures. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn.

Board Member Valdez spoke of reinstating powers of the Chairman. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn and Board Members Lindmark, Goral, Fellars, Arena, and Sweeney.

Board Member McCarthy spoke of a Vietnam War Ceremony he attended over the weekend and eighty years today was VE Day.

Board Member Goral and Chief Ciganek spoke of the First Responder Memorial adjacent to the CJC.

Board Member McDonald departed at 7:07 p.m.

Chairman Chiarelli announced information regarding Gary Jury's funeral.

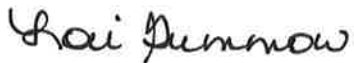
Chairman Chiarelli announced the Metropolitan Planning Organization awarded funds for the Winnebago County Transportation Project. Funding will go to Central Avenue, Riverside Boulevard, and the Riverside Boulevard Traffic Signal Coordination.

Chairman Chiarelli congratulated Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn on her recent marriage.

ADJOURNMENT

24. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Motion was approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow
County Clerk
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