

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
JANUARY 22, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 17 Present. 3 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, McDonald, Nabors, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, and Webster. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

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

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

Public Participation - John Tac Brantley, Upcoming event and community concerns, Pro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of November 25, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of December 11, 2025, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for January 22, 2026. 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 Members Fellars, Penney, 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)**

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Emergency PSB Boiler Replacement 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 Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Emergency JDC HVAC System Repairs to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
11. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules on Agenda Items 4.-11. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve Agenda Items 4.-11., seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote off all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
 4. Ordinance to Abate the 2016E Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to be Laid Over
 5. Ordinance to Abate the 2017C Tort Property Tax and Quarter Cent Sales Tax Alternate Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to be Laid Over
 6. Ordinance Abating the Tax hereto Levied for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018 of Winnebago County, Illinois to be Laid Over
 7. Ordinance to Abate the 2020A Alternative Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to be Laid Over
 8. Ordinance to Abate the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to be Laid Over

9. Ordinance to Abate the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to be Laid Over
10. Ordinance to Abate the General Obligation Alternate Refunding Bonds (Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 Bonds Property Tax Levy for the Year 2025 Payable 2026 to be Laid Over
11. Ordinance Abating Special Tax Roll for 2025 Levy Year for Properties within the Special Service Area for the I-39/Baxter Road County Water District Project to be Laid Over
12. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Javen Dowthard et. Al. v. Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, et al.), seconded by Board Member De La Trinidad. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

13. No Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

14. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement among the County of Winnebago, the Village of New Milford, the Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, and JMD Real Estate Holdings, LLC for Extension of Sewer Line on Harrisville Road, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
15. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from Host Fees to the Winnebago County Rail Authority (WCRA) to Establish a Dedicated Sit Acquisition Fund and Support Regional Economic Growth, seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to amend the Resolution to include a 6th WHEREAS clause and a new clause, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Further discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter and Board Members Arena, Sweeney, and Webster. Motion to approve the amendment was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Additional discussion by Chief Operations Officer Dornbush, Chairman Chiarelli, and Board Members Sweeney, Goral, and Webster.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

16. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of One Civil Processing Vehicle for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
17. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Two Vehicle Pool Replacements Using Internal Service Funds, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

18. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-001) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Utility Tractor, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
19. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-002) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Four Plow/Dump Truck Chassis, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
20. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-003) Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for Construction Engineering for Replacement of the Prairie Hill Road Bridge over the Rock River, (Section: 18-00655-00-BR), seconded by Board Member Webster. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
21. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-004) Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates Inc. for Architectural and Structural Engineering Services for a New Equipment Garage for the Highway Department (Section: 25-00748-00-MG), seconded by Board Member Webster. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
22. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-005) Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Chastain and Associates, LLC for Right of Way Acquisition Services for the Owen Center Road Project (Section: 22-00712-00-SP), seconded by Board Member De La Trinidad. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
23. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-006) Resolution Authorizing a Structural Engineering Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for Bridge Load Rating Updates as Part of the Centralized Agency Permitting System (CAPS), seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

24. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-007) Resolution Authorizing an Engineering Agreement with ITERIS for Traffic Signal Coordination and Upgrades Along the Riverside Boulevard Corridor. (Section: 25-00746-00-TL), seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
25. Board Member Tassoni read in for the first reading of (26-008) Ordinance for the Vacation of a Portion of Romona Avenue Right-of-Way in Rockford Township. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

26. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Board Member Hanserd spoke of a vacancy on the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board and asks that each Caucus address the recommendations that the Board brought forth.

Board Member Booker requested an update on Metronet on Roscoe Road. Discussion by Winnebago County Engineer Molina, Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter, and Board Members R. Thompson and Webster.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Board Members McCarthy, Webster, and the State's Attorney's office drafted an Ordinance for solicitation in Winnebago County and would like to send it to the Operations and Administrative Committee for review and vote on it at County Board.

Board Member Sweeney spoke of a Budget Amendment Ordinance for CASA and will submit it to the appropriate committee for consideration.

Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson would like to add his name as a sponsor for the draft regarding solicitation.

Board Member R. Thomson inquired on the CASA expense. Additional discussion by Board Member Goral.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

29. 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. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC Fleet-Issuance of Amendments to Adopt Technical Specifications Task Force Traveler TSTF-599 (EPID L-2025-LLA-0125)
- b. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Listserv: Byron (Byron, IL) Update
- c. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC-Braidwood and Byron-Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure [Application] (REID L-2025-LLA-0172)
- d. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC-Braidwood and Byron Request-Acceptance of License Amendment Request to Revise Limiting Conditions Supporting Transitioning to Framatome GAIA Fuel (EPID No. L-2025-LLA-0172)
- e. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 229/Tuesday, December 2, 2025/Notices
- f. Byron Station-Integrated Inspection Report 05000454/2025003 and 05000455/2025003
- g. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures: December 30, 2025
- h. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 246/Tuesday, December 30, 2025/Notices

B. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the Illinois Department of Transportation a letter regarding a Notification to Maintain. The following contact has been satisfactorily completed and accepted by the Department of Transportation.

Route: FAU 5128
Contract: 64N64
County: Winnebago
Illinois Project: STP-64D8731
Section: D2 SW 2019-2

C. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:

- a. Investment Report - as of December 1, 2025
- b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – October & November, 2025

c. Collateralization Report – as of November 31, 2025

County Clerk Gummow gave an Election update and announced the postal offices are changing their practices that may affect vote by mail.

ADJOURNMENT

30. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Fellars, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow
County Clerk
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