

**Winnebago County Board
Operations and Administrative Committee Meeting**
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Room 303
Rockford, IL 61101

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
5:30 PM

Present:

Keith McDonald, **Chairman**
John Butitta
Jean Crosby
Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
Dorothy Redd
Jaime Salgado

Others Present:

Joe Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Pat Thompson, County Administrator
Lafakeria Vaughn, State's Attorney's Office
Ann Johns, Purchasing Director

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of December 2, 2021 Minutes
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Operations and Administrative Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Resolution Submitting to the Electors by Referendum the Advisory Question of Increasing the Tax Levied by the County of Winnebago, Illinois for the Specific Purpose of Maintaining River Bluff Nursing Home
- F. Resolution Amending the Organizational Structure of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois
- G. Finalize County Administrator Annual Performance Form
- H. Other Matters
- I. Adjournment

Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2021

Moved: Ms. Crosby, Seconded: Mr. Salgado.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairman McDonald omitted reading the Public Comment section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

Resolution Submitting to the Electors by Referendum the Advisory Question of Increasing the Tax Levied by the County of Winnebago, Illinois for the Specific Purpose of Maintaining River Bluff Nursing Home

Motion by Mr. Butitta and Seconded by Ms. Crosby.

- Mr. Butitta made an amendment by striking paragraph 4 on page 2 and inserting “Shall the County of Winnebago continue to own and operate the short term rehabilitative/long term skilled nursing facility for the residents of all incomes by increasing the amount levied by the County for the specific purpose of maintaining the River Bluff Nursing Home from 0.0445% to 0.1%? (i.e. The property tax increase on a home of \$150,000 assessed value result in an approximate \$25 increase for an annual tax bill).”

Mr. Butitta motions to amend and Ms. Crosby Seconds.

- Ms. Crosby made an amendment to add “Illinois” after “Winnebago.”
- Mr. Salgado made an amendment, “Shall the County of Winnebago, Illinois increase the River Bluff Nursing Home tax levy from 0.0445% to 0.1% for the purpose of maintaining the nursing home?”
- Mr. Arena made an amendment to the amendment to switch the next two phrases “By increasing the amount levied by the County from 0.0445% to 0.1% for the specific purpose of maintaining River Bluff Nursing Home.” Ms. Crosby moved.

Mr. Butitta and Ms. Crosby withdrew their previous amendments.

- Motion by Mr. Butitta, “Shall the County of Winnebago, Illinois continue to own and operate the short term rehabilitation/long term skilled nursing home facility for the residents of all incomes by increasing the amount levied by the County from 0.0445% to 0.1% for the specific purpose of maintaining the River Bluff Nursing Home? (i.e. The property tax increase on a home of \$150,000 assessed value result in an approximate \$25 increase for an annual tax bill).”

Ms. Crosby Seconded.

Mr. McDonald – All those in favor of the amendment.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. McDonald – All those in favor of the original Resolution as amended.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Amending the Organizational Structure of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois

Motion by Mr. McDonald and Seconded by Mr. Salgado.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Finalize County Administrator Annual Performance Form

- A discussion followed.

Other Matters

- Mr. Thompson spoke about the County Board room being out of commission after March 10th for two Board meetings to replace audio visual equipment.

Motion to Adjourn. Moved: Mr. Butitta, Seconded: Mr. Arena.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ferling
Administrative Assistant