

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
MAY 28, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Fellars gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 19 Present. 1 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Gabel, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, Nabors, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Member Penney was absent.)

Dr. M. Thompson requested a moment of silence to recognize and remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

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

5. Awards- None

Presentations- None

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - Chris Owens, Pilot Energy solar farm installation location, Con

Nancy Edwardsen, Creating a Winnebago County Veterinary School, 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 23, 2026 and layover County Board Minutes of May 14, 2026, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 28, 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 Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney 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)

A. Veteran's Assistance Commission: Annual Compensation: None

Board Member Valdez made a motion to suspend the rules on Item 1. (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.) Board Member Valdez made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)

1. Aaron Booker (New Appointment), Pecatonica, Illinois to serve in place of former County Board Member Keith McDonald

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Cameras and Access Card Readers to be Laid Over.
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of a Resolution Setting the Salaries of Certain County Elected Officials. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Arena. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Board Member Fellars made a motion to amend the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter and Board Members Fellars, R. Thompson, Arena, Lindmark, and Goral. Motion to amend was approved by a roll call vote of 15 yes and 4 no votes. (Board Members Lindmark, McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney voted no.) (Board Member Penney was absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Lindmark, McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney voted no.) (Board Member Penney was absent.)
11. 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 suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member

Sweeney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

12. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of SU-02-26 A Special Use Permit for a Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System in the Front Yard (that is Proposed at 7 Feet 6 Inches, Exceeding the Maximum Height of 3 Feet) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 5307 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103 in Owen Township to be laid over, ZBA: Approval w/Conditions (6-1), ZC: TBD LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA
13. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of an Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 27.58 +- Acre Site Commonly Known as 6141 Kilburn Avenue (PIN: 07-31-426-013), Rockford, IL 61101 in Owen Township, District 5 to be laid, ZBA: Denial (0-7), ZC: TBD, LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NO
14. Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Building Code to be laid over, ZC: TBD
15. Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Mechanical Code to be laid over, ZC: TBD
16. Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the Illinois State Plumbing Code to be laid over, ZC: TBD
17. Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Residential Code to be laid over, ZC: TBD
18. Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code to be laid over, ZC: TBD
19. Ordinance to Adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code to be laid over, ZC: TBD

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20. No Report.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

21. No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

22. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-025) Resolution Authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Perryville Path Extension and for Appropriating the Local Funds (Section 23-00717-00-BT), seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)
23. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-026) Resolution Awarding Quotes for Supplying Electricity for Street Lighting and Traffic Signals (Rates to be locked in on May 29th after County Board approval), seconded by Board Member Webster. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to amend, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion to amend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.) Board Member Tassoni moved to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)
24. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (26-027) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Concrete Pavement Joint Sealing and Repairs (Section: 26-00000-05-GM), seconded by Board Member Webster. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

25. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), seconded by Board Member Goral. Discussion by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all Members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)
26. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Chairman to Request a Modification to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation and Funding of the Winnebago County Emergency Telephone System, seconded by Board Member Goral. Motion was approved by voice vote. (Board Member Scrol voted no.) (Board Member Penney was absent.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Operations and Administrative Committee

- A. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 62, Article VI, Division 3 [Leaves of Absence] of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances Laid Over from May 14, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Penney was absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

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

Board Member Webster spoke of an update of codes and their adoption.

Board Member Fellars invites all to join on June 6th to celebrate Rockford Pride.

Chief of staff Elyea reminded all to take a flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

29. County Clerk Gummow submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were "Placed on File" by Chairman Chiarelli:

1. County Clerk Gummow received from Theresa Grennan, Winnebago County Treasurer the following:
 - a. Investment Report - as of May 1, 2026
 - b. Winnebago County Treasurer Bank Balances – April, 2026
 - c. Collateralization Report – as of April 31, 2026
2. County Clerk Gummow received from Charter Communications Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment for the following:
 - a. Town of Roscoe
 - b. Town of Rockton, IL
 - c. Town of Rockton, IL, Harlem, IL Township of Winnebago Co.

Board Member Butitta gave an update on the recreational path along Riverside from Perryville to the Sportscore. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni.

Board Member McCarthy reminded all to enjoy the last days of May.

ADJOURNMENT

30. 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 Member Penney was absent.) Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow
County Clerk

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