

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
JULY 24, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.
2. Board Member McCarthy gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements:

Under Legislative and Lobbying Committee

Remove Agenda Item 2.

Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement by and between the Ferguson Group ("TFG") and the County of Winnebago for Grant Writing Services

4. Roll Call: 15 Present. 5 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Nabors, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, M. Thompson, R. Thompson, and Webster. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

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

Board Member Penney joined remotely at 6:04 p.m.

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

5. Awards - None
- Presentations- None
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Hoffman made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of June 12, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of June 26, 2025, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for July 24, 2025. Board Member Hoffman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez 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. Hulse Cemetery of Pecatonica, Annual Compensation: None

1. Susan Bryant-Burns (New Appointment), Beloit, Wisconsin, to serve a 6-year term (Carolyn Wise) expiring May 2031
2. Deborah High (Reappointment), Pecatonica, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031

B. Otter Creek Lake Utility District

1. Fred Kile (Reappointment), Davis, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2030

C. Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB), Annual Compensation: None

1. Rockton Fire Chief Kirk Wilson (New Appointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve remainder of a 3-year term (Win-Bur-Sew Fire Chief Dave Loria) expiring April 2026
2. Shawn Connors (Reappointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring April 2028

D. Community Action Agency, Annual Compensation: None

1. Dorothy Redd (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 1-year term expiring May 2026

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Salary of the Winnebago County Public Defender, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Public Defender Funding to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)
11. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment CJC Elevator Rebuild to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

12. No Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13. No Report.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

14. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Replacement Jail Transport Vehicle for Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Using CIP PSST 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)
15. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of a Boat Replacement for Sheriff's Office Using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)
16. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Architecture and Engineering Contract for Juvenile Detention Center Expansion Project, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Members Butitta, Arena, Penney, Nabors, Goral. Board

Member Penney made a motion to send back to committee, seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion to send back to committee was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

17. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Email Archiving Software Using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)
18. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Law Library Furniture Upgrades, seconded by Board Member Webster. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

19. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-042) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Harrison Avenue Pavement Patching (Section 25-0000-04-GM), seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

20. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022), seconded by Board Member Nabors. Discussion by Board Member Booker. Board Member Booker introduced Winnebago County Emergency Services Directory Slade Barry. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

LEGISLATIVE AND LOBBYING COMMITTEE

21. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. **Appointments read in on June 12, 2025**

Board Member Nabors made a motion to approve Appointments A. and B. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

A. Cherry Valley Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$4,500

1. Karl Ericksen (Reappointment), Cherry Valley, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028
- B. Win-Bur-Sew Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,500
 1. Charles Meyers, Sr. (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028

NEW BUSINESS

23. **(Per County Board rules, passage will require a suspension of Board rules).**
 - A. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Resolution. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting the Organizational Structure of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Discussion by Board Member Goral and Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Arena made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

24. 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. Monthly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations
 - b. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 128/Tuesday, July 8, 2025/Notices
 - B. County Clerk Gummow submitted a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder's Office for May and June, 2025.
 - C. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:
 - a. Collateralization Report – as of May 31, 2025
 - b. Investment Report - as of May 1, 2025
 - c. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – May, 2025

Board Member M. Thompson encouraged all to attend the Rhythm of the Heart Festival in Loves Park on Saturday.

Board Member Tassoni inquired about an Election schedule.

Board Member Booker announced he is not a member of the Oath Keepers Organization.

Board Member Sweeney spoke of a meeting he had with a member of Carrie Lynn Center.

Chief Information Officer Magers reminded all about cybersecurity.

Board Member Booker spoke of VIP appreciation night at the upcoming Winnebago County Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

25. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Hanserd, Lindmark, McDonald, and Valdez were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow

County Clerk

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