

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
APRIL 23, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Butitta gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 17 Present. 2 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, Nabors, Penney, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster.) (Board Members McCarthy and Scrol were absent.)

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

5. Awards- None
- Presentations- None
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - John Tac Brantley, Monks Mound Pyramid, Pro
Keith Williams, Filing a Forman Complaint regarding Snow Removal, Con
Lori Thompson, Carrie Lynn Children's Advocacy Center, Pro
Nancy Edwardsen, Winnebago County Animal Services, Pro

Board member McCarthy arrived at 6:07 p.m.

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 March 26, 2026 and layover County Board Minutes of April 9, 2026, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for April 23, 2026. Board Member Dr. M. Thompson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes

the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

APPOINTMENTS

8. **Appointments (Per County Board rules, Board Chairman Appointments shall lay over until the second board meeting after they are first introduced)**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Matthew J. Gabel. Board Member Arena 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 Member Scrol was absent.) Board member Arena moved to approve, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

- a. Matthew J. Gabel, Winnebago County Board District 6

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for State's Attorney VOCA Grant Renewal to be laid Over.
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading on an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Deferred Prosecution Grant Renewal to be Laid Over.
11. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Wage Increases for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)
12. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the County of Winnebago Illinois' Participants in Opioid Litigation Settlements with Six (6) Remnant Defendants-Regional Distributor/Dispensers, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)
13. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting Public Safety Sales Tax Funding to the Children's Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (Carrie Lynn) To Support Renovations and its Co-Location at the Hart Building Located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Discussion by Board Member Butitta, Sweeney, Arena, Goral, and R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)
14. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment in Public Safety Sales Tax Funds to the Children's Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (Carrie

Lynn) for Renovations and Co-Location at the Hart Building to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.) Board Member Butitta moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded Board Member Sweeney. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

15. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of Z-06-25 A Map Amendment to Rezone 2.08 "+-" Acres from the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District to the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the Property that is Commonly Known as 6540 Valley Trail Road, Rockford, IL. 61109 In Cherry Valley Township, District 11, ZBA: Approval (6-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: YES, to be Laid Over.
16. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of SU-07-25 A Special Use Permit for a Campground (Renewal) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the Property that is Commonly Known as 6540 Valley Trail Road, Rockford, IL. 61109 In Cherry Valley Township, District 11, ZBA: Approval w/ZBA conditions (6-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, to be Laid Over.
17. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of V-04-25 A Variation of Section 7.7.1, Table 7.2, AG District, to allow a Minimum of 90 Feet of Lot Frontage / Width on a Public Road / Building Setback Line instead of the Required Minimum of 250 Feet for the Property that is Commonly Known as 6540 Valley Trail Road, Rockford, IL. 61109 In Cherry Valley Township, District 11, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (6-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, to be Laid Over.
18. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of Z-02-26 A Map Amendment to Rezone 0.54 +- Acres from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the R1, Single-Family Residential District for the Property that is Commonly Known as 7755 S. Main St., Rockford, Il 61102 in Rockford Township, District 9, ZBA: Approval (6-0), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NO, to be Laid Over. Board Member Webster made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Goral. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.) Board Member Webster moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Goral and Webster. The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)
19. Committee Report - ZBA meeting 05/13/26, ZC meeting 05/27/26

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20. 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 \$25,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the All Seasons Diversified Service, Inc., seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

21. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to layover a Resolution Granting Authority to the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute the Documents Necessary to Complete a Loan for \$75,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to Barber Law, LLC, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion to layover was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

22. No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

23. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-022) Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with IMEG Consultants Corp. for Phase III Engineering for the Rehabilitation of the Roscoe Road Bridge (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 Member Scrol was absent.)
24. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-023) Resolution to Request Permission from IDOT for Intermittent Closure of Some State Highways for the Ironman 70.0 Rockford Event, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)
25. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-024) Resolution Awarding a Bid for the Second Phase of Pecatonica Road Rehabilitation (Section: 24-00732-00-PV), seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

16. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Board Member Penney made a motion to approve appointments A. thru G. (as listed below.), seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.)

Appointments read in on March 26, 2026

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

C. 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

D. 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

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

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

F. 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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

19. Supervisor Klein submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were “Placed on File” by Chairman Chiarelli:
- A. Supervisor Klein received, from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, A letter regarding Federal Register/Vol. 91, No. 71/Tuesday, April 14, 2026/Notices
 - B. Supervisor Klein received from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer, the following:
 - a. Investment Report - as of April 1, 2026
 - b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – March, 2026
 - c. Collateralization Report – as of March 31, 2026

Board Member McCarthy announced the RAMI awards ceremony will be held next Thursday at the Hard Rock Casino.

Board Member Fellars reminded Board Members Statement of Economic Interests are to be filed in the County Clerk’s office by May 1st in order to be in compliance with the State law.

Board Member Valdez invited all to The Art Scene taking place April 24th -25th.

Board Member Booker spoke of the Reagan MTD and their success.

Board Member Penney reported he received many calls regarding sirens not working when the tornado warnings swept through the County. Discussion by Chairman Chiarelli and Sweeney.

Board Member De La Trinidad invited all to a Draft Watch party after the meeting and all proceeds with go to helping the youth in Winnebago County.

Board Member Tassoni announced this week is Nations Work Zone Awareness Week.

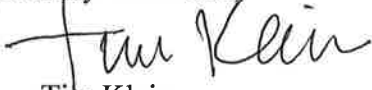
Board Member R. Thompson spoke of the significant storm damage in Roscoe area and acknowledged the clean-up teams who were on top of it.

Board Member Arena commended Chairman Chiarelli and staff for the response to the storm damage.

ADJOURNMENT

20. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion by County Board Member Gabel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sweeney. The Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all members present. (Board Member Scrol was absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Klein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "K".

Tim Klein
Winnebago County Clerk Office Supervisor
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