

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member R. 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, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, Nabors, Penney, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members Butitta, McDonald, and Scrol were absent.)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to allow remote access. Board Member Penney made a motion to allow remote access for Board Member McDonald, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta, McDonald, and Scrol were absent.)

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

Chairman Chiarelli recognized the passing of former Winnebago County Board Chairman Scott Christiansen and asked for a moment of silence.

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

5. Awards - None

Presentations- None

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - F. S. Tate, Queen of Hearts Status, Pro. Discussion by Chief Operations Officer Dornbush, Chairman Chiarelli, and Board Member Webster.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member McCarthy made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of December 11, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of January 22, 2026, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)

## CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for February 12, 2026. Board Member Hanserd 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 Butitta 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)**

- A. **North Park Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: Not to exceed \$1,500 per year**

Board Member Arena made a motion to suspend the rules on Agenda Item 1. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.) Discussion by Board Member Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve the Appointment, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)

1. Craig Larson (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term (Hannelore Reiger) expiring November 2028

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Careleen Hinsley, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Ronald J. Griffen, deceased v. County of Winnebago d/b/a River Bluff Nursing Home et al.), seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)

### ZONING COMMITTEE

10. No Report.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11. No Report.

## **OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

12. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Winnebago County Animal Services Transit Van Using Fee Funds, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)
13. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Property Tax and Assessment Software Annual Renewal, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)
14. Board Member Arena made a motion to layover a Resolution Awarding Upper Roof Replacement at the Juvenile Justice Center Using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion to lay over was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)
15. Board Member Arena read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Regulating Door-To-Door Solicitation to be Laid Over. Board Member McCarthy made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion to suspend was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.) (Board Member Fellars voted no.) Discussion by Board Members Goral and McCarthy. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Further discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter and Board Members McCarthy, Goral, Webster, Fellars, and Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Butitta and Scrol were absent.)

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

16. No Report.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

17. Board Member Lindmark announced the next Public Safety and Judiciary Committee will meet Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

18. Board Member Tassoni announced the next Public Works Committee meeting will be scheduled for this coming Tuesday.

Board Member Sweeny announced an upcoming Economic Development Committee meeting this coming Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

20. 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. 91, No. 12/Tuesday, January 20, 2026/Notices
    - b. Byron Station-Integrated Inspection Report 05000454/2025004 and 05000455/2025004
    - c. 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: January 27, 2026
    - d. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC-Fleet Request-Proposed Alternative for Reactor Vessel Closed Stud Examinations (L-2025-LLR-0060)
    - e. Byron Station, Unit 2, Request for Information for NRC Post-Approval Site Inspection for license Renewal, Phase 2, Inspection Report 05000455/2026010
    - f. Byron Station-Request for Information for the NRC Age-Related Degradation Inspection: Inspection Report 05000454/20260011 and 05000455/2026011
  - B. County Clerk Gummow received from the Illinois Department of Transportation a letter to notify the following projects have been completed:
    - a. Contract 85715 – Job Number C-92-044-20  
Replace the double cell box culvert with a single cell box culvert over sugar creek, 6.0 miles northwest of Durand.
    - b. Contract 85704 – Job Number C-92-034-20  
Rehabilitate the bridge carrying Alpine Road over Forest Hills Road, 0.2 Mile South of Windsor Road.  
  
Route: FAP 517  
Contract: 64L14  
County: Winnebago  
Illinois Project: HSIP-NHPP-V5IF659  
Section: (2Y-1) N
  - C. County Clerk Gummow received from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:
    - a. Investment Report - as of January 1, 2026

- b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – December, 2025
- c. Collateralization Report – as of December 31, 2025

Board Member McCarthy wished all the ladies a Happy Valentine's Day.


Board member Sweeney congratulated Chairman Chiarelli for the Juvenile Detention Center expansion.

Chairman Chiarelli thanked the American Hockey League and all who took part in the championship and spoke of trip to Washington he participates in twice a year advocating for more infrastructure dollars for Winnebago County.

### ADJOURNMENT

- 21. 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 Bititta and Scrol were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Gummow  
County Clerk  
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