

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
DECEMBER 11, 2025**

1. Chairman Pro Tem Arena Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Tassoni gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements:

County Administrator Thompson announced due to no committee meetings over the next few weeks, the County Board Meeting scheduled for January 8, 2026 will be cancelled unless there is an urgent need for a meeting. The next County Board Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of November 13, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of November 25, 2025, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney and Scrol were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for December 11, 2025. Board Member De La Trinidad made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion

was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney and Scrol 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. Please see under Unfinished Business.

ZONING COMMITTEE

10. Please see under Unfinished Business.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11. Board Member Sweeney wished the all a Merry Christmas.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

12. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Six Replacement Patrol Vehicles for Winnebago County Sheriff's Office using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney and Scrol were absent.)
13. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Two Replacement K9 Vehicles for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)
14. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Replacement COPS Unit Vehicles for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)
15. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of SWAT Replacement Vests for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded

by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)

16. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Contract Agreement Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and ForceMetrics, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member McDonald. Board Member McDonald made a motion to amend, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.) Motion to approve the amended Resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)
17. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution to Submit an Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Winnebago County, Illinois Regarding the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Discussion by Board Members Hanserd, Sweeney, Booker, and Valdez. Motion was approved by a voice vote. Board Members Hanserd, Hoffman, and De La Trinidad voted no.) (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

18. Board Member Tassoni wished all a Merry Christmas.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

19. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

20. Finance Committee

- A. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for E-Citation Software Replacement Laid Over from November 25, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)

Zoning Committee

- A. Board Member Webster made a motion to send back to committee (ZBA) an Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 10 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 140.43 +/- Acre Site Commonly Known as 8016 Spring Creek Road (PINS: 12-11-226-001- & 12-12-101-003), Rockford, IL 61114 in Rockford Township, District 8, 2030 LRMP Map: NO, ZBA: Denial (2-5), ZC: Approval (3-2). Laid over from November 13, 2025 County Board Meeting, seconded by Board Member Butitta. Motion to send back to committee (ZBA) was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)

Board Member Webster announced the Ordinance will go back to the ZBA for the March meeting.

Board Member Webster wish the all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Operations and Administrative

- A. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Article V, Division 3 of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances to Regulate Noise in Unincorporated Winnebago County, Illinois Laid Over from November 25, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Valdez and Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.)

Board Member Hanserd wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

22. County Clerk Gummow submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were "Placed on File" by Chairman Chiarelli:
- A. County Clerk Gummow received from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission the following:
- a. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 187/Tuesday, September 30, 2025/Notices
 - b. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 225/Tuesday, November 25, 2025/Notices
 - c. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 229/Tuesday, December 2, 2025/Notices
 - d. Monthly Federal Register Notice-Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations- Publication Date: November 25, 2025.
- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder's Office for September, October, and November, 2025.

Dr. M. Thompson announced the passing of his grandmother and the service will take place December 13, 2025 at Fitzgerald Funeral Home.

Board Member De La Trinidad announced a Christmas party at Harmony Banquets that he and Alderman Salgado are hosting on December 16, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

23. Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Fellars, Goral, Lindmark, Penney, and Scrol were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow

County Clerk

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