

**ADJOURNED SESSION  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Thomas Egan called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:03 P.M. from the Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and virtually by ZOOM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

The following Supervisors were present: 33 – Dowling, Nichols, Borchart, Eisen, Horan, Defferding, Ellenberger, Wise, Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Swan, Robinson, Floam, Gordon, Ponzer, Belville, Ernst, Hinz, Zellmer, Buck, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Farrey, Harrison, Zastera, Egan, Jeziorny (via ZOOM), and Nelson; Excused: 3 – Schellenger, Bureau, and Miller.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. INVOCATION**

Invocation by Supervisor Karen Powers

**E. ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Gordon, to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Supervisor Shanah Zastera stated its always a privilege to serve on the board. She has been involved in several committees, commissions, and boards, and believes at times, the constituents voice gets lost in the shuffle. Ms. Zastera stated that, as County Board Supervisors, they need to listen to their constituents because the Supervisors become the voice for them.

Supervisor Zastera stated that the Public Service Commission closed open comment on the solar commercial plant that they want to put on Highway 44 in her district. She asks the legislators who may be listening to this meeting, to do what they can above them, to hear the people's voice regarding that issue.

The following people spoke in opposition of Ordinance No. 293-122023: Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 19.24-11 "Boat Landing Trailer Parking Permit Fees" to Include the Proposed Fee Schedule for the Winnebago County Public Boat Landings:

- Robert Rubin, City of Omro
- Greg Madaus, Town of Oshkosh
- Paul Williams, Town of Black Wolf
- Deb Madaus, Town of Oshkosh

**G. COMMUNICATIONS. PETITIONS. MEMORIALS. ACCOUNTS. COMMENDATIONS. ETC.**

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, presented the following communications:

1. The following Resolutions from Other Counties have been referred to the Legislative Committee:
  - Green Lake County – Resolution No. 23-2023 – "Resolution in Opposition to Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau 2023 Bill Proposal LRB-3518/1"
  - Sawyer County – Resolution No. 2023-27 – "Resolution on Enhanced Wake Regulations"
2. The following Petitions for Zoning Amendments have been referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee:
  - 001 – Patron Properties, LLC, Town of Neenah; rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to I-1 (Light Industrial District) for tax parcel no. 010-0298-07
  - 002 – Lisa Kuznacki and Steve & Kathleen Rieth, Town of Winneconne; rezone from R-2 (Suburban Residential District) for Lot 1 and R-2 & R-1 (Suburban Residential District and Rural Residential District) for Lot 2 to R-2 (Suburban Residential District) for Lot 1 and R-1 (Rural Residential) for Lot 2 for tax parcel nos. 030-0053-05 & 030-0813
3. Commendations for Dipti Ringwala and Joby Wolfgram

**H. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS**

There were no reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards.

## **I. COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Executive Doemel reported on the following topics:

- Executive Doemel started with a moment of silence for the passing of two former county board members: Pat O'Brien and Larry Kriescher.
- Executive Doemel provided an update on the county property tax levy. The county was made aware of the Village of Fox Crossing's desire to utilize a levy limit exemption for the transfer of services related to responding to calls on Highways 41, 441, and 10. The county requested meetings with Fox Crossing and the Department of Revenue (DOR) that were not responded to. The county's levy is not changing for 2023. The DOR is requesting a change to our levy limit in 2024. The county is meeting with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and other counties. It is likely the county will be asking for a declaratory ruling on the law in the coming months by the department. Mr. Doemel stated they will have a better idea of the next steps and long-term potential impacts after an upcoming meeting scheduled later this week. Tax bills are and were available within the statutory required time frame.
- Executive Doemel announced some dates for the next steps for strategic planning for priority-based budgeting:
  - An on-line survey will be sent to county board members shortly after January 2, 2024.
  - The consultant will be in town January 23-24, 2024. There will be two identical sessions for county board members to attend.
    - Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm
    - Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 3:30 pm
  - Department heads will also have a session with the consultant and employees will be offered the ability to give feedback.
  - The county is contracting with Zencity for citizen engagement. There will be a citizen component announced in January.
  - The goal is for the consultant to work with the board in January and provide a draft in the February Board packet.
  - A request for discussion will be made for the March Special Order's Session meeting with a resolution on passage at the March Business meeting.
  - More details will be provided shortly after January 2, 2024.
- Executive Doemel finished his County Executive's Report with a County Employee Recognition presentation.

## **J. COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENTS**

Executive Doemel asked for the board's approval of the following appointments and re-appointments:

- Board of Adjustment
  - Tom Verstegen, Black Wolf; this term will expire June 30, 2025  
Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- Board of Health
  - Kim Malouf, Oshkosh; this term will expire July 1, 2024  
Motion by Supervisor Gordon, seconded by Supervisor Ellenberger, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- Grievance Review Board
  - Linda Tipler, Winneconne; this term will expire December 31, 2028  
Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- Human Services Board
  - Supervisor Kay Horan, Supervisor Rebecca Nichols, and Harold Singstock, Oshkosh; these terms will expire December 31, 2026  
Motion by Supervisor Dowling, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- Human Services Board
  - Supervisor Ed Jeziorny; this term will expire December 31, 2025  
Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Buck, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- Winnefox Library System Board of Trustees
  - Katherine Freund, Larsen; this term will expire December 31, 2026  
Motion by Supervisor Ellenberger, seconded by Supervisor Harrison, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

## **K. COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Chairman Egan reported that Supervisors Schellenger, Bureau and Miller are excused from tonight's meeting.
- Chairman Egan thanked the County Clerk and her staff for everything they do for him and the rest of the board.

- Chairman Egan thanked Supervisor Ellenberger for finding a place for the County Board Christmas Party and working with the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Egan also thanked everyone who donated and everyone that had helped getting donations for the party.
- Chairman Egan wished everyone and their families a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year".

#### **L. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT FUND GRANT RECIPIENT PRESENTATIONS**

- **Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh – Tom Simon, Executive Director**

Tom Simon presented information for the Habitat for Humanity, Oshkosh to the County Board.

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh was founded in April of 1989. There are two Habitat affiliates in Winnebago County; Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh (Southern two thirds of Winnebago County); and the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity (covering Menasha-Neenah and northern third of Winnebago County).

Rock the Block is "neighbor helping neighbor" by bringing together Neighborhood Association and community volunteers to improve homes in a short time frame and specializing in labor intensive projects that require muscle work or multiple use of equipment Habitat owns.

Habitat for Humanity was the permanent home builder for the "Homeless to Housing" continuum under the grant. Habitat for Humanity plans two to three years in advance.

They have been awarded \$2,425,680 for work between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 including:

- Building of two scheduled Habitat homes for 2021-2022: 1602 Bowen Street and 421 Monroe Street.
- Partial funding for the purchase of six lots at the former Mercy Medical Site in Oshkosh. The "Grove Street Development".
- The building of six Habitat homes on Grove Street.
- The purchase and land development of twenty lots in Omro, Wisconsin for the "Springview Acres" land development.

Some of the future goals beyond this grant include: continue building simple, decent, and affordable homes; generate support and resources to develop Omro subdivision; and expand the Rock the Block program to communities throughout the area.

Mr. Simon then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

- **Solutions Recovery – Trevor Fenrich**

Trevor Fenrich presented an update on the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant.

Solutions Recovery is a recovery community organization located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Their mission is to serve those impacted by alcohol and drug addiction to increase the quality of life in our community and they do that by offering a safe space for community to meet amongst programs such as: Recovery Community Center, Sober Living, Peer Support, Childcare and the We Heart You App.

Mr. Fenrich mentioned they have been able to increase the impact of services provided by Solutions Recovery and residents of Winnebago County with the receipt of the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant. Solutions Recovery carried out these activities with the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant dollars. They purchased 5 homes increasing their bed capacity from 15 to 45; created a secondary housing program that provides safe and affordable housing to successful graduates of Solutions Recovery; increased organization sustainability by paying off the homes removing many long-term liabilities; and served an additional 40 individuals with housing due to the capacity increase. They started a 3,000 square foot expansion to their current recovery community center. This addition will add space for more group and individual meetings to support the community center activities.

Mr. Fenrich then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

- **Homelessness Eviction and Loss Prevention Program – Beth Roberts**

Beth Roberts, Long Term Support Division Manager with the Human Services Department, presented information on the Homelessness Eviction and Loss Prevention (HELP) program.

The HELP program is designed to do four main things:

- Consolidating and coordinating the many resources that are available in the community to help prevent people being evicted or being foreclosed on and making sure those resources are readily available.
- Hands-on assistance for people who are dealing with issues that prevent them from carrying out the steps needed to maintain secure stable housing.
- Making sure our community is aware that there are options, programs and resources, to assist people prior to being evicted or being foreclosed on.

- Follow-ups to make sure that people are staying stable with their housing. There is a 3-month, 6 month, and 12 month follow up to make sure people are still doing ok.

The program started in January 2023 and since then, there has been 328 referrals that have experienced housing instability. We have a 80% success rate in helping people stay stable.

The point of the program is to maintain housing stability. Ms. Roberts provided some examples.

Ms. Roberts then took questions from the board.

**M. UPDATE ON ARPA/SPIRIT FUND BY BETH OSWALD**

Beth Oswald, an ARPA Commission member, presented a brief overview of the County Government Project Category, Government Identified Project Category and the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commissions next steps.

The County Government Project Category projects are proposed by the County Executive and department heads. Ms. Oswald informed the board of the Board Approved Allocations that included digital room upgrades, facility condition assessments, strategic planning, and county radios. She touched base on the total of those projects and the remaining balance left in that category bucket.

The Government Identified Project Category projects are projects which are identified by the government and are intended to be a partnership between county departments and community.

Ms. Oswald informed the board of the Board Approved Allocations that included:

- Land and Water Conservation - to improve soil and water health in the county
- Expo Center resiliency, improving the Sunnyview Expo Center to be used as emergency response
- Funding to local municipalities
- Omro Community Center
- Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
- Saint Vincent de Paul.

She touched base on the total of those projects and the remaining balance left in that category bucket.

Ms. Oswald identified the next steps for the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission. She is anticipating the following resolutions will be presented at the January 16, 2024, County Board meeting: Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity, Nova Counseling, Solutions Recovery, Oshkosh YMCA, Oshkosh Boys and Girls Club, and Damascus Road Project.

The next ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and will focus allocating the remaining balance and discussing funding recommendation for some remaining municipality requests and the remaining organization requests bringing those recommendations to the February and March County Board meetings.

Ms. Oswald then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

**N. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Consent Calendar Items are those items of a Routine Administrative Nature that are Voted on by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors in a Single Roll Call Vote. Staff Recommends Approval of all Items. Any Winnebago County Board of Supervisor may Request that an Item be Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion. Questions relating to items on the Consent Calendar do not require the item be removed from the Consent Calendar if a satisfactory answer is provided.**

1. Approval of Proceedings from October 30, October 31, and November 1, 2023, Budget Hearings of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
2. Approval of Proceedings from November 21, 2023, Adjourned Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors

**ZONING & ORDINANCES**

3. Amending Ordinance No. 12/001/23 – Jay R. Schultz, Town of Clayton – Rezoning from R-1 (Rural Residential District) to A-2 (General Agriculture District) for tax parcel no. 006-0403-04 (Effective Date: 12/27/2023)
4. Amending Ordinance No. 12/002/23 – Kristi Dercks, Town of Winchester – Rezoning from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 028-0920-03 (Effective Date: 12/27/2023)
5. Amending Ordinance No. 12/003/23 – Winnebago County, Town of Vinland – Rezoning from Shoreland to P-1 (Institutional and Recreational Park District) for tax parcel no. 026-0099-01 (Effective Date: 12/27/2023)

6. Amending Ordinance No. 12/004/23 – Sally Reinert, Town of Vinland – Rezoning from Shoreland to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 026-0097 (Effective Date: 12/27/2023)

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

**7. Resolution No. 290-122023: Commendation for Dipti Ringwala**

WHEREAS, Dipti Ringwala has been employed with Park View Health Center for the past twenty-seven years, and during that time, has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Dipti Ringwala has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation be, and it hereby is extended to Dipti Ringwala for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Dipti Ringwala.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

**8. Resolution No. 291-122023: Commendation for Joby Wolfgram**

WHEREAS, Joby Wolfgram has been employed with Park View Health Center for the past thirty-three years, and during that time, has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Joby Wolfgram has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation be, and it hereby is extended to Joby Wolfgram for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Joby Wolfgram.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

**9. Ordinance No. 292-122023: Amend Winnebago County General Code Section 5.04(2)(a) pertaining to Cremation Permit Fees**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 59.36 provides in pertinent part that "the board shall set the fees for all services rendered by the coroner or medical examiner"; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2012 the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors established \$150.00 fee for the issuance of a crematory permit; and

WHEREAS, in mid-2015, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors raised the permit fee to \$200.00 but the passage of Wis. Stat. 59.365 prohibited the fee increase. Wis. Stat. 59.365 provided in pertinent part:

"(1) From July 14, 2015 to April 17, 2017, the board may not charge an amount that exceeds the amount that was actually charged on April 17, 2015 ...

(2) If on or after April 18, 2017, the board increases the amount of any of the fees specified in sub. (1)(a) to (c), any such increase may not exceed the annual percentage change in the U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the U.S. department of labor, for the 12 months ending on December 31 of the year before the increase."

WHEREAS, in January 2023, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors increased the cremation permit fee by \$10.00 which increased the permit fee to \$160.00;

WHEREAS, the costs associated with materials and professional supplies for the Medical Examiner's Office have increased but the fees related to the cremation fees have remained the same; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 365 allows a yearly increase and it is the Medical Examiner office's recommendation to implement a proposed increase in 2023 based on the 2022 Consumer Price Index.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: that Section 5.04 (2)(a) be amended to allow a \$10.00 increase in the cremation permit fee, raising the permit fee to \$170.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Winnebago that said amendment to the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

**11. Resolution No. 294-122023: Approve Airport Hangar Lease Renewal between Kevin Green and Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, Kevin Green desires to renew an airport hangar lease with Winnebago County; and  
WHEREAS, Kevin Green has been a long-time tenant in hangar L-809A on county-owned grounds at Wittman Regional Airport.; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement renewal shall be for a period of three (3) years, from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Green agrees to pay Winnebago County \$415.73 plus tax per year for hangar L-809A and with an increase adjusted by the percentage change in CPI-U on the anniversary of the agreement at each one (1) year interval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves execution by the Winnebago County Executive and Winnebago County Clerk of the renewal of an Airport Hangar Lease Agreement between Kevin Green and Winnebago County for the purpose of conducting aircraft storage.

Submitted by:  
AVIATION COMMITTEE

**12. Resolution No. 295-122023: Approve Airport Hangar Lease Renewal between Katherine Stanis and Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, Katherine Stanis desires to renew an airport hangar lease with Winnebago County; and  
WHEREAS, Katherine Stanis has been a long-time tenant in hangar L-809B on county-owned grounds at Wittman Regional Airport.; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement renewal shall be for a period of three (3) years, from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Stanis agrees to pay Winnebago County \$415.73 plus tax per year for hangar L-809B and with an increase adjusted by the percentage change in CPI-U on the anniversary of the agreement at each one (1) year interval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves execution by the Winnebago County Executive and Winnebago County Clerk of the renewal of an Airport Hangar Lease Agreement between Katherine Stanis and Winnebago County for the purpose of conducting aircraft storage.

Submitted by:  
AVIATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Ellenberger and seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to adopt the consent calendar excluding:

Supervisor Stafford requested that the following item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

10. Ordinance No. 293-122023: Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 19.24-11 "Boat Landing Trailer Parking Permit Fees" to Include the Proposed Fee Schedule for the Winnebago County Public Boat Landings.

Vote on Consent Calendar: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**10. Ordinance No. 293-122023: Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 19.24-11 "Boat Landing Trailer Parking Permit Fees" to Include the Proposed Fee Schedule for the Winnebago County Public Boat Landings**

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the following amendments to the Winnebago County General Code Chapter 19.24-11 Boat Landing Trailer Parking Permit Fees as attached; and

WHEREAS, the amendments adjust the boat trailer parking fees at the Winnebago County Boat Landings to better reflect market value and to better position the County in the future to perform needed maintenance at the landings; and

WHEREAS, the amendments adjust the senior rate eligible age from age 55 to age 62; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Parks Department has identified numerous high-cost repairs and opportunities through the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan such as the Eureka concrete landing, Poygan concrete landing, Butte Des Morts parking and bathroom expansion in addition to parking lot maintenance and repaving at numerous locations coupled with dredging at numerous locations; and

WHEREAS, the current Boat Landing fee is not sustainable if Winnebago County wants to pay for many of the above upgrades through the fees paid by boat landing users; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department will enforce the updated fees listed in Chapter 19.24-11 Boat Landing Trailer Parking Permit Fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: That Chapter 19.24-11 Boat Landing Trailer Park Permit Fees of the General Code of Winnebago County be revised as listed in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said amendment to the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by: PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Supervisor Stafford.

Motion by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to amend the ordinance, to keep the current rates for residents and keep the proposed rates for all non-residents.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to refer this back to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Supervisor Gustafson withdrew his amendment motion.

After discussion, motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to call the question.

CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote to refer ordinance back to the Parks & Recreation Committee. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

## **O. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

### **WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S SOBRIETY AND TREATMENT ASSISTED RECOVERY (STAR) PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Megan Edwards, Solutions Recovery, and Amber Rozek, Administration Team at the Jail, shared information on the STAR Program and where they are heading.

STAR is a multifaceted Recovery Program that combines peer support, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and comprehensive wrap around services offering participants the best opportunity for success. They will add 3.5 Winnebago County Jail dedicated Recovery Coach Positions (Solutions Recovery) to meet the overwhelming needs of participants in 2024. They are partnering with the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office, Winnebago County Public Health, and the Winnebago County Executive to fund the existing expenses as well as the addition of Recovery Coach Positions through various Comprehensive Opiate, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Grants and the Opiate Settlement Funds.

Two components need to simultaneously happen in order for someone to enter recovery:

1. Person be willing and ready for a change
2. Person is met with the resource at that exact time

**\*\*These opportunities happen in jail frequently!\*\***

In the first year and seeing the successful rate of 46%, they are seeking a collaborate way to reach more individuals at their most vulnerable time. Having the correct players on the team will ensure they are providing top notch services to those who have chosen a recovery journey. The joint effort will better their chances of breaking their addiction and living a life in sobriety.

Ms. Edwards, Ms. Rozek and Sheriff John Matz then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

#### **1. Resolution No. 296-122023:**

#### **Authorize the Use of \$52,500 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office Program Contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for an On-Site Liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program**

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has seen an increase in substance use disorders adversely affecting lives; and  
WHEREAS, Winnebago County's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program has been a success; and  
WHEREAS, the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program was created to enhance the MAT program; and

WHEREAS, funding will allow for an on-site liaison provided by Solutions Recovery, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the program will coordinate the Solutions Peer Response Team members within the jail; and

WHEREAS, the program will also assist individuals receiving medical treatment to obtain continued care and more treatment options post incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the program will help participants on a successful path to recovery after their release into the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the use of \$52,500 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund to the Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc.

Submitted by:  
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.  
Abstain: Nichols

**2. Resolution No. 297-122023: Authorize the Use of \$60,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office Program Contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for an On-Site Liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the Calendar Year 2024**

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has seen an increase in substance use disorders adversely affecting lives; and  
WHEREAS, Winnebago County's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program has been a success; and  
WHEREAS, the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program was created to enhance the MAT program; and  
WHEREAS, the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) program has been successful in 2023; and  
WHEREAS, funding will allow for an on-site liaison provided by Solutions Recovery, Inc. to continue for calendar year 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the program will coordinate the Solutions Peer Response Team members within the jail; and  
WHEREAS, the program will also assist individuals receiving medical treatment to obtain continued care and more treatment options post incarceration; and  
WHEREAS, the program will help participants on a successful path to recovery after their release into the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the use of \$60,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund to continue the Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for 2024.

Submitted by:  
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hinz, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.  
Abstain: Nichols

**3. Resolution No. 298-122023: Adopting Revisions to Winnebago County Compensation Schedule for 2024**

WHEREAS, it is advisable to consider adjustments to the pay ranges for County employees periodically, to make sure that our wage rates remain at a level sufficient to allow Winnebago County to attract and retain good employees; and  
WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 59.22 provides that the county board shall set compensation of county employees and the Winnebago County Board does so annually by adopting a compensation schedule; and  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2(b) of the Winnebago County Merit Pay Plan, as amended July 2023, adjusting the minimums, control points, and maximums of pay ranges will increase the pay of County regular employees, limited by the maximum pay for each employee's position; and  
WHEREAS, the Personnel and Finance Committee believes that an increase of 2.0% represents a reasonable adjustment of our non-union pay schedules; and  
WHEREAS, the 2024 county labor budgets were built with the assumption that there would be a compensation schedule increase of 2.0% in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the minimums, control point, and maximums of each pay grade limited by the maximum pay for each employee's position in the Winnebago County Compensation Schedule may be increased by 2.0% as indicated on the attached schedule, effective January 1, 2024.

Submitted by:  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Dowling, seconded by Supervisor Zastera, to amend the resolution relating to the Highway Department and amend the following items: Move Pay Grade 63 Highway Operator 1 to Pay Grade 64; Move Pay Grade 64 Highway Operator 2 to Pay Grade 65; and Move Pay Grade 65 Highway Foreman to Pay Grade 66. This is an average of \$1.66 per change.

After further discussion and direction from Corporation Counsel, this amendment could not take place. Therefore, no action took place for this amendment motion.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

4. **Resolution No. 299-122023: Authorizing Winnebago County to Remain a Party to the McKinsey Opioid Settlement Agreement**

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 230-122017, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors authorized Winnebago County to enter into an engagement agreement with von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the "Law Firms") to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the "Opioid Defendants") in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for Winnebago County's expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, a class action lawsuit was filed in the northern district of California entitled *In re McKinsey & Co., Inc., National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation*, Case No. 3:21-md-02996-CRB (N.D. California). McKinsey has denied the allegations; and

WHEREAS, a settlement has been reached in the class action lawsuit against McKinsey & Co., Inc., claiming that McKinsey played a central role in the unfolding, propagation, and exploitation of the opioid crisis by advising multiple opioid manufacturers and other industry participants how to sell as many prescription opioids as possible; and

WHEREAS, while the amount of the settlement (\$207 million) is relatively small compared to other previous settlements, the case against McKinsey is a very different case. McKinsey not only intended to counter the substantive issues of the case but attack local government's power to bring the type of lawsuit brought; and

WHEREAS, to remain a party to the McKinsey class action settlement, this Board needs to pass this resolution; and

WHEREAS, National Counsel's recommendation is to remain a party to the settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes Winnebago County to remain a party to the McKinsey Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Submitted by:  
Supervisor Conley Hanson, District 26  
Supervisor Tom Egan, District 33

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Ernst, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.  
Abstain: Farrey

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion by Supervisor Hinz, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to adjourn until the January 2, 2024, Special Orders meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Cassie J. Smith-Gregor  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)  
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Cassie J. Smith-Gregor do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their regular meeting held December 19, 2023.

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk