



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

— ILLINOIS —

REVISED AGENDA

Winnebago County Courthouse
400 West State Street, Rockford, IL 61101
County Board Room, 8th Floor

Thursday, March 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Joseph Chiarelli
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**.....Board Member Paul Arena
3. **Agenda Announcements**..... Chairman Joseph Chiarelli
4. **Roll Call** Clerk Lori Gummow
5. **Awards, Presentations, Public Hearings and Public Participation**
 - A. Awards – None
 - B. Presentations – Carrie Lynn Children’s Center updates by Kathy Pomahac, J. Hanley and Kurt Whisenand
 - C. Public Hearings – None
 - D. Public Participation – **Stephanie Hicks, Spay/neuter – Animal Services, Pro**
6. **Approval of Minutes**..... Chairman Joseph Chiarelli
 - A. Approval of February 26, 2026 minutes
 - B. Layover of March 12, 2026 minutes
7. **Consent Agenda**..... Chairman Joseph Chiarelli
 - A. Raffle Report
 - B. Auditor’s Report
8. **Appointments (Per County Board rules, Board Chairman appointments shall lay over until the second board meeting after they are first introduced)**
 - 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 May 2032
- 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
- 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
- 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

9. Reports of Standing Committees.....Chairman Joseph Chiarelli

- A. Finance Committee.....**John Butitta, Committee Chairman**
 - 1. Committee Report
 - 2. Resolution Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for Khrysta Oleson
 - 3. Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Policy
- B. Zoning Committee **Jim Webster, Committee Chairman**
 Planning and/or Zoning Requests:
 - 1. Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 10 MW Commercial 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
 - 2. 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
3. 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
 4. 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
 5. 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
 6. Committee Report - ZBA meeting 04/14/26, ZC meeting 04/22/26
- C. Economic Development Committee **John Sweeney, Committee Chairman**
1. Committee Report
 2. 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
 3. 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)
- D. Operations and Administrative Committee **Paul Arena, Committee Chairman**
1. Committee Report
 2. Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement for FY-2027
 3. Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Acceptance of the Special Warranty (Grant for Rural Transportation) for FY-2027
 4. Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article II of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances Regarding Raffles to be Laid Over
 5. Resolution Awarding Purchase of Security Equipment for Winnebago County Operations Using CIP 2026 Funds
Cost: \$205,050
- E. Public Works Committee..... **Dave Tassoni, Committee Chairman**
1. Committee Report
 2. (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)
Cost: \$488,464 C.B. District: 3,5,6
 3. (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)

- Cost: County \$1,560,000 / Fed \$1,940,000 C.B. District: 3
- 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)
Cost: County \$900,000; Fed \$2,000,000 C.B. District: 1, 2, 3
- 5. (26-016) Award of Bid for the 2026 County General Letting (26-00000-00-GM)
Cost: County \$1,383,000 / Townships \$814,000 C.B. District: County Wide
- 6. (26-017) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the 2026 Township Seal Coat Program (Section: 26-XX000-01-GM)
Cost: \$818,043.51 / Townships C.B. District: County Wide
- 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)
Cost: \$30,656.50 C.B. District: 1,2,3
- 8. (26-019) Resolution Authorizing the Lease of Two Wheel Loaders
Cost: \$56,361.46 per year for 5 years C.B. District: County Wide
- 9. (26-020) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Three Plow/Dump Truck Bodies
Cost: \$726,360 C.B. District: County Wide
- 10. (26-021) Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for the Maintenance of County Highways
Cost: \$8,654,000 C.B. District: County Wide

F. Public Safety and Judiciary Committee.....**Brad Lindmark, Committee Chairman**

- 1. Committee Report
- 2. 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
- 3. Resolution to Approve the Purchase Order of a Law Enforcement Training Simulator on Behalf of the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office
- 4. Resolution Awarding Telecommunication Services for the Winnebago County Jail

10. Unfinished BusinessChairman Joseph Chiarelli

Operations and Administrative Committee

- A. Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Article III (Food Code) of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances Laid Over from March 12, 2026 Meeting

**11. New Business.....Chairman Joseph Chiarelli
(Per County Board rules, passage will require a suspension of Board rules).**

- A. Resolution Amending the Organizational Structure of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois

12. Announcements & Communications Clerk Lori Gummow

- a. Correspondence (see packet)

13. AdjournmentChairman Joseph Chiarelli

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026