

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

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

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

Board Member Goral joined remotely at 6:03 p.m.

Winnebago County Sheriff Caruana acknowledged two deputies who recently passed by asking for a moment of silence.

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

5. Awards- None
- Presentations- Carrie Lynn Children's Center updates by Kathy Pomahac, J. Hanley and Kurt Whisenand. Discussion by Board Members Sweeney, Valdez, Fellars, and Penney.
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - Stephanie Hicks, Spay/neuter-Animal Services, 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 February 26, 2026 and layover County Board Minutes of March 12, 2026, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was

approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for March 26, 2026. Board Member Valdez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman 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)**

Board Member Fellars made a motion to suspend the rules on Agenda Items C. & I. (as listed below.), seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion to suspend the rules was approved by a roll call vote of 12 yes and 6 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, Lindmark, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Fellars made a motion to approve Agenda Items C. & I., seconded by Board Member Nabors. Board Member Butitta requested to separate and vote on Agenda Items C. & I.

Board Member Fellars made a motion to approve Agenda Item C. (as listed below.), seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

Board Member Fellars made a motion to approve Agenda Item I. (as listed below.), seconded by Board Member Nabors. Discussion by Chairman Chiarelli and Board Member Arena, Nabors, Butitta, Penney, and Hanserd. Motion was approved by a roll call of 13 yes and 5 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

C. Chicago Rockford International Airport Authority, Annual Compensation: \$1,800

1. Jake Castanza (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031

I. Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board, Annual Compensation: None

1. Dr. Collene Taylor (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve the remainder of a four-year term (Margie Lindmark) expiring January 2028

A. Cherry Valley Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$4,500

1. Doug Edwards (New Appointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term

expiring May 2029

B. Cherry Valley Cemetery Association, Annual Compensation: None

1. Cathy Patela (New Appointment), Cherry Valley, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2032
2. Sue Simonson (New Appointment), Cherry Valley, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring 2032

D. Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB), Annual Compensation: None

1. Kirk Wilson (Reappointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve 3-year term expiring April 2029
2. Marc Gasparini (Reappointment), Pecatonica, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring April 2029

E. Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, Annual Compensation: \$6,000

1. Rick Pollack (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring April 2029
2. Ben Bernsten (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring April 2029
3. Edward Grondzki (New Appointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring April 2029

F. Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,500

1. John Donahue (Reappointment), Roscoe, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring April 2029

G. Northwest Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,000

1. Greg Gill (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028
2. Charles Barnes (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2029

H. New Milford Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,000

1. Doug Hayes (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2029

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for Khrysta Oleson, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Policy, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

11. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 10 MW Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 140.43 +- Acre Site Commonly known as 8114 Spring Creek Road (PINS: 12-11-226-001 & 12-12-101-003), Rockford, IL 61114 in Rockford Township, District 8, to be laid over, ZBA: Denial (3-4), ZC: TBD, LESA:NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NO.
12. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of SU-01-26 A Special Use Permit for a Shooting Range / Club (Amendment of current SUP) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, to be laid over, ZBA: Approval w/ZBA conditions (7-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA.
13. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of V-02-26 A Variation of Section 23.8.4 to Waive the Off-Street Parking Surfacing Requirements to enable Parking on a Grass Surface for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, to be laid over, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (7-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA.
14. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of V-03-26 A Variation of Section 23.8.5 to Waive the Off-Street Parking Striping Requirements for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, to be laid over, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (7-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA.
15. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of V-04-26 A Variation of Section 7.7.1, Table 7.2, AG District, to Allow a Minimum of 50 Feet of Lot Frontage / Width on a Public Road / Building Setback Line instead of the Required 250 Feet for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, to be laid over, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (7-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA.
16. Committee Report – ZBA meeting 04/14/26, ZC meeting 04/22/26

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Executive a Redevelopment Agreement by and Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Rock 39, LLC for Project Lilac, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Chief Operations Officer Dornbush, Chairman Chiarelli, and Board Members Arena, Penney, and Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
18. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting Authority to the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute the Documents Necessary to Complete a Loan for \$65,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the COLINKURTIS, LTD (COLIN), seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

19. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement for FY-2027, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Arena and Valdez. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
20. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Acceptance of the Special Warranty (Grant for Rural Transportation) for FY-2027, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
21. Board Member Arena read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article II of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances Regarding Raffles to be Laid Over. Board Member Arena made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Arena moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to amend Section 26-88 titled Record Keeping of Gross Receipts; Expenses; and Net-Proceeds, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion to amend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Arena moved to approved the amended Ordinance, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member McCarthy and Webster. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
22. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Security Equipment for Winnebago County Operations Using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

Please see under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

23. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-013) Resolution Authorizing a Phase 1 Engineering Agreement with IMEG Consultants Corp. for the Latham-Ralston Road Corridor and for Appropriating MFT funds (Section: 25-00747-00-WR), seconded by Board Webster. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
24. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-014) Resolution Authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal Participation for the Roscoe Road Bridge Over the Rock River Rehabilitation and for Appropriating the Local Share of Funds (Section: 18-00661-00-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 Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

Board Member Penney made a motion to group together and approve Agenda Items 4.-10. (as listed below.), seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.) Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion to approve Agenda Items 4.-10. (as listed below.) was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

4. (26-015) Resolution Authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal Participation for Rehabilitation of Old River Road and for Appropriating the Local Share of Funds (Section: 23-00724-00-RS)
5. (26-016) Award of Bid for the 2026 County General Letting (26-00000-00-GM)
6. (26-017) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the 2026 Township Seal Coat Program (Section: 26-XX000-01-GM)
7. (26-018) Award of Bid for Temporary Traffic Signals at the Intersection of Old River Road and Roscoe Road (Section: 26-00661-01-TL)
8. (26-019) Resolution Authorizing the Lease of Two Wheel Loaders
9. (26-020) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Three Plow/Dump Truck Bodies
10. (26-021) Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for the Maintenance of County Highways

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

25. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Police Services between the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, the County of Winnebago, and the Winnebago County Sheriff, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)
26. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution to Approve the Purchase Order of a Law Enforcement Training Simulator on Behalf of the Winnebago County Sheriffs Office,

seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Chairman Chiarelli and Board Members Valdez and Lindmark. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

27. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Telecommunication Services for the Winnebago County Jail, seconded by Dr. M. Thompson. Discussion by Director of Purchasing Edwards and Board Members Lindmark and Fellars. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

28. **Operations and Administrative Committee**

- A. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Article III (Food Code) of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances Laid Over from March 12, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Arena read in a Resolution Amending the Organizational Structure of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois. Board Member Arena 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 Hoffman and McDonald were absent.) Board Member Arena moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Hoffman and McDonald were absent.)

Chairman Chiarelli announced the resignation of Board Member McDonald, with his term ending March 31, 2026.

Board Member Sweeney thanked the Carrie Lynn speakers.

Board Member Webster inquired on data centers. Discussion by Chairman Chiarelli.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

30. 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. Byron Station-Biennial Problem Identification and Resolution Inspection Report 05000454/2025012 and 05000455/2025012
 - b. Annual Assessment Letter for Byron Station, Units 1 and 2 (Report 05000454/2025006 and 05000455/2025006)
 - c. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC – Braidwood and Byron – Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure [Supplement] (EPID L-2025-LLA-0172)
 - d. Monthly Federal Register Notice-Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations-Publication Date: March 17, 2026
- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency a Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste: Site Identification: Rockford Airport. Description of Project: Significant Permit Modification Application for an Alternate Source Demonstration at Landfill No. 2
- C. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:
- a. Investment Report - as of March 1, 2026
 - b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – February, 2026
 - c. Collateralization Report – as of February 28, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

31. 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 Hoffman and McDonald were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow
County Clerk
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