

REVISED
**OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Called by: Paul Arena, Chairman

Members: John Butitta, Valerie Hanserd,
Joe Hoffman, Michael Thompson
Ray Thompson, Christina Valdez

DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: ROOM 303
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG
404 ELM STREET
ROCKFORD, IL 61101

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2026
- 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, first-served basis, with sign-up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters that are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee, or the County Board. Personnel matters, 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 acknowledgment by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Resolution Supporting and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transfer of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing Programs and all Associated Resources and/or Assets from the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority to the Winnebago County Housing Authority
- F. Resolution Submitting to The Electors of The County of Winnebago, Illinois by Referendum an Advisory Public Question Concerning Voting Qualifications
- G. Resolution Submitting to The Electors of The County of Winnebago, Illinois by Referendum an Advisory Public Question Concerning Property Tax Relief
- H. Resolution Submitting to The Electors of The County of Winnebago, Illinois by Referendum an Advisory Public Question Concerning Amending the Redistricting Process For State Legislative Maps
- I. Resolution Establishing The Date, Time And Location Of Each Meeting Of The Winnebago County Board, Illinois For FY-2027

J. Resolution Establishing The County Holiday Schedule for 2027

K. Coroner's Office Feasibility Study Discussion

L. Other Matters

M. Future Agenda Items

N. Adjournment

**Winnebago County Board
Special Operations and Administrative Committee Meeting**

Winnebago County Courthouse
400 West State Street, Room 815
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, July 23, 2026
5:30 PM

Present:

Paul Arena, **Chairperson**
Valerie Hanserd, **Vice Chairperson**
John Butitta
Joe Hoffman
Michael Thompson
Ray Thompson
Christina Valdez

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Hope Edwards, Director, Purchasing (Staff Liaison)
Lafakeria Reuter, State's Attorney's Office
Karen Elyea, Chief of Staff
Kevin McCarthy, County Board Member
John Sweeney, County Board Member
Dave Tassoni, County Board Member
Aprel Prunty, Rockford Alderperson
Litesa Wallace, Former State Representative
Carol Bailey, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Diane Cushing, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Sara Dady, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Meredith Dady, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Teresa Hill, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Sandra Locke, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Gaen McClendon, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Faye Marcus, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Joan Sage, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Judy Schultz, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford
Wanda Hoover, League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford

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- G. Other Matters
- H. Future Agenda Items
- I. Adjournment

Chairperson Arena called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Chairperson Paul Arena, yes; Mr. John Butitta, yes; Ms. Valerie Hanserd, yes; Mr. Joe Hoffman, yes; Dr. Michael Thompson, yes; Mr. Ray Thompson, yes; Ms. Christina Valdez, yes.

A quorum is present.

Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2026

Chairperson Arena called for a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2026.

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Dr. Thompson.

Motion: Chairperson Arena moved to amend the minutes of July 16, 2026, by correcting page four, in the paragraph “Resolution Submitting to The Electors of The County of Winnebago, Illinois by Referendum an Advisory Public Question Concerning Amending the Redistricting Process For State Legislative Maps,” to read “Chairperson Arena explained that Item M. was removed from the agenda,” and striking out “and laid over.” Second: Ms. Valdez.

Chairperson Arena called for any discussion.

Chairperson Arena called for a vote to approve the amendment to the minutes.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson Arena called for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion: Dr. Thompson. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Chairperson Arena called for any discussion.

Chairperson Arena called for a vote to approve the amended minutes.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Submitting to The Electors of The County of Winnebago, Illinois by Referendum an Advisory Public Question Concerning Voting Qualifications

Chairperson Arena laid over the Resolution to the August 6, 2026 committee meeting.

Resolution Submitting to The Electors of The County of Winnebago, Illinois by Referendum an Advisory Public Question Concerning Property Tax Relief Other Matters

Motion: Chairperson Arena. Second: Dr. Thompson.

Chairperson Arena reported that in the previous Operations meeting, there were suggestions that the question needs clarification, with the Chairperson in agreement.

Chairperson Arena called for any alternative version of the Resolution.

Motion: Chairperson Arena moved to lay the Resolution over to the August 6, 2026 committee meeting. Second: Dr. Thompson.

Chairperson Arena called for any discussion on the layover.

Chairperson Arena called for a vote to approve the layover of the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson Arena explained why the two Resolutions were laid over. Chairperson Arena requested that the State’s Attorney’s Office advise on what the statute states.

Public Comment

Chairperson Arena read the Public Comment Section.

Attorney Carol Bailey, Chair of the Voter Services Committee for the League of Women Voters Greater Rockford, which oversees voter registration in Winnebago and Boone counties, expressed concern about the resolution's wording. Ms. Bailey thanked the Chairman for acknowledging the wording issue and the need to revise the resolution's terms. Ms. Bailey shared the process for voter registration.

Attorney Sara Dady, Chair of the Immigration Committee for the League of Women Voters Greater Rockford, focused on the issue of noncitizens voting, voter fraud, and making it more difficult for citizens to prove citizenship to vote.

- A discussion followed.

Dr. Litesa Wallace, former State Representative, stated that a voter must provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote. Dr. Wallace advised that a public resource is available that states what the State statute says regarding voter registration.

Aprèl Prunty, Rockford Alderperson, questioned the rush to approve the resolutions without knowledge of the facts.

- A discussion followed.

Other Matters

- No other matters reported.

Future Agenda Items

- No future agenda items reported.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Chairperson Arena made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Dr. Thompson. A unanimous voice vote passed the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant



Resolution Executive Summary

Prepared By: Lafakeria Reuter
Committee: Operations and Administrative Committee
Committee Date: August 6, 2026
Ordinance Title: Resolution Supporting and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transfer of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing Programs and all Associated Resources and/or Assets from the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority to the Winnebago County Housing Authority
County Code: N/A
Board Meeting Date: August 13, 2026

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? N/A	Appropriation Amount: N/A
If not, explain funding source:	
ORG/OBJ/Project Code: N/A	Budget Impact: N/A

Background Information: The Winnebago County Housing Authority (WCHA) and the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority (JDCHA) were created in 1940 and 1947, respectively. Pursuant to adopted resolutions, the WCHA and JDCHA both desire to transfer the JDCHA Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing Program to the WCHA and dissolve JDCHA operations. The transfer and dissolution are subject to the approval by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and governing boards of Winnebago and Jo Daviess counties. The Winnebago County Board desires to pass a resolution supporting and approving an intergovernmental agreement for the transfer of the JDCHA programs and all associated resources and/or assets to the WCHA and the dissolution of JDCHA.

Recommendation: Approval of the Resolution and IGA

Contract/Agreement: Intergovernmental Agreement

Legal Review: Reviewed by State's Attorney's Office

Follow-Up: N/A

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2026 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: PAUL ARENA

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV)
AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS AND ALL ASSOCIATED RESOURCES
AND/OR ASSETS FROM THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY TO
THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 authorizes units of local government to contract and associate among themselves to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the County Winnebago, Illinois (hereinafter “Winnebago”) and Jo Daviess County, Illinois (hereinafter “Jo Daviess”) are units of local government as defined in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act provides that any power or powers, privileges, functions, or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a public agency of this State may be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this State; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 1940, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution creating the Winnebago County Housing Authority (hereinafter “WCHA”) and appointing five (5) commissioners to the WCHA Board, pursuant to the Illinois Housing Authorities Act (310 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1947, the Jo Daviess County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution declaring the need for a Housing Authority of the County of Jo Daviess, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, WCHA adopted two (2) resolutions approving the transfer of Jo Daviess County Housing Authority’s (hereinafter “JDCHA”) Housing Choice Voucher Program pursuant to PHI 2018-12 and its Public Housing Program pursuant to PHI 2014-24(5)(b)(i) subject to the approval by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter “HUD”) and the governing boards of Winnebago and Jo Daviess counties; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2026, JDCHA approved two (2) similar resolutions approving said transfer and dissolution of its operations; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago, Jo Daviess, WCHA and JDCHA agree that the transfers and subsequent dissolution would improve administrative efficiency, expand housing opportunities and enhance service delivery across Winnebago, Jo Daviess, Boone and Stephenson Counties; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Illinois Housing Authorities Act, the Winnebago County Board desires to pass a resolution supporting and approving the transfers of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing programs and all associated resources and/or assets from the JDCHA to the WCHA and the dissolution of JDCHA; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board finds that it is in the best interests of Winnebago County, Illinois to support and approve the transfer of the JDCHA programs and all associated resources and/or assets to WCHA, in accordance with HUD requirements and the Illinois Housing Authorities Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Each Whereas paragraph set forth above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1.

Section 2. The Winnebago County Board finds that it is in the best interests of Winnebago County, Illinois to support and approve the transfers of the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority (JDCHA) programs and all associated resources and/or assets to Winnebago County Housing Authority and the dissolution of JDCHA, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements and the Illinois Housing Authorities Act, with such to become effective upon the approval by HUD of the transfer of the JDCHA Public Housing Program and all associated resources and/or assets to WCHA.

Section 3. The Winnebago County Board Chairman, is authorized and directed, on behalf of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, to execute the intergovernmental agreement by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Jo Daviess County, Illinois, in substantially the same form as that set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 5. The Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the County Board Office, County Auditor, the Executive Director of the Winnebago County Housing Authority, the Executive Director of the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

AGREE

Paul Arena, Chair

Valerie Hanserd, Vice Chair

John Butitta

Joe Hoffman

Michael Thompson

Ray Thompson

Christina Valdez

DISAGREE

Paul Arena, Chair

Valerie Hanserd, Vice Chair

John Butitta

Joe Hoffman

Michael Thompson

Ray Thompson

Christina Valdez

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the
County Board of the County of
Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Lori Gummow, Clerk of the
County Board of the
County of Winnebago, Illinois

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS AND
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

This Intergovernmental Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois, a body politic and corporate, (hereinafter “Winnebago”) and Jo Daviess County, Illinois, a body politic and corporate (hereinafter “Jo Daviess”). Winnebago and Jo Daviess are collectively referred to herein as “Parties” or individually as a “Party”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 authorizes units of local government to contract and associate among themselves to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago and Jo Daviess are units of local government as defined in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act provides that any power or powers, privileges, functions, or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a public agency of this State may be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this State; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 1940, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution creating the Winnebago County Housing Authority (hereinafter “WCHA”) and appointing five (5) commissioners to the WCHA Board, pursuant to the Illinois Housing Authorities Act (310 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*) attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1947, the Jo Daviess County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution declaring the need for a Housing Authority of the County of Jo Daviess, Illinois, attached hereto as Exhibit 2; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, WCHA adopted two (2) resolutions approving the transfer of Jo Daviess County Housing Authority’s (hereinafter “JDCHA”) Housing Choice Voucher Program pursuant to PHI 2018-12 and its Public Housing Program pursuant to PHI 2014-24(5)(b)(i) subject to the approval of same by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter “HUD”) and the governing boards of Winnebago and Jo Daviess counties, attached hereto as Exhibit 3; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2026, JDCHA approved two (2) similar resolutions approving said transfer and dissolution of its operations, attached hereto as Exhibit 4; and

WHEREAS, WCHA and JDCHA further agreed that upon WCHA assuming responsibility for the operations of JDCHA, JDCHA’s operations will be discontinued as of the effective date and ultimately dissolved; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2026, WCHA and JDCHA entered into an intergovernmental agreement in order to transfer the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs and all associated resources and/or assets thereof from JDCHA to WCHA and to dissolve JDCHA; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago, Jo Daviess, WCHA and JDCHA agree that the transfer and subsequent dissolution would improve administrative efficiency, expand housing opportunities and enhance service delivery across Winnebago, Jo Daviess, Boone and Stephenson Counties; and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree that it is in the best interests of Winnebago and Jo Daviess to transfer the JDCHA programs and all associated resources and/or assets to WCHA and the parties will work cooperatively to effectuate the transfer and dissolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual consideration, promises, and covenants set forth herein, the adequacy of which the parties acknowledge, with the foregoing recital hereby incorporated, the parties agree as follows:

- I. **RECITALS**. The above Recitals are incorporated in this Agreement by their reference and made part of this Agreement.
- II. **PARTIES' OBLIGATIONS**
 - a. Pursuant to this Agreement, the respective governing boards of Winnebago and Jo Daviess shall adopt an ordinance or resolution concurring to the voluntary transfer of the JDCHA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing programs, ACC authority, Annual Budget Authority (ABA), and the Administrative Fees to WCHA, and the transfer to WCHA of all associated resources and/or assets thereof previously belonging to and/or controlled by JDCHA pursuant to PIH Notice 2018-12 and PHI 2014-24(5)(b)(i),, to the rescission or modification of any prior resolutions by a party (or by the parties) that are in conflict with such actions, and to the taking of any and all measures that may otherwise be required by applicable Federal and/or State law to secure the dissolution of JDCHA.
 - b. The parties acknowledge that the transfer and acceptance shall comply with all HUD requirements, the Illinois Housing Authorities Act and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, with such to become effective upon the approval by HUD of the transfer of the JDCHA Public Housing Program and all associated resources and/or assets to WCHA.
 - c. The parties will make any and all necessary records and information available to the other party and cooperate with the other party in all practical matters necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Agreement.
 - d. Upon WCHA assuming all operations of JDCHA and JDCHA's dissolution, Winnebago shall retain the authority to appoint WCHA board members. Subject to

the foregoing and to the following provisions, and in order to have proper representation of the expanded operational area, one (1) member of the seven (7) member WCHA Board shall be a resident of Jo Daviess. Provided, however, that within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this Agreement or within ninety (90) calendar days of receipt of notice from Winnebago of any vacancy in such position, Jo Daviess shall provide notice to Winnebago pursuant to the provisions of paragraph III(d) of this Agreement of the Jo Daviess resident designated to fill the position, subject to the review and approval of that Jo Daviess resident by Winnebago. In the event that such notice is not provided by Jo Daviess to Winnebago within the noted ninety (90) calendar day period(s), and in the interests of assuring the proper oversight and governance of the WCHA's operations, Winnebago may proceed to designate the individual to fill that position subject to the provisions of WCHA's by-laws. The terms and conditions of service by a Jo Daviess resident so appointed to the WCHA Board shall be governed by the provisions of the WCHA's by laws (as they currently exist or may hereafter be amended by WCHA).

III. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- a. Effective Date and Term. This Agreement will take effect as soon as it is signed by all authorized representatives of the parties. This Agreement shall terminate upon the completion of the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority program transfer to the Winnebago County Housing Authority unless otherwise amended or terminated by mutual agreement and HUD approval.
- b. Assignment. Neither party shall not assign or transfer any of its interests in or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- c. Amendments. No amendment or modification to the Agreement shall be effective without prior written consent of the authorized representatives of the parties.
- d. Notices. All notices, approvals, demands, requests or other documents required or permitted under this Agreement, other than routine communications necessary for the day-to-day operation of this program, shall be deemed properly given if hand delivered or sent by nationally recognized overnight carrier or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

If to COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO:

County of Winnebago, Illinois
Attn: Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Winnebago County Administration Building

404 Elm Street, Suite 533
Rockford, Illinois 61101

If to JO DAVIESS COUNTY:

Jo Daviess County, Illinois
Attn: LaDon Trost, County Board Chairperson
330 N. Bench Street
Galena, Illinois 61036

- e. Governing Law. The Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Illinois, both as to interpretation and performance, without regard to conflicts of law or choice of law provisions.
- f. Headings. Sections and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and are not intended to describe, interpret, define or limit the scope, extent or intent of this Agreement or any provision hereof.
- g. Severability. If any provisions, covenants, agreements or portions of this Agreement or its application to any person, entity or property is held invalid, such invalidity shall not invalidate any other portion of this Agreement. The parties intend to be bound to this agreement even in the event that a portion of the agreement is declared invalid, in accordance with law.
- h. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- i. Waivers. No terms or provisions hereof shall be deemed waived and no breach excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether express or implied, shall not constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other different or subsequent breach.
- j. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral, or written between the parties with respect to this Agreement.
- k. Authority. Winnebago and Jo Daviess each warrant to the other that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement and that the person or persons executing this Agreement on their behalf has been duly authorized to act as the representative or officer of each respective party in affixing their signatures to the Agreement. Winnebago and Jo Daviess hereto agree to sign such documents, enact such

ordinances or resolutions, or perform such further obligations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO,
an Illinois body politic and corporate

Joseph V. Chiarelli
Chairman of the County Board of the
County of Winnebago, Illinois

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Lori Gummow
Clerk of the County Board of the
County of Winnebago, Illinois

Date: _____

JO DAVIESS COUNTY,
an Illinois body politic and corporate

LaDon Trost
Jo Daviess County Board Chairperson

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Date: _____

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2026 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: PAUL ARENA

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF
WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS BY REFERENDUM AN ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION
CONCERNING VOTING QUALIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code governs the initiation and submission of public questions to the electors of the State and its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, advisory questions of public policy may be submitted pursuant to Section 28-5 of the Illinois Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago, Illinois is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, and the Winnebago County Board is the governing body of Winnebago County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of our elections, and specifically ensuring that only legal voters vote in our elections, is a major concern for the residents of Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board finds that voters should have an opportunity to express their opinion on whether the Illinois General Assembly should pass legislation that would require all voters to show a valid form of government-issued photo identification to prove United States citizenship before being allowed to vote; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), the County Board may place a referendum question on a ballot to be submitted to the public so long as a resolution authorizing placing the question on the ballot is adopted no fewer than seventy-nine (79) days before a regularly scheduled election where the referendum question is to appear, which is by August 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board desires to submit the following advisory public question concerning voting qualifications, to the electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. That the foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Submission of Advisory Public Question. Pursuant to Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code, the Winnebago County Board hereby directs that the following advisory public question be placed on the ballot in the County of Winnebago to be voted on by all qualified electors at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026:

**SHOULD THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASS LEGISLATION
THAT WOULD REQUIRE VOTERS TO SHOW A VALID FORM
OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO PROVE
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE?**

YES	NO
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Section 3. County-Wide Submission. The advisory public question is authorized and shall be submitted to all qualified electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, and shall appear on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law.

Section 4. Certification and Filing. The County Clerk of the County of Winnebago and all other proper officers and employees of Winnebago County are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to certify and submit this advisory public question to the appropriate election authority or authorities in accordance with the Illinois Election Code no later than August 27, 2026, including providing a certified copy of this Resolution and the form of the public question to be placed on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

AGREE

Paul Arena, Chair

Valerie Hanserd, Vice Chair

John Butitta

Joe Hoffman

Michael Thompson

Ray Thompson

Christina Valdez

DISAGREE

Paul Arena, Chair

Valerie Hanserd, Vice Chair

John Butitta

Joe Hoffman

Michael Thompson

Ray Thompson

Christina Valdez

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the
County Board of the County of
Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Lori Gummow, Clerk of the
County Board of the
County of Winnebago, Illinois

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2026 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: PAUL ARENA, AARON BOOKER, JOHN BUTITTA, MATT GABEL,
MICHAEL THOMPSON, BRAD LINDMARK, JIM WEBSTER, KEVIN McCARTHY,
JOHN PENNEY, JOHN SWEENEY

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WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago, Illinois is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, and the Winnebago County Board is the governing body of Winnebago County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of our elections, and specifically ensuring that only legal voters vote in our elections, is a major concern for the residents of Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board finds that existing Illinois law does not require a person to provide a valid form of photo identification either when registering to vote or before being allowed to vote for the first time; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board finds that voters should have an opportunity to express their opinion on whether the Illinois General Assembly should pass legislation that would require all voters to show a valid form of ~~government-issued~~ photo identification to prove their identity either when registering to vote ~~United States citizenship or~~ before being allowed to vote for the first time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), the County Board may place a referendum question on a ballot to be submitted to the public so long as a resolution authorizing placing the

question on the ballot is adopted no fewer than seventy-nine (79) days before a regularly scheduled election where the referendum question is to appear, which is by August 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board desires to submit the following advisory public question concerning voting qualifications, to the electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. That the foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Submission of Advisory Public Question. Pursuant to Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code, the Winnebago County Board hereby directs that the following advisory public question be placed on the ballot in the County of Winnebago to be voted on by all qualified electors at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026:

ILLINOIS LAW ALLOWS A PERSON TO REGISTER, AND THEN VOTE, WITHOUT PROVIDING A PHOTO ID. SHOULD ILLINOIS LAW BE CHANGED TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO PROVIDE A VALID FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ONCE, EITHER WHEN REGISTERING TO VOTE OR BEFORE THEY VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

~~SHOULD THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE VOTERS TO SHOW A VALID FORM OF GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO PROVE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE?~~

YES	NO
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Section 3. County-Wide Submission. The advisory public question is authorized and shall be submitted to all qualified electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, and shall appear on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law.

Section 4. Certification and Filing. The County Clerk of the County of Winnebago and all other proper officers and employees of Winnebago County are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to certify and submit this advisory public question to the appropriate election authority or authorities in accordance with the Illinois Election Code no later than August 27, 2026, including providing a certified copy of this Resolution and the form of the public question to be placed on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

AGREE

Paul Arena, Chair

Valerie Hanserd, Vice Chair

John Butitta

Joe Hoffman

Michael Thompson

Ray Thompson

Christina Valdez

DISAGREE

Paul Arena, Chair

Valerie Hanserd, Vice Chair

John Butitta

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the
County Board of the County of
Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Lori Gummow, Clerk of the
County Board of the
County of Winnebago, Illinois

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2026 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: PAUL ARENA

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF
WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS BY REFERENDUM AN ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION
CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

WHEREAS, Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code governs the initiation and submission of public questions to the electors of the State and its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, advisory questions of public policy may be submitted pursuant to Section 28-5 of the Illinois Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago, Illinois is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, and the Winnebago County Board is the governing body of Winnebago County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, property taxes are a major concern for homeowners, families, seniors, small businesses, and local taxpayers throughout Winnebago County and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board finds that electors should have an opportunity to express their opinion on whether the Illinois General Assembly should pass legislation to cap and lower local property taxes and provide state funding to local governments that agree to reduce property tax levies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), the County Board may place a referendum question on a ballot to be submitted to the public so long as a resolution authorizing placing the question on the ballot is adopted no fewer than seventy-nine (79) days before a regularly scheduled election where the referendum question is to appear, which is by August 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board desires to submit the following advisory public question concerning property tax relief, to the electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

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Section 2. Submission of Advisory Public Question. Pursuant to Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code, the Winnebago County Board hereby directs that the following advisory public question be placed on the ballot in the County of Winnebago to be voted on by all qualified electors at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026:

**SHOULD THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASS
LEGISLATION TO CAP AND LOWER LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES
AND PROVIDE STATE FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
THAT AGREE TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAX LEVIES?**

YES	NO
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Section 3. County-Wide Submission. The advisory public question is authorized and shall be submitted to all qualified electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, and shall appear on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law.

Section 4. Certification and Filing. The County Clerk of the County of Winnebago and all other proper officers and employees of Winnebago County are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to certify and submit this advisory public question to the appropriate election authority or authorities in accordance with the Illinois Election Code no later than August 27, 2026, including providing a certified copy of this Resolution and the form of the public question to be placed on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

AGREE

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John Butitta

Joe Hoffman

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Christina Valdez

DISAGREE

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County Board of the County of
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ATTEST:

Lori Gummow, Clerk of the
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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2026 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: PAUL ARENA

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF
WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS BY REFERENDUM AN ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION
CONCERNING AMENDING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS
FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE MAPS**

WHEREAS, Article 28 of the Illinois Election Code governs the initiation and submission of public questions to the electors of the State and its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, advisory questions of public policy may be submitted pursuant to Section 28-5 of the Illinois Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the County of Winnebago, Illinois is a political subdivision of the State of Illinois, and the Winnebago County Board is the governing body of Winnebago County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, representational fairness and transparency for all residents of Winnebago County and the State of Illinois are key factors in the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board finds that electors should have an opportunity to express their opinion on whether the Illinois General Assembly should amend the redistricting process for state legislative maps by removing partisan control and protecting the rights of all voters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), the County Board may place a referendum question on a ballot to be submitted to the public so long as a resolution authorizing placing the question on the ballot is adopted no fewer than seventy-nine (79) days before a regularly scheduled election where the referendum question is to appear, which is by August 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board desires to submit the following advisory public question of amending the redistricting process for legislative maps, to the electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

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**SHOULD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS BE COMPACT, CONTIGUOUS
AND EQUAL IN POPULATION, DRAWN BY A NON-PARTISAN COMMISSION,
NOT BY ELECTED OFFICIALS, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF PARTY
REGISTRATION AND VOTING HISTORY DATA?**

YES	NO
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Section 3. County-Wide Submission. The advisory public question is authorized and shall be submitted to all qualified electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, and shall appear on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, in substantially the form set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law.

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Respectfully submitted,
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

AGREE

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Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman of the
County Board of the County of
Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Lori Gummow, Clerk of the
County Board of the
County of Winnebago, Illinois



Resolution Executive Summary

Committee Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026

Committee: Operations & Administrative

Prepared By: Chris Dornbush

Document Title:

Resolution Establishing The Date, Time And Location Of Each Meeting Of The Winnebago County Board, Illinois For FY-2027

County Code:

Board Meeting Date:

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? NA	Appropriation Amount: NA
If not, explain funding source:	
ORG - OBJ - Project Code:	Budget Impact: NA

Background Information:

The County of Winnebago is required to provide public notice of the date, time, and location of its regularly scheduled County Board meetings for the upcoming year.

Recommendation:

Administration supports the proposed County Board meeting schedule and recommends approval.

Contract/Agreement:

NA

Legal Review:

Yes

Follow-Up:

NA

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**RESOLUTION
OF
THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS
SUBMITTED BY: OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
2026 CR _____**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF EACH
MEETING OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD, ILLINOIS FOR FY-2027**

WHEREAS, under provisions of 5ILCS 120/2.02, the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois is required to provide public notice of the date, time, and location of its regularly scheduled meetings; and,

WHEREAS, under provisions of 55 ILCS 5/2-5017, the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois is required to hold regular meetings during the months of June and September and may hold additional regular meetings at such times as may be determined by the board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that the Board shall conduct its regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month of Fiscal Year 2027 at 6:00 pm., except as indicated hereunder (*):

October 8, 2026	April 8, 2027
October 22, 2026	April 22, 2027
November 12, 2026	May 13, 2027
November 24, 2026 (4th Tuesday) *	May 27, 2027
December 10, 2026	June 10, 2027
December 22, 2026 (4th Tuesday) *	June 24, 2027
January 14, 2027	July 8, 2027
January 28, 2027	July 22, 2027
February 11, 2027	August 12, 2027
February 25, 2027	
March 11, 2027	September 2, 2027 (1st Thursday) *
March 25, 2027	September 23, 2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meetings scheduled shall be in the County Board Room, 8th floor, Winnebago County Courthouse Building, 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective on its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Board of the County of Winnebago is directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Winnebago County Chief Operations Officer, County Finance Officer, County Administrator, Human Resources Director, Purchasing Director, and the County Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,
Operations & Administrative Committee

AGREE

DISAGREE

PAUL ARENA, CHAIR

PAUL ARENA, CHAIR

VALERIE HANSERD, VICE CHAIR

VALERIE HANSERD, VICE CHAIR

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CHRISTINA VALDEZ

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this ____ day of _____ 2026.

ATTESTED BY:

JOSEPH V. CHIARELLI
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

LORI GUMMOW
CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

Fiscal Year 2027 Board Calendar

October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

November 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

December 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

January 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

February 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

March 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

April 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

May 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

June 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

July 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

August 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

September 2027						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Key
Holiday
County Board
Weekends

Fiscal Year 2027 Board Calendar

October	
1	Thursday, October 8, 2026
2	Thursday, October 22, 2026

November	
1	Thursday, November 12, 2026
2	Tuesday, November 24, 2026

December	
1	Thursday, December 10, 2026
2	Tuesday, December 22, 2026

January	
1	Thursday, January 14, 2027
2	Thursday, January 28, 2027

February	
1	Thursday, February 11, 2027
2	Thursday, February 25, 2027

March	
1	Thursday, March 11, 2027
2	Thursday, March 25, 2027

April	
1	Thursday, April 8, 2027
2	Thursday, April 22, 2027

May	
1	Thursday, May 13, 2027
2	Thursday, May 27, 2027

June	
1	Thursday, June 10, 2027
2	Thursday, June 24, 2027

July	
1	Thursday, July 8, 2027
2	Thursday, July 22, 2027

August	
1	Thursday, August 12, 2027
2	

September	
1	Thursday, September 2, 2027
2	Thursday, September 23, 2027

RESOLUTION
of the
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

Sponsored by: Paul Arena

Submitted by: Operations and Administrative Committee

2026 CR

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2027

WHEREAS, the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 34, Paragraph 303, (12th), is authorized to fix the days and hours of opening and closing of the County offices and departments; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board, AFSCME Local 473 and FOP Lodge 50 have agreed that the County Board shall designate the date upon which certain holidays shall be observed for purposes of their collective bargaining agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that, for the calendar year 2027, all county offices and departments subject hereto shall be closed for all Saturdays, Sundays, and the following holidays subject to adjustment, if necessary, based on collective bargaining negotiations:

DATE	DAY	HOLIDAY
January 1	Friday	New Year's Day
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15	Monday	Presidents' Day
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day
June 18	Friday	Juneteenth Independence Day (<i>Observed</i>)
July 5	Monday	Independence Day (<i>Observed</i>)
September 6	Monday	Labor Day
October 11	Monday	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
November 11	Thursday	Veterans' Day
November 25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Friday	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
December 23	Thursday	Christmas Holiday
December 24	Friday	Christmas Day (<i>Observed</i>)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption and the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver copies of this resolution to the Chairman of the County Board, all elected and appointed County Officers, the Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit, the Staff Representatives of AFSCME Local 473, and the President of FOP Lodge 50.

Respectfully Submitted,
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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Illinois this ____ day of _____ 2026.

JOSEPH CHIARELLI

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

ATTESTED BY:

LORI GUMMOW

CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

Coroner's Office Feasibility Study Discussion