

PUBLIC SAFETY and JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Called by: Burt Gerl, Chairman

Members: Aaron Booker, Brad

Lindmark, Tim Nabors, Angie Goral,

Kevin McCarthy, Dorothy Redd

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: ROOM 510

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG

404 ELM STREET

ROCKFORD, IL 61101

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Public Safety and Judiciary Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.

D. Resolution Calling for Support and Assistance from Federal Criminal Justice Partners in Prosecuting Violent Crime in Winnebago County, Illinois

E. Resolution Regarding Second Amendment Sanctuary

F. Other Matters

G. Adjournment

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2021 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: BURT GERL
JIM WEBSTER

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS IN
PROSECUTING VIOLENT CRIME IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Winnebago County, Illinois has a major issue with violent crimes that are committed within our community, and particularly those involving firearms; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Winnebago County Board, the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office is developing and implementing strategies targeting the criminal population responsible for violent crime including firearms; and

WHEREAS, the County is calling for increased support and assistance from our federal criminal justice partners to address violent crime within our community through collaboration and the utilization of all available resources; and

WHEREAS, there are several federal statutes, such as 18 U.S.C. §924(c), which requires the imposition of one of a series of mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment upon conviction of using or possessing a firearm during the commission of a drug trafficking offense or another violent crime; and

WHEREAS, 18 U.S.C. §924(c) provides in part, that the possession of a firearm by a **convicted felon** of a crime described above, requires a **mandatory minimum term** of imprisonment of five (5) years in federal prison; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative approach with local, state and federal agencies aimed at combating Winnebago County's violent crime problem through prosecuting cases involving firearms at the federal level would greatly contribute to reducing crime and making our community safer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois calls upon our federal criminal justice partners to assist and collaborate with Winnebago County, Illinois and its State’s Attorney’s Office in addressing violent crime, particularly violent crime involving firearms in Winnebago County through utilizing its resources to effectively prosecute cases at the federal level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the County Board Chairman, County Administrator, Winnebago County State’s Attorney, all federal elected officials and the U.S Attorney for Northern District of Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

AGREE

DISAGREE

Burt Gerl, Chairman

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Aaron Booker, Vice Chairman

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Kevin McCarthy

Kevin McCarthy

Brad Lindmark

Brad Lindmark

Tim Nabors

Tim Nabors

Angie Goral

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Dorothy Redd

Dorothy Redd

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Joseph Chiarelli
Chairman of the County Board
of the County of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTESTED BY:

Lori Gummow
Clerk of the County Board
of the County of Winnebago, Illinois

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RESOLUTION REGARDING SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

Resolution opposing the passage of any bill where the Illinois General Assembly desires to restrict the individual rights of US Citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, Section 22 of Article 1 of the Illinois State Constitution declares that "Subject only to the police power, the right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the People of Winnebago County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the People of Winnebago County, Illinois, derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted with Winnebago County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board being elected to represent the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by your Oath to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, being elected by the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois, being elected to represent the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by your Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, routinely proposed legislation to and by the Illinois State Legislature would infringe the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines, body armor now employed by individual citizens of Winnebago County, Illinois, for defense of Life, Liberty and Property and would ban the possession and use of firearms now employed for safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting and shooting conducted with Winnebago County, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the People of Winnebago County, Illinois, do hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois demands that the Illinois General Assembly cease actions restricting the Right of the People to keep and bear arms, and hereby demand that the Governor of Illinois veto all such legislation which restricts the Right of the People to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Winnebago County is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to all members of the Illinois General Assembly and to the Office of the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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