

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Valdez 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, McCarthy, Nabors, Penney, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

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

5. Awards- None
- Presentations- Scott Lewandowski, Veteran's Memorial Hall
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - James Hutson, Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Winnebago County CASA, Pro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member R. Thompson made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of January 22, 2026 and layover County Board Minutes of February 12, 2026, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for February 26, 2026. Board Member Penney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald 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 Motorola Starcom Radio Replacements to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Arena. Discussion by Board Member Arena and Sheriff Caruana. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Grant Extensions to be Laid Over.
11. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for ILEAS Grant Award to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion to suspend was approved by unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
12. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Family Courts Center Owner Direct Expenses to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
13. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Court-Case Management System 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, Lindmark, and McDonald 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, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

14. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of V-01-26 A Variation of Section 15.3.17 C. (Mining And Excavating) to Allow a Fence Height of 0 Feet Instead of the Required 8 Feet, Effectively Waiving the Fencing Requirement that an Open Pit of a Mining Operation must be Secured (Entirely) by a Perimeter/Border Fence for the property that is commonly known as 11150 and 11184 N. Main Street, Rockton, IL 61072 in Rockton Township, District 2, LESA: NA, 2030 Map: NA, ZBA: Approval w/ZBA conditions (4-3) ZC: TBD, to be laid over.
15. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of Z-01-26 A Map Amendment to Rezone 5.0 +/- Acres from AG, Agricultural Priority District to the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District (a Sub-District of the RA District) for the property that is commonly known as 6XXX Moody Road (Part of PIN:0319300023), Rockton, IL 61072 in Shirland Township, District 2, LESA: Very High, 2030 Map: NO, ZBA: Denial (6-1), ZC: TBD, to be laid over.
16. Committee Report – ZBA meeting 03/11/2026, ZC meeting 03/25/26

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Electing to Opt-In to the Illinois Electronics Recycling Program for Program Year 2027, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.) Discussion by Board Member Sweeney.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

18. Please see under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

19. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-009) Resolution Declaring Some Highway Department Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Sale, seconded by Board Member Dr. Michael Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to amend, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion to amend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
20. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-010) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Harrison Avenue Resurfacing (Section: 26-00000-02-GM), seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

21. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-011) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Roscoe Road Culvert Replacements (Section: 25-00752-00-BR), seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
22. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-012) Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with ARC Design Resources Inc. for the Riverside Boulevard Shared Use Path (Section: 24-00733-00-BT), seconded by Board Member Butitta. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

23. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Winnebago County CASA, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Members Booker and Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
24. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Grant Agreement between the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), seconded by Board Member Nabors. Discussion by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
25. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois on behalf of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and Remedies Renewing Lives, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)
26. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding a Veterinarian Services Agreement Between Winnebago County Animal Services and Shelter Vet-On-The-Go, PLLC, seconded by Board Member De La Trinidad. Discussion by Administrator of Winnebago County Animal Services Jennifer Stacy and Board Members Booker, McCarthy, and Webster. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. **Operations and Administrative Committee**
 - A. Board member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Upper Roof Replacement at the Juvenile Justice Center Using CIP 2026 Funds Laid Over from February 12, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Webster. Discussion by Board

Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

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

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. Monthly Federal Register Notice-Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations- Publication Date: February 17, 2026.
 - b. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; and Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2-Issuance of Amendment Nos. 245, 245, 243 and 243 to Adopt Technical Specifications Task Force Travelers TSTF 286, TSTF 471, and TSTF 571 (EPID L-2025-LLA-0050)
 - c. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC Fleet-Request to Use a Provision of a Later Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI (EPID L-2025-LLR-0088)
 - B. County Clerk Gummow submitted a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder's Office for December, 2025 and January, 2026.
 - C. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer The following:
 - a. Investment Report - as of February 1, 2026
 - b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – January, 2026
 - c. Collateralization Report – as of January 31, 2026

Chairman Chiarelli recognized the passing of Reverend Jesse Jackson and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Chiarelli announced Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter was nominated by the State's Attorney's office for the Professions Award.

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. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Fellars, Lindmark, and McDonald were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow
County Clerk
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