

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
MAY 14, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Booker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 14 Present. 6 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Fellars, Gabel, Hanserd, Lindmark, McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, and Webster. (Board Members De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, Nabors, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

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

5. Awards- None
Board Member Nabors arrived at 6:07 p.m.
- Presentations- Juvenile Detention Center updates with Debbie Jarvis and Julie McCary-Grotto. Discussion by Board Members Arena, Webster, Sweeney, and R. Thompson.
Board Member De La Trinidad arrived at 6:14 p.m.
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - Mary Ann Smith, Greenwood Cemetery, Pro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of April 9, 2026 and layover County Board Minutes of April 23, 2026, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 14, 2026. Board Member McCarthy 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 Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez 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 Public Water District: Annual Compensation: \$1,200

1. Keli Freedlund (Reappointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031
2. Josh Aurand (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031
3. Brett Hrubby (Reappointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031

B. North Park Fire Protection District: Annual Compensation: \$1,500

1. Tim Gentry (New Appointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve the remainder of a 3-year term (Craig Larson) expiring November 2028

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for ESDA Grant Additional Funding 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 a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez 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 Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Public Safety Building Roof Replacement to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to send back to committee, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion to send back to committee was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

11. Please see under Unfinished Business.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Development Agreement with the Village of New Milford for a \$280,000 Host Fee Loan Pursuant to the Economic Development, Business Incentive and Host Fee Program Policy, seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
13. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution to Grant Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from Host Fees to the International Women's Baseball Center (IWBC) for Hosting the 2026 Women's Baseball World Cup Group State, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
14. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Program Development and Administrative Services Agreement for the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program by and Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Slipstream Group, Inc., seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

15. Board Member Arena read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 62, Article VI, Division 3 [Leave of Absence] of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances to be Laid Over.
16. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Ford Expedition for Coroner's Office Using Fee Funds, seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

17. Board Member Tassoni announced the Public Works Committee will meet Tuesday, May 19th.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

18. Board Member Lindmark announced the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee will meet next Monday night.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

19. **Appointments read in on April 23, 2026**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Appointments A. and B. (as listed below). Board Member Arena made a motion to approve Appointments A. and B., seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

A. Durand Sanitary District: Annual Compensation: \$500

1. David Waller (Reappointment), Durand, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2029

B. Hulse Cemetery Association: Annual Compensation: none

1. Karen Donoho (Reappointment), Davis Junction, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2032
2. Thomas Doherty (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2032

Finance Committee

- A. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for State's Attorney VOCA Grant Laid Over from April 23, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
- B. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment Deferred Prosecution Grant Renewal Laid Over from the April 23, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

Zoning Committee

- A. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve 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, Laid Over from April 23, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)
- B. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve 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 Township, District 11, with conditions, ZBA: Approval w/ZBA conditions (6-0), ZC: Approval w/ZBA conditions (6-0), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, Laid Over from April 23,

2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

- C. Board Member Webster 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 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, with conditions, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (6-0), ZC: Approval w/conditions (7-0), LESA: NA, Laid Over from April 23, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

Economic Development Committee

- A. 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 \$75,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to Barber Law, LLC Laid Over from April 23, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to postpone indefinitely, seconded by Board Member Board Member Hanserd. Motion to postpone was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Board Member Arena read in for the first reading of 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 Butitta. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Arena made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Butitta. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

- 21. 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. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; LaSalle County

Station, Units 1 and 2-Request for an Exemption from 10 CFR 50.82(a)(8)(i) and (ii) to Allow Use of the Decommissioning Trust Funds Earnings for Certain Decommissioning Activities (EPID L-2025-LLE-0028)


- b. Byron Station-Integrated Inspection Report 05000454/2026001 and 05000455/2026001
 - c. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2-Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Exemptions from the Requirements of 10 CFR 50.82 (a)(8)(i) and (ii), to allow use of the Decommissioning Activities (EPID L-2025-LLE-0028)
 - d. Applications for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information
 - e. Summary of the April 22, 2026, Public Outreach to Discuss the NRC 2025 End-of-Cycle Plant Performance Assessment of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2
 - f. Summary of April 27, 2026, Meeting with Constellation Energy Generation, LLC on Drift Analysis Report Methodology (EPID L-2026-LRM-0040)
- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder's Office for March and April, 2026.

Board Member Sweeney recognized Andrew Freedman a driver from Lifescape for his passion and patience with individuals.

Board Member Booker reminded all of the Pec Thing in Pecatonica this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

22. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Goral, Hoffman, Penney, and Valdez were absent.) Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

Lori Gummow
County Clerk
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