

**Winnebago County Board
Operations and Administrative Committee Meeting**
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Room 303
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, September 1, 2022
5:30 PM

Present:

Keith McDonald, **Chairperson**
John Butitta
Jean Crosby
Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
Dorothy Redd
Jaime Salgado

Others Present:

Dave Rickert, Chief Financial Officer
Marlana Dokken, Director, Chairperson's Office of Criminal Justice
Initiatives
Lafakeria Vaughn, State's Attorney's Office
Angie Goral, County Board Member
Jim Webster, County Board Member
Ann Johns, Purchasing Director
Molly Terrinoni, Finance Director
Brad Lindmark, County Board Member
Dan Magers, IT Department
Mark Lofgren, River Bluff Nursing Home

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of June 16, 2022 Minutes
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Operations and Administrative 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.
- E. Resolution Establishing the Date, Time and Location of Each Meeting of the Winnebago County Board
- F. Resolution Awarding Electricity Services
- G. Ordinance Amending Sections 2-65 (Limitation of Debate), 2-72 (Awards, Proclamations and Presentations) and 2-81 (Presiding Officer) of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances
- H. Future Agenda Items
- I. Adjournment

Chairperson McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Butitta yes, Ms. Crosby yes, Mr. Arena yes, Joe Hoffman yes, Dorothy Redd yes, Jaime Salgado yes. Chairperson Keith McDonald yes.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2022

Moved: Mr. Hoffman, Seconded: Mr. Salgado

Chairperson McDonald called for questions. There being none the motion was called for approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson McDonald omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

Resolution Establishing the Date, Time and Location of Each Meeting of the Winnebago County Board

Motion by Chairperson McDonald and Seconded by Ms. Redd.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Awarding Electricity Services

Motion by Chairperson McDonald and Seconded by Mr. Salgado.

- A discussion followed. The committee discussed the rates and term of the contract.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance Amending Sections 2-65 (Limitation of Debate), 2-72 (Awards, Proclamations and Presentations) and 2-81 (Presiding Officer) of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances

Motion by Chairperson. McDonald and Seconded by Mr. Salgado.

- A discussion followed.

Ms. Crosby moved to hold separate votes for the Ordinance Amending Sections of the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances with Section 2-65 (Limitation of Debate) and Section 2-72 (Awards, Proclamations and Presentations) as a separate vote and a separate vote for Section 2-81 (Presiding Officer).

Seconded by: Mr. Butitta.

Chairperson McDonald called for questions on Section 2-65 and Section 2-72.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote to approve Section 2-65 and Section 2-72 with the exception of one vote.

Chairperson McDonald called for questions on Section 2-81.

Chairperson McDonald called for a vote.

Motion passed by the majority voice vote with the exception of one vote to approve Section 2-81. Ordinance passed.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Lindmark shared information on a Broadband Internet company to provide broadband service partnering with surrounding counties to our underserved counties. SINDIO Networks is working with eight other counties in the area and approached Winnebago County about the project. SINDIO has a project plan to apply for federal grants for broadband expansion and asked for geographical information that was provided to them through WINGIS. SINDIO returned with a proposal called

Middle Mile to connect the townships. They did evaluations on the grant criteria and arrived at an initial routing proposal. They are proceeding to apply for federal grant monies and the county would have the opportunity to buy into the grant. There is a 30 percent match, SINDIO would split the 30 percent with Winnebago county, with the 15 percent at roughly 1.1M. Discussion followed. Mr. Lindmark will follow up.

Motion to Adjourn. Moved: Ms. Crosby, Seconded: Mr. Hoffman.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant