

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
MAY 22, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member McCarthy gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements:

County Administrator Thompson announced on page 2. under Appointments 8.A., the Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Compensation should read \$2,400.

4. Roll Call: 15 Present. 4 Absent. (Board Members Booker, Fellars, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, McDonald, Nabors, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, Goral, and Penney were absent.)

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

Board Member Penney joined remotely at 6:03 p.m.

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

5. Awards - None

Presentations- Winnebago County Revolving Loan Fund Program Overview-Presented by John Phelps and Chris Dornbush. Discussion by Board Members R. Thompson and Fellars.

Chairman Chiarelli acknowledged former County Board Chairman, Scott Christiansen.

Chairman Chiarelli acknowledged former Board Members Jim Hughes and Jaime Salgado. Chairman Chiarelli also acknowledged former Alderman Jeff Bailey.

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - Jane Carrell, Election Validity 6-part Resolution for a Legally Valid 2026 Election, Pro

-Brian Jones, Jane Carrell, Election Validity 6-part Resolution for a Legally Valid 2026 Election, Pro

-Dean Barker, Election Validity 6-part Resolution for a Legally Valid 2026 Election, Pro

-Babe Paukstys, Election Validity 6-part Resolution for a Legally Valid 2026 Election, Pro

Michelle Peterson, Election Validity 6-part Resolution for a Legally Valid 2026 Election, Pro

Ken Zitko, Election Validity 6-part Resolution for a Legally Valid 2026 Election, Pro

Former County Board Chairman, Scott Christiansen, Ordinance Grading the Chairman At Large, Pro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Valdez made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of April 24, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of May 8, 2025, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 22, 2025. Board Member M. Thompson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were 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. Zoning Board of Appeals, Annual Compensation: \$2,400

1. Tami Verstraete (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2030
2. Tom Walsh (Reappointment), Durand, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2030

B. Board of Review, Annual Compensation: Chair: \$37,249.94, Member: \$31,430.62

1. Pamela Cunningham – Chair (Reappointment), Winnebago, Illinois, to serve a 2-year term expiring May 2027
2. Jay Dowthard (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 2-year term expiring May 2027

C. Durand Sanitary District, Annual Compensation: \$500

1. David Bliss (Reappointment), Durand, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028

D. Cherry Valley Cemetery Association, Annual Compensation: None

1. Donna Riha (Reappointment), Cherry Valley, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031

E. Harlem Cemetery Association, Annual Compensation: None

1. Ray C. Rogers (Reappointment), Loves Park, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031
2. Thomas L. Taylor (Reappointment), Roscoe, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031
3. Terry Johnson (Reappointment), Loves Park, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031

F. Seward Sanitary District, Annual Compensation: None

1. Dennis Hille (Reappointment), Seward, Illinois, to serve a 3-year appointment expiring May 2028

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. No Report.

ZONING COMMITTEE

10. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of SU-01-25 A Special Use Permit for Outdoor Entertainment to allow Musical Events and Accessory Uses as a Snack Bar/Refreshments in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 10831 Telegraph Road, Winnebago, IL 61088 in Burritt Township (with conditions), District 1 to be laid over. Board Member Webster made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member Webster made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion

was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

11. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of Z-04-25 A Map Amendment to rezone 5 +- Acres from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District (a sub-district of the RA District) for the property that is commonly known as 9901 N. Campbell Road, Durand, IL 61024 in Harrison Township, District 1 to be laid over. Board Member Webster made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member Webster made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
12. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of SU-03-25 A Special Use Permit for Mining to allow a Gravel Extraction Operation (renewal) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 11150 and 11184 N. Main Street, Rockton, IL 61072 in Rockton Township, District 2 to be laid over. Discussion by Board Member Webster, Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn, and Chairman Chiarelli. Board Member Webster made a motion to send the Ordinance back to the ZBA meeting (August 13, 2025), seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

Board Member Webster announced the next Zoning Board of Appeals Committee will be Wednesday June 11, 2025 and the Zoning Committee will meet Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Board Member Webster complimented the League of Women's Voters. Board Member Fellars called point of order.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13. Board Member Sweeney read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 ("Administration") of the Winnebago County Code to Restore Administrative Authority to the County Board Chairman to be Laid Over. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion to suspend was approved by a roll call vote of 11 yes and 5 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Lindmark, McDonald, R. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members R. Thompson and Booker voted no.) (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion to amend was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members R. Thompson, McDonald, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the amended Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Webster and Chairman Chiarelli. Board Member Fellars called the question, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion to call the question was approved by a roll call vote of 12 yes and 4 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Lindmark, R. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Motion to approve the amended Ordinance approved by a roll call vote of 10 yes and 5 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Lindmark, McDonald, R. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Arena, Butitta, Goral, and Penney were absent.) Discussion by Board Member Sweeney.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

14. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application of a Capital Assistance Grant for Paratransit Vehicle(s) Under the Illinois Department of Transportation's General Authority to Make Such Grants, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
15. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member McDonald made a motion to amend, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion to amend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
16. Board Member McDonald read in for the first reading of an Ordinance to Provide Public Transportation in the Rural Areas of Winnebago County, Illinois to be Laid Over. Board Member McDonald made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion to suspend was approved by unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
17. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Acceptance of the Special Warranty (Grant for Rural Transportation), seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
18. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Public Safety Building by and Between the County of Winnebago and the City of Rockford, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
19. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Declaring Vacancy in Winnebago County District 12, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member McDonald. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
20. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Transit Van for Coroner's Office using Fee Funds, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

21. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Replacement of 1st Floor Air Handler at Adult Probation and Wellness Center using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
22. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Parking Lot Repaving for the Juvenile Justice Center using CIP 2023 Funds, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
23. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Replacement Truck for Winnebago County Sheriff's Office using CIP PSST 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

24. Board Member Tassoni read in for the first reading of (25-030) Ordinance Establishing a Speed Zone on Latham Road (Ch 17) from Rockton Avenue to IL Route 2. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni and Fellars. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
25. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-031) Resolution to Reject Bid for Box Culvert Materials on Rockton Avenue at Gleasman Road (Section: 25-00731-00-BR), seconded by Board member R. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
26. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-032) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Moate Road Resurfacing (Section: 25-00000-03-GM), seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
27. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-033) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Pecatonica Road Shoulder Paving (Section: 25-00000-05-GM), seconded by Board Member Scrol. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
28. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-034) Resolution Adopting the Winnebago County Traffic Safety Action Plan, seconded by M. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
29. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-035) Resolution Adopting a Policy for Celebrate Life Memorials along the Perryville Path, seconded by Board Member Valdez.

Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

30. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association, seconded by Board Member McDonald. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)
31. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Execute a Winnebago County Mental Health Board Amendment to the Funding Agreement, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

LEGISLATIVE AND LOBBYING COMMITTEE

32. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

33. **Appointments read in on April 24, 2025**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Item A. (as listed below). Board Member McCarthy made a motion to approve Item A., seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Item B. (as listed below). Board Member Nabors made a motion to approve Item B., seconded by Board Member McDonald. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.)

A. Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, Annual Compensation: \$6,000

1. Brad Long (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term (Elmer Jones) expiring April 2028

B. New Milford Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,000 per year

1. Doug Hayes (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve the remainder of a 3-year term (Kurt Rodgers) expiring May 2026
2. Greg Tucker (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028

NEW BUSINESS

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

Board Member Booker spoke of drafting a Resolution regarding Governor Pritzker's recent statement to present to committee for approval.

Board Member Lindmark expressed that his no vote was not a reflection of the outstanding job the Chairman has done. Discussion by M. Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

35. 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 – Integrated Inspection Report 05000454/2025001 and 05000455/2025001.
 - b. Summary of April 3, 2025, Meeting with Constellation Energy Generation, LLC Regarding Applicability of Generic Letter 83-11 (EPID L-2025-LRM-0019)
 - c. Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 -Issuance of Relief Request I5R-03 Regarding Documentation for Replacement of Pressure Retaining Bolting (EPID L-2024-LLR-0063)
 - d. Monthly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations.
 - e. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 92/Wednesday, May 14, 2025/Notices
- B. County Clerk Gummow received a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder's Office for February, March, and April, 2025.
- C. County Clerk Gummow received from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:
 - a. Collateralization Report – as of March 31, 2025
 - b. Investment Report - as of March 1, 2025
 - c. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – March, 2025

Board Member McDonald announced a Veterans Commission cook out at the Veterans Drop-In Center for Memorial Day.

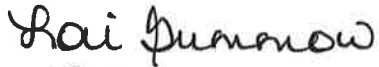
Board Member M. Thompson asked for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives.

Chairman Chiarelli announced he will be in Durand on Saturday for the dedication of the Gold Star.

ADJOURNMENT

36. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Valdez moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson.—(Board Members Arena, Butitta, and Goral were absent.) Motion was approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow

County Clerk

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