

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.
2. Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 18 Present. 2 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McDonald, Nabors, Penney, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. Thompson, Valdez and Webster. (Board Members McCarthy and R. Thompson were absent.)

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

Board Member Ray Thompson 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 - Jennifer Kaiser, Request for oversight review of ROE 4's fiscal management and employment practices, public interest concerns requiring Board oversight, Pro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member De La Trinidad made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of August 14, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of September 4, 2025, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for September 25, 2025. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy 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)**

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Illinois Council 31, Local 473 (AFSCME) and the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

10. Please See Unfinished Business.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting Authority to the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute the Documents Necessary to Complete a Loan for \$50,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the Meadows of Durand LLC (Meadows), seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Discussion by Board Members Fellars. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.)

Board Member McDonald departed at 6:55 p.m.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

12. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Replacement of 3rd Floor Air Handler at Adult Probation Building Using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy and McDonald were absent.)
13. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Repairs to the Outdoor Warning Sirens County-Wide Using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Hanserd.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

14. No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

15. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Accepting the Award and Authorizing the Chairman of the Winnebago County Board to Execute Agreement with Illinois Arts Council: Creative Projects 2026, seconded by Board Member Scrol. Discussion by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy and McDonald were absent.)
16. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Accepting the Award and Authorizing the Chairman of the Winnebago County Board to Execute Agreement with the State of Illinois and the Attorney General of the State of Illinois for the Organized Retail Crime Program, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy and McDonald were absent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Finance Committee

- A. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026 Laid Over from September 4, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Chief Financial Officer Schultz and Board Member Butitta. Board Member Butitta made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion to amend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to amend the amended Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Discussion by Chief Financial Officer Schultz and Board Members Butitta, Tassoni, and Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the seconded amended Annual Appropriation Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent)

Zoning Committee

- A. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve 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, PIN: 03-35-200-019, in Rockton Township, District 2, Lesa: NA, 2030 LRMP Future Map: NA, ZBA: Approval w/ZBA conditions (7-0), ZC: Approval w/ZBA conditions (6-0), Laid over from September 4, 2025 meeting, seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Discussion by Director of Community Development Spohr and Board Members Fellars, Webster, and

Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Board Member Webster added SU-03-25 comes with conditions.

- B. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve V-02-25 A variation of Section 4.11 to allow a front yard building setback of 19 feet instead of the required established building setback of 60 feet (for the purpose of expanding an existing attached garage from a 2 car to a 4+ car) for the property that is commonly known as 3802 Brookview Road, Rockford, IL 61107, PINS: 12-17-128-012 & 013, in Rockford Township, District 16 (with conditions), Lesa: NA, 2030 LRMP Future Map: NA, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (4-3), ZC: Approval w/conditions (5-1), Laid Over from September 4, 2025, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Discussion by Board Members Valdez, McDonald, and Fellars. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member Webster voted no.) (Board Member McDonald abstained.) (Board Member McCarthy was absent.)
- C. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve a 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 the property that is commonly known as 3802 Brookview Road, Rockford, IL 61107 (with conditions), 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), Laid over from September 4, 2025 meeting. *Requires a favorable vote by 3/4 of all members of the county board to pass, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter and Board Member Penney, Sweeney, Webster, Goral, Valdez, Fellars, and Lindmark. Motion failed by a roll call vote of 13 yes and 5 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, Sweeney, and Webster voted no.) (Board Member McDonald abstained.) (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to reconsider, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Goral, Sweeney, Webster, Valdez, Fellars, Lindmark, Arena, and Booker. Board Member Hanserd called the question. Motion to call the question was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Motion to reconsider was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to layover, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Motion to layover was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McCarthy was absent.) Discussion by Board Members Webster and Penney.
- D. Committee Report: ZBA meeting 10/08/25, ZC meeting 10/22/25

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

19. 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. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; and Byron Station, Units, 1 and 2-Issuance of Amendments to Revise Technical Specifications to Use Framatome Gaia Fuel (EPID L-2024-LLA-0072)
 - b. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 167/Tuesday, September 2, 2025/Notices
 - c. Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2-Issuance of Relief Request RP-1 Regarding Essential
 - d. Service Water Makeup Pumps Vibration Limits (EPID L-2025-LLR-0065)
 - e. Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2-Issuance of Relief Request RP-2 Regarding Essential Service Water Makeup Pumps Suction Gauge Accuracy for the Comprehensive Pump Test (EPID L-2025-LLR-0066)
 - f. Byron Station, Unit No. 1 and 2-Issuance of Alternative Request RP-3 to use American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Case OMN-32, Revision 1 (EPID L-2025-LLR-0067)
 - g. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, and Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, and Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2-Exemption from the Requirements of 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 Regarding Use of M5 Cladding Material (EPID L-2024-LLE-0019)
- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:
- a. Investment Report - as of August 1, 2025
 - b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – July, 2025
- C. County Clerk Gummow submitted a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder's Office for July and August, 2025.

Chairman Chiarelli thanked fire, police, and first responders for their service and gratitude over the recent months.

Board Member Butitta expressed his gratitude for all County employees involved in the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

20. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Dr. Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members McCarthy and McDonald were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Gummow

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