

The following individuals voiced their support for the Winnebago County Fire Chief's Association (WCFCA) and their request to utilize Spirit Funds to replace mobile, portable and DVRS radios.

- Steven Gawarecky, Town of Oshkosh Fire Department
- Eugene Zastera, Resident of Town of Nekimi
- Shanah Zastera, Winnebago County Board Supervisor and a resident of the Town of Nekimi
- Conley Hanson, Winnebago County Board Supervisor
- Deb Martin, Resident of Oshkosh

Jeremy Pingel, Director of Operations with St Vincent De Paul in Neenah asked the commission for their support and consideration regarding their Spirit Fund request, to expand into a new location. The need has far outgrown their current facility.

Lynn Kromm, Director of the Omro Area Community Center, thanked the commission for their belief, trust, and confidence that the Omro Area Community Center will succeed. She also thanked the commission for their support in this project.

Deb Martin, a resident of Oshkosh, voiced her support of non-profits and really urged the commission to get these spirit funds out and help people in our community.

3. Approval of October 6, 2023, meeting minutes.

Supervisor Cox requested a correction to be made to item No. 2, Approval of September 14, 2023, meeting minutes. Remove Farrey and replace with Cox as the second on the motion. The October 6, 2023, meeting minutes item No. 2 should read, "Motion by Belter, seconded by Farrey Cox, to approve the September 14, 2023, meeting minutes."

Motion by Belter, seconded by Cox, to approve the October 6, 2023, meeting minutes as corrected. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

4. Update/discussion: Status of where Municipalities stand regarding the \$145,000 Spirit Funds distribution.

Paul Kaiser provided a brief update and handout for the commission on where all the towns and municipalities are at in this process. Mr. Kaiser had received and reviewed information from five more municipalities. He sent out funds to the Town of Algoma, Town of Nepeuskun, and the Village of Fox Crossing. They should have received those funds today. Mr. Kaiser is waiting on some additional information from the Town of Black Wolf and Town of Wolf River at this time.

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association (WCFCA) – Replace mobile, portable and DVRS radios in the county in the amount of \$3.2M

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Belter to bring item to the floor for discussion.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to create a resolution to appropriate \$2.1 Million to address the request for the Fire Chief's Association to replace mobile, portable and DVRS radios within Winnebago County.

Vote: AYES: 8; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 1. PASSED.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Continue prioritizing and selection of projects for Spirit Funding.

The commission continued discussing each project separately and selected projects that would meet criteria for Spirit Funding. As the commission discussed each project, they identified details of the project; cost of the project; requested amounts; and determined the minimum and maximum amounts to be considered by the commission. The commission will continue this process at the next meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Doemel, seconded by Supervisor Farrey, to draft four (4) additional resolutions to review, and vote on at the next meeting. These resolutions will have a blank funding amount. The commission will discuss and determine the amount for those projects at the next meeting. Those four (4) resolutions will be:

- Assist in the Purchase of the Beach Building for Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.
- Assist in the Purchase and Renovation of New Facilities for the Damascus Road Project
- Expand Solutions Recovery Housing
- Renovate and Expand St. Vincent de Paul Neenah Menasha

Vote: AYES: 8; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 1. PASSED.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution – "Request a Transfer of Funds to the Capital Improvement Project to Remove Existing Officer's Stations from Direct Supervision Two to and Combine the Officer's Area in the Existing Programs Rooms"

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Buck to adopt.

Vote on resolution: AYES: 7; NAYES: 1 – Cox; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 1. PASSED.

8. Set next meeting date and time.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the David W. Albrecht Administration Building in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room (Room 120).

9. Adjournment.

Motion made by Buck, seconded by Doemel, to adjourn at 4:16 p.m. MOTION CARRIES.

Submitted by:
Cassie Smith-Gregor