

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, September 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Lindmark gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements:
4. Roll Call: 17 Present. 3 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Lindmark, McCarthy, Nabors, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez and Webster. (Board Members Hoffman, McDonald, and Penney were absent.)
3. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to allow remote access. Board Member Booker made a motion to allow remote access for Board Member McDonald, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman, McDonald, and Penney were absent.)

Board Member McDonald joined remotely at 6:02 p.m.

Chairman Chiarelli announced the passing of Board Member Goral's daughter, Lori Goral and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Chiarelli recognized actors in the audience from Pec Playhouse and acknowledged Board Member Michael Thompson as Dr. Thompson.

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

5. Awards - None
- Presentations- Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana, CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Announcement and Life Saving Award to Deputy Andrew Shaner
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of July 24, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of August 14, 2025, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for September 4, 2025. Board Member McCarthy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney 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. Winnebago County Rail Authority, Annual Compensation: None

1. Isidro Barrios (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve up to a 3-year term expiring September 2028

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Probation Emergency Boiler Replacement to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta 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 Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Circuit Court Year-End Adjustments to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Board Member Butitta 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 Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
11. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Amending the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances by the Addition of Article VIII to Chapter 78, Imposing a County Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and County Grocery Service Occupation Tax to be Laid Over. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member

Dr. Thompson. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board member Valdez. Discussion by Chief Operations Officer Dornbush and Board Members R. Thompson, Sweeney, Webster, Valdez, Fellars, Arena, Goral, and Tassoni. Motion failed by a roll call vote of 11 no and 7 yes votes. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, McCarthy, McDonald, Nabors, Scrol, Dr. Thompson, R. Thompson, Webster voted no.) (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

12. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026 to be Laid Over
13. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Jason Ferro versus Winnebago County, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
14. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving the Purdue Pharma, L.P. Bankruptcy Plan and Execution of the Governmental Entity Settlement Agreement Sackler Release (Opioid Litigation), seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
15. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the County of Winnebago, Illinois's Participation in Eight Defendant Settlements (Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun Pharma and Zydus (Opioid Litigation), seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

16. 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 (with conditions), to be laid over.
17. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of 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 in Rockford Township, District 16 (with conditions), to be laid over.
18. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of V-03-25 A variation of Section 23.8.3A.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 in Rockford Township, District 16 (with conditions), to be laid over. *Requires a favorable vote by $\frac{3}{4}$ of all members of the county board to pass.
19. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of agenda items 4. thru 6. (as listed below). Board Member Webster made a motion to suspend the rules on items 4. thru 6., seconded by Board Member Goral. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Board Member Webster made a

motion to approve agenda items 4. thru 6. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

4. SU-05-25 A special use permit for a wedding and/or reception facility in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the Property that is commonly known as 14578 Center Road, Durand Illinois 61024 in Laona Township, District 2 (with conditions)
5. Z-04-25 A map amendment to rezone 7.56 +- acres from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District to the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District (a sub-district of the RA District) for the property that is commonly known as 14228 Hauley Road, Durand, IL 61024 in Shirland Township, District 2
6. SU-06-25 A special use permit for an accessory living quarter in the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District (a sub-district of the RA District) for the property that is commonly known as 14228 Hauley Road, Durand, IL 61024 in Shirland Township, District 2 (with conditions)

Discussion by Board Member Webster.

Board Member Fellars made a motion to suspend the rules on agenda items 2. (V-02-25) and 3. (V-03-25), seconded by Board Member Valdez. Suspension failed due to an absence of a unanimous approval of County Board Members. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter Board Member Webster, Valdez, and Tassoni.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from Host Fees to GoRockford, Formerly Known as the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB) to Support the 2025 Stroll on State Street Event, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
21. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois Approving the Support of and Participation in the 2026-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Northern Illinois Region, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
22. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution to Grant One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from Host Fees to the Pec Playhouse Theatre for Building Capital Improvements, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Members Sweeney, Booker, Valdez, and Fellars. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

23. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Professional Services to Pre-Qualified Vendors for Architects and Engineering Support, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
24. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Two Adult Probation Vehicle Replacements Using CIP Funds, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
25. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Electricity Services, seconded by Board Member Goral. Discussion by Board Member Goral. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

26. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-047) Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to an Engineering Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC for Additional Hydraulics Design Services Associated with an Extension of the Perryville Path (Section: 23-00717-00-BT), seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
27. Board Member Tassoni read in for the first reading of (25-048) Ordinance Amending Chapter 82 of the Winnebago County Code Regulating the Placement of Utilities and Facilities within the Rights-of-way of Winnebago County Highways. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Dr. Thompson. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Dr. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
28. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-049) Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Hey and Associates, Inc. for Restoration of Madigan Creek-Phase 1 (Section: 25-00736-00-DR), seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni, Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
29. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-050) Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Winnebago County, Illinois, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Discussion by County Engineer Molina and Chairman Chiarelli.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

30. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Greater Rockford Airport Authority for Fire and EMS Dispatch Services, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)
31. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute an Agreement with Target Solutions Learning, LLC, d/b/a Vector Solutions, to provide Frontline Public Safety Solutions Software for the Office of Professional Standards, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32. **Appointments read in on July 24, 2025**

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

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

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Agenda Item B. (as listed below). Board Member Webster made a motion to approve Agenda Item B., seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

B. Otter Creek Lake Utility District

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

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Agenda Item C. (as listed below). Board Member Webster made a motion to approve Agenda Item C., seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Webster. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

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

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Agenda Item D. (as listed below). Board Member Goral made a motion to approve Agenda Item D. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Fellars. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

D. Community Action Agency, Annual Compensation: None

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

A. Board Member Arena made a motion to suspend the rules on the Resolution Amending the Organizational Structure of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, seconded by Butitta. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) Board Member Arena made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Butitta. Discussion by Board Member McDonald. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 11 yes and 7 no votes. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Nabors, Scrol, Dr. Thompson, and Valdez voted no.) (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

34. 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. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 149/Wednesday, August 6, 2025/Notices
 - b. Byron Station-Integrated Inspection Report 05000454/2025002 and 05000455/2025002
 - c. Updated Inspection Plan for Byron Station, Units 1 and 2 (Report 05000454/2025005 and 05000455/2025005)
- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the Illinois Department of Corrections a copy of the recent compliance monitoring report for the Winnebago County Jail.

Board Member Hanserd thanked the Board on behalf of her family during the loss of her step father and announced she attended a dedication of the Clarence Hicks Memorial Track and Field this past Saturday.

Board Member Sweeney reminded Board Members to use their \$1000 discretionary monies by the end of the fiscal year.

Board Member R. Thompson announced the upcoming Roscoe Lions Club Fall Festival.

Chairman Chiarelli thanked Board Member McDonald for his help on the ETSB Board appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

35. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Valdez moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Hoffman and Penney were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow

County Clerk

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