

**ADJOURNED SESSION  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Thomas Egan called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and virtually by ZOOM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

The following Supervisors were present: 34 – Dowling, Nichols, Borchart, Eisen, Horan, Defferding, Ellenberger (via ZOOM), Wise (via ZOOM), Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Binder, Swan, Robinson, Floam, Gordon, Ponzer, Belville, Ernst, Hinz, Zellmer, Schellenger, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Bureau, Farrey, Harrison, Zastera, Egan, Jeziorny, Nelson and Miller; Excused: 2 – Gabert and Buck.

**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 Zastera, to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

County Board Chairman Egan informed everyone that Resolution 339-022024: Resolution to Oppose any Money being Used for American Library Association Membership, Training, Information Services, Materials, Events, Promotions, or Campaigns; and Resolution 340-022024: Resolution for Library Policy to Protect Children from Harmful, Sexually Explicit Material in Areas Designated for Minors were both withdrawn from tonight's meeting. There will be no discussion by the board on these two items.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people spoke in support of Resolution No. 338-022024: "Approving \$324,500 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Upgrade the Winneconne Parks including Remodeling the Barn and Improving Boat Ramps and Piers, Fish Cleaning Stations, Larger Bulk Heads, Extended Parking in the Village of Winneconne":

- Chris Boucher, Village of Winneconne Board President
- Steve Foster, Village of Winneconne Trustee

Travis Teesch, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue Fire Chief, spoke in support of Resolution No. 337-022024: "Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Build an Emergency Service Training Facility for the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department".

Aaron Olson, the Neenah Police Chief, spoke in support of Resolution No. 336-022024: "Approving \$300,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Purchase Mobile Traffic Barriers for the City of Neenah".

Toby VandenHeuvel, Citizen Member of the Board of Health; and Mallory Schneider Birschbach, an Oshkosh resident, spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 327-022024: "Individual Health Decisions Pertaining to COVID-19 Government Lockdowns, Vaccine, and Mask Mandates" and Resolution No. 328-022024: "Winnebago County Statement Regarding Informed Choice and Consent to Make Personal Healthcare Decisions".

Supervisor Conley Hanson voiced his thoughts and concerns about how it seems to be more about winning an argument than solving a problem during this county board term. Mr. Hanson also spoke in support of Resolution No. 328-022024: "Winnebago County Statement Regarding Informed Choice and Consent to Make Personal Healthcare Decisions".

Katie Campbell, Oshkosh resident, spoke in support of Resolution No. 328-022024: "Winnebago County Statement Regarding Informed Choice and Consent to Make Personal Healthcare Decisions".

Brandon Hennes, City Administrator for the City of Omro spoke in support of Resolution No. 330-022024: "Approving \$343,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Update of Water and Sewer Lines Under the Fox River in the City of Omro"

The following people spoke in support to reconsider Resolution No. 310-012024: "Authorize Acceptance of an \$80,083 Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Public Health & Harm Reduction Vending Machines and Items to be Distributed":

- Reverend Ellen Rasmussen, Oshkosh Resident

- Leah Kitz, City of Oshkosh resident
- Ashley Hesse, Town of Oshkosh resident
- Trevor Fenrich, Executive Director for Solutions Recovery

The following people spoke in support of Resolution No. 332-022024: "Approving \$403,625 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category for the Tri-County Dental Clinic, Inc. to Purchase Equipment to Provide Better Dental Care to Those People in Need":

- Dr. Phillip Florek, DDS
- Sandy Drexler, Executive Director for Tri-County Dental
- William Anderson, Oshkosh resident
- Lisa Hintz, Neenah resident

The following people spoke in support of Resolution No. 313-012024: "Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Expand the Building of NOVA Counseling Services Facilities":

- Jody Willeford, Executive Director for Nova Counseling Services
- Dr. Bill Topel, Winnebago County Human Services Director
- Trevor Fenrich, Executive Director for Solutions Recovery

Larry Last, Town of Nekimi resident, voiced his thoughts and concerns regarding the issue of a new fire truck for the Airport.

Beth Clay, Executive Director of the Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Mental Health Connection spoke in support of Resolution No. 331-022024: "Approving \$75,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to NEW Mental Health Connection to Implement Innovative Features in the Service Directory and Update Technology and Website Content".

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

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

1. The following Notice of Claim has been referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee:
  - Notice of Claim from Paula and Dan Rabideau for damage to her vehicle caused by a county department vehicle.
2. Commendations for Jamie Bates, Lisa Krause, John Rabe, Laura Ruedinger, and Robin Voss.
3. The following Petitions for Zoning Amendments have been referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee:
  - Petition for Zoning Amendment: 001 - Family Lucky 7 Farm, LLC, Town of Nekimi; Rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 012-0148(p)
  - Petition for Zoning Amendment: 002 - Thomas & Deborah Rosenfeldt, Town of Neenah; rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 010-0310-01(p)
4. Ms. Barthels explained all the paperwork that was distributed on their desks tonight.
  - Amended agenda for tonight's meeting
  - Manilla envelope with scholarships to hand out to seniors to promote applying for the scholarships
  - Agenda and packet for the March 5, 2024, County Board Special Orders meeting
  - Judiciary & Public Safety Committee packets for those members
  - An invitation to the Youth Government Day being held on April 19, 2024

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

Supervisor Powers wanted to call attention to the fact that the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department has sent a cadaver dog to the Two Rivers area to aid in the search of a missing 3-year old.

Supervisor Binder mentioned while attending the NACo conference, he did go to Senator Baldwin's office to check on the air rescue boats and was informed that we should know something on those the first part of March.

Supervisor Defferding reminded everyone that on March 13, 2024, from 12:00 – 5:00 pm at the UW Oshkosh Culver Center is the, "We Heart You Recovery Event". It is an opportunity to connect to those who participate in the county's diversion program, drug court and drug and alcohol treatment program. This is a way to connect local resources together to find out what we can do to help out those in recovery in Winnebago County. It is free and open to the public.

Supervisor Horan had the pleasure to visit the Wittman Airport and see what they do over there and encourages anyone who hasn't seen it, please do.

Supervisor Nichols stated the best way to make sure high school seniors know about the scholarship applications is to get the scholarship applications to the guidance office and highly encourages the fellow supervisors to do that. Ms. Nichols also thanked everyone for the condolences expressed after her father passed away.

Supervisor Schellenger mentioned that earlier this month, Park View Health Center (PVHC) Committee had met and it was discovered that PVHC is undergoing a Strategic Plan with a \$150,000 contract. This was a surprise to the committee. There was nothing in the recent budget that indicated that this was a change or something that was going to be there. The reason Mr. Schellenger brought it up was because in the next few months, items may be coming to this board from PVHC that should probably be treated with a fair degree of skepticism. He encouraged supervisors to pay attention to upcoming meetings to see what is coming down from PVHC.

**I. COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Executive Doemel reported on the following topics:

- Executive Doemel provided a Winter Storm Bennet recap and how several departments, agencies and other community efforts within Winnebago County acted to keep the wheels turning during this winter weather event.
- Executive Doemel asked for any supervisor that voted "no" on the Harm Reduction Vending Machine Resolution to please reconsider their vote which could happen at any time during this meeting. There would not be any discussion or action at this meeting. The agenda item would be put on the March business meeting agenda where it could be discussed again. Executive Doemel encouraged the supervisors to accept and appropriate this grant funding to purchase the tools we need to start turning the tide.
- Executive Doemel pointed out that a draft "Results and Results Definitions", a component for the Strategic Plan is on your desk tonight. It is important to show where the process is before the county gets any further. This is an opportunity to provide input which will help us to ensure we agree on the foundation going forward. Chris Fabian will be here for the March 5, 2024, Special Orders meeting to go over this document and receive your feedback.

Motion by Supervisor Bureau, seconded by Supervisor Gustafson, to Reconsider Resolution 310-012024 on Harm Reduction Vending Machines including integrating discussion with Towns and Cities. AYES: 24; NAYES: 6 – Dowling, Eisen, Swan, Hanson, Zastera and Miller; ABSTAIN: 2 – Nussbaum and Farrey; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

**J. COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Chairman Egan reported that Supervisors Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck are excused from tonight's meeting.
- Chairman Egan stated that the Board received a thank you letter from the Omro Rushford Fire Department. Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk read that letter.

**K. CONSENT CALENDAR**

***Consent Calendar Items are those items which are voted on by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors in a single roll call vote. Committees recommend approval of all items. Any Winnebago County Board of Supervisor may request 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.***

**RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

- 2. Ordinance 316-022024: Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02 "Speed Limit Regulations" to Decrease the Speed Limits in the Town of Black Wolf and Nekimi on County Trunk Highway "I" to 40 miles per hour**

WHEREAS, the Highway Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the following amendments to the Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02: Speed Limit Regulations as attached; and

WHEREAS, the amendments define and decrease the speed limits in the Town of Black Wolf and Nekimi on County Trunk Highway "I" to 40 miles per hour from its intersection with W. Waukau Avenue southerly for a distance of 1.38 miles to the intersection with Hartland Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- (9) COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY "I"
- (a) Town of Black Wolf and Nekimi:

1. 40 miles per hour from its intersection with W. Waukau Avenue southerly for a distance of 1.38 miles to its intersection with Hartland Road.

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

Submitted by: Highway Committee

**3. Ordinance 317-022024: Amend Winnebago County General Code Section 1.12(10) to Increase and Expand Citizen Member Compensation on Committees, Commissions, Boards and other Entities as well as Board of Canvas Citizen Member Compensation**

WHEREAS, citizen membership of Winnebago County committees, commissions, and boards as well as

other entities is integral to carry out the mission of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and upgraded compensation for Winnebago County Board Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and citizens of Winnebago County to adequately compensate citizen members appointed to committees, commissions, and boards and other entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Section 1.12 (10) is amended as follows:

Non-supervisors who are duly appointed to serve on committees, boards, commissions, who are not acting within the scope of their employment or office in so doing, shall be eligible for a \$50 payment for a half day meeting (4 hours or less) but not more than \$75 per day and expense reimbursements as supervisors: ~~(a) Board of Adjustment (b) Land Conservation Committee (c) Solid Waste Management Board (d) Committee on Aging (e) Health Board (f) Public Safety Building Board — Members at Large (g) Information Systems Committee (h) Grievance Review Board (i) Veteran Service Commission (j) Housing Authority~~ paid \$75.00 per half day of service (4 hours or less) and \$100 per full day of service (more than 4 hours). Board of Canvas Citizen Members, in recognition of the stress and concerted effort required, shall be paid \$100 per half day of service (4 hours or less) and \$150 per full day of service (more than 4 hours).

Submitted by: Supervisor Paul Eisen, District 4  
Judiciary & Public Safety Committee  
Personnel & Finance Committee

**4. Resolution 318-022024: Commendation for Jamie Bates**

WHEREAS, Jamie Bates has been employed with the Winnebago County Human Services Department, for the past twenty-six years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Bates 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 is extended to Jamie Bates 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 Jamie Bates.

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

**5. Resolution 319-022024: Commendation for Lisa Krause**

WHEREAS, Lisa Krause has been employed with the Winnebago County Human Services Department, for the past twenty-five years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Krause 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 is extended to Lisa Krause 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 Lisa Krause.

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

**6. Resolution 320-022024: Commendation for John Rabe**

WHEREAS, John Rabe has been employed with the Winnebago County Solid Waste Department, for the past twenty-five years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is extended to John Rabe for the fine services he has rendered to Winnebago County.

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

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

**7. Resolution: 321-022024 Commendation for Laura Ruedinger**

WHEREAS, Laura Ruedinger has been employed with the Winnebago County Human Services Department, for the past twenty years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Laura Ruedinger 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 is extended to Laura Ruedinger 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 Laura Ruedinger.

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

**8. Resolution 322-022024: Commendation for Robin Voss**

WHEREAS, Robin Voss has been employed with the Winnebago County Circuit Court I, for the past twenty-five years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Robin Voss 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 is extended to Robin Voss 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 Robin Voss.

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

**9. Resolution 323-022024: Approve Airport Hangar Lease Renewal between Fred Stadler and Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, Fred Stadler desires to renew an airport hangar lease with Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, Fred Stadler has been a long-time tenant in a different hangar 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, Fred Stadler agrees to pay Winnebago County \$415.73 plus tax per month 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 Fred Stadler and Winnebago County for the purpose of conducting aircraft storage.

Submitted by: Aviation Committee

Motion by Supervisor Schellenger and seconded by Supervisor Floam, to adopt the consent calendar excluding:

Approval of Proceedings from January 2, 2024, Special Orders Session and January 16, 2024, Adjourned Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and Resolution 325-022024. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Supervisor Schellenger asked for a housekeeping/friendly amendment to be made to Resolution 323-022024 removing "year" and changing it to "month" on line 12.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Approval of Proceedings from January 2, 2024, Special Orders Session and January 16, 2024, Adjourned Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors**

Supervisor Nussbaum requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar. A public comment was missed on the January 16, 2024, proceedings. The proceedings were amended to add this information.

Motion by Supervisor Nussbaum, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to adopt item removed from consent calendar as amended. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**10. Resolution 325-022024: Support the SPEAR (Sturgeon Protected and Exempt from Absurd Regulations) Act which Exempts Wisconsin from Any Listing of Lake Sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act**

WHEREAS, the US Fish & Wildlife Service is currently considering recommending that lake sturgeon be listed as an endangered species under the Federal Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the 1973 Federal Endangered Species Act was designed to protect critically imperiled species from extinction; and

WHEREAS, lake sturgeon in Wisconsin are abundant in many waters, and are not identified by Wisconsin endangered species laws as either endangered or threatened, nor heading towards extinction; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a world-renowned statewide lake sturgeon conservation, management and recovery program implemented over 100 years ago, and is currently recognized as a world leader in effective and sustainable management of sturgeon populations and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Winnebago County, the greater Winnebago System region, and the state have worked in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources over the last 50 years to develop, fine tune, and continuously improve and implement the Wisconsin and Winnebago System Sturgeon Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, Federal Endangered Species Act listing of lake sturgeon as endangered will bring an unnecessary intrusion of federal bureaucracy and regulation into Wisconsin, seriously hampering the state's ability to continue its long-term world class sturgeon management program in its historic form, and potentially seriously impacting lake sturgeon research and management activities and fisheries in the state in a negative fashion. Additionally, it will ignore the cultural importance and economic impact of lake sturgeon and sturgeon spearing in Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it supports the SPEAR (Sturgeon Protected and Exempt from Absurd Regulations) Act which exempts Wisconsin from any listing of lake sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act.

Submitted by: Supervisor Doug Nelson, District 35

Supervisor Horan requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Supervisor Horan, seconded by Supervisor Gordon, to adopt item removed from consent calendar.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 30; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 1 - Ernst; ABSENT: 5 – Ellenberger, Wise, Stafford, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

Supervisor Nelson requested this resolution be sent to all counties in Wisconsin.

**L. Presentation of Resolutions and Ordinances previously tabled or laid over to a day certain, and disposition of same**

**1. Resolution 313-012024: Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Expand the Building of NOVA Counseling Services Facilities**

WHEREAS, Nova Counseling Services (hereinafter "Nova") is a State of Wisconsin-licensed provider of medically monitored residential treatment for people suffering from substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, treatment at Nova is for individuals who have lost control of their lives and need a safe, structured environment in which to learn about their disease. Nova provides therapy to change the behaviors that accompany substance use; and

WHEREAS, for over four decades, Nova has been grounded in the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous® philosophy and believes it is the surest way to recover from the disease. Education about the illness, knowledge of the 12 Steps, and caring feedback are the cornerstones for change; and

WHEREAS, Nova provides treatment in a variety of ways, including a 28-day residential program, 90-day transitional program (Terra Program), Family Program and outpatient aftercare; and

WHEREAS, an expansion of Nova's existing facilities will better serve people suffering from substance use disorder, including the STAR Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to expand the facilities of Nova Counseling Services. This funding is contingent on Nova remaining committed to its mission to strengthen the lives of individuals, families, and the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion, Nova Counseling Services will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Nova Counseling Services shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Floam, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**M. Presentation of new Resolutions and Ordinances and disposition of same**

**1. Resolution 324-022024: Establish Salaries for County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and County Treasurer of Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, the next four-year term of office will begin in January 2025 for the Winnebago County Clerk, County Treasurer, and Register of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, section 59.22 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that any changes in the compensation for these elected positions must be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors earlier than the first date for filing nomination papers for the upcoming term, which in this case is April 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, reasonable salaries are necessary to attract well-qualified candidates to these full-time elected positions; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the annual salary rates for the following elected officials of Winnebago County for the term commencing after January 1, 2025 shall be as follows:

	Annual Salary <u>2025</u>	Annual Salary <u>2026</u>	Annual Salary <u>2027</u>	Annual Salary <u>2028</u>
County Clerk	\$ 92,228	\$ 94,995	\$ 97,845	\$ 100,780
Register of Deeds	\$ 92,228	\$ 94,995	\$ 97,845	\$ 100,780
Treasurer	\$ 92,228	\$ 94,995	\$ 97,845	\$ 100,780

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned officers be provided with County health, dental, life insurance, and long-term disability insurance benefits at the same level and on the same terms and conditions as are provided to the County's appointed department heads, including any modifications which may be made from time to time during the office holders' term, and that the officers participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System on the same terms as apply to other elected officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds to cover the cost of this action be included as part of the budgets for the respective years.

Fiscal Note: Labor cost increases over each preceding year for the three offices combined are estimated as:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Wage Cost.....	\$19,821	\$8,301	\$8,550	\$8,805
Fringe Benefit Cost.....	<u>\$3,015</u>	<u>\$1,248</u>	<u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$1,341</u>
Total.....	\$22,836	\$9,549	\$9,870	\$10,146
Increase Over Previous Year	7.72%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Gordon, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**2. Resolution 326-022024: Ratifying Tentative Agreement between Winnebago County and the Winnebago County Deputies' Association Covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the existing collective bargaining agreement between Winnebago County and the Winnebago County Deputies' Association expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a Tentative Agreement has been reached which specifies changes for a successor collective bargaining agreement to cover the calendar years 2024, 2025, and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Tentative Agreement has been ratified by the Deputies' Association; and

WHEREAS, the Tentative Agreement incorporates many of the practices that had been put into place by previous Memoranda of Understanding, such as schedule changes, rules on the switching of shifts, accelerated benefits, and compensation, as well as other, relatively minor, language changes; and

WHEREAS, this Tentative Agreement takes into account recent changes in the labor market for law enforcement officers, such as a very substantial increase in pay for jailers employed by the state Department of Corrections as well as recent contract settlements for the City of Oshkosh police department and for several comparable county law enforcement bargaining units; and

WHEREAS, some of the most noteworthy changes in the Tentative Agreement are as follows:

- Patrol and Corrections schedule changing from 8-hour shifts working 6 days then off 3 days, to 12-hour shifts working 4 days then off 5 days.
  - Standardizing other schedules to 40 hours/week by either working 8-hour shifts or 10-hour shifts.
  - Updating the guidelines to provide for the switching of shifts among employees.
  - Adjusting the hours of sick time earned to better align with a 12-hour schedule.
  - Modifying the language regarding Holidays to simplify and clean up language that more precisely identifies how earned and paid out upon leaving employment. This clarification minimizes misunderstandings and therefore reduces future grievances.
  - Codifies changes in an existing MOU regarding the vacation earning schedule and ability to base earnings on service in another agency in similar capacity.
  - Minimizes opportunity to pay out earned, but unused benefit time, which streamlines payroll operations.
  - Expands the type of paid time off that can be utilized to supplement funeral leave to support employees facing loss.
  - Patrol and Corrections Deputies will return to following the same wage table. In January 2022, Patrol Deputies received a \$3.00/hour pay increase across all steps due to market issues which resulted in a high turnover rate and lack of qualified applicants. This Tentative Agreement will provide Corrections Deputies that same \$3.00/hour increase as of January 2024. This will keep those positions competitive with the State DOC rates.
  - The length in time for each pay step has been lengthened by six months.
  - The starting pay rate increases 3.0% each year, steps in the middle increase 4% each year, and the maximum rate increases 4.5% each year;
- and

WHEREAS, ratification of this Tentative Agreement will position the County well with respect to recruitment and retention of deputies in the Sheriff's Office, while providing fair compensation to those officers, and is in the best interests of Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been set aside in the 2024 salary contingency to cover the costs associated with this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it ratifies the Tentative Agreement between Winnebago County and the Winnebago County Deputies' Association covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, and that the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute a new collective bargaining agreement reflecting its terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the additional wage and benefit expenses associated with this Tentative Agreement for calendar year 2024 may be transferred from the salary contingency account to appropriate labor expense accounts for the Sheriff's Office.

Submitted by: Personnel & Finance Committee

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**3. Resolution 327-022024: Individual Health Decisions Pertaining to COVID-19 Government Lockdowns, Vaccine, and Mask Mandates**

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #1 mandating face coverings (masks) throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, some studies show vaccines and masks are not an effective way to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court declared Wisconsin's statewide mask mandate invalid; and  
WHEREAS, when dealing with the local conditions related to the COVID-19 virus, local authorities should exercise common sense; and  
WHEREAS, health decisions are best made by individuals, not government; and  
WHEREAS, it is the right of individuals to choose whether to wear a mask and whether to be vaccinated; and  
WHEREAS, citizens have lived with COVID-19 for over 3 years and have been provided information regarding how to protect themselves from COVID-19 and are fully capable of making their own decisions; and  
WHEREAS, lockdowns, vaccine, and mask mandates have been shown to have a negative impact on economies and mental health; and  
WHEREAS, some entities are considering and have imposed new mask mandates in response to an apparent resurgence of the COVID-19 virus.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it encourages individuals to make educated personal healthcare decisions to continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors does not intend to support nor impose any lockdowns, vaccine, or mask mandates related to COVID-19 or its variants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors wishes to communicate to the people of Winnebago County and to state and federal authorities:

- In the absence of a state or federal lockdown, vaccine, or mask mandate, Winnebago County does not intend to create or enforce a mandate;
- If the state or federal government creates a lockdown, vaccine, or mask mandate, Winnebago County shall not voluntarily use its resources in support of the same and shall comply only to the extent required by law or superior authority;
- As a statement of policy, Winnebago County believes that such mandates are not proper;
- As a matter of Constitutional Law, Winnebago County believes that the prior precedent should not apply to current circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Winnebago County's state and federal delegations, Governor Evers, all other Wisconsin Counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by: Legislative Committee

Motion by Supervisor Eisen, seconded by Supervisor Nichols, to refer to the Board of Health. AYES: 16; NAYES: 16 – Dowling, Horan, Defferding, Nussbaum, Stafford, Binder, Swan, Robinson, Hanson, Gustafson, Bureau, Farrey, Harrison, Zastera, Egan and Miller; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION FAILED.

Back to the original resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Jeziorny, to call the question.

Vote on call the question: AYES: 26; NAYES: 6 – Nichols, Eisen, Ponzer, Ernst, Schellenger and Powers; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 19; NAYES: 13 – Nichols, Borchart, Eisen, Gordon, Ponzer, Ernst, Zellmer, Schellenger, Powers, Cox, Farrey, Egan and Nelson; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

**4. Resolution 328-022024: Winnebago County Statement Regarding Informed Choice and Consent to Make Personal Healthcare Decisions**

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #1 mandating face coverings (masks) throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, studies published in Cochrane.org and referenced in a New York Time's article of February 21, 2023, suggested that masks and mask mandates were not as an effective deterrent as indicated by mandates; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court declared Wisconsin's statewide mask mandate invalid; and

WHEREAS, when dealing with local conditions related to the COVID-19 virus, local authorities should exercise discretion; and

WHEREAS, health decisions are best made by individuals in conjunction with their physician or other health care provider without bureaucratic overreach; and

WHEREAS, the rights of individuals to choose best for themselves and family is a paramount foundation of the United States Constitution and the Wisconsin State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, now, after more than three (3) years, information regarding medicinal and physical intervention has been published that differs from initial response recommendations; and

WHEREAS, according to non-partisan research facility, the Brookings Institution and its March 2022 conclusion, mandates, lockdowns, and school closures from Local, State, and Federal policies have led to "schools (facing) severe staff shortages, high rates of absenteeism and quarantines, and rolling school closures. Furthermore, students and educators continue to struggle with mental health challenges, higher rates of violence and misbehavior, and concerns about lost instructional time." "[T]est score gaps between studies in low-poverty and high-poverty elementary schools grew by approximately 20% in math" and more; and

WHEREAS, some entities are and have considered reinstating these same mandates and restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it encourages individuals to make educated personal healthcare decisions in conjunction with their healthcare advisors, including physicians and the Winnebago County Board of Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors does not intend to impose a one size fits all approach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors wishes to communicate:

- In the absence of a state or federal order, Winnebago County does not intend to create or enforce blanket or universal mandates;
- Winnebago County shall not voluntarily utilize monetary or personnel resources in support of a State or Federal created mandate of lockdowns, medicinal or physical devices, absent the freedom of informed consent;
- Winnebago County believes the freedom of choice to the individual as guaranteed through the United States Constitution and State of Wisconsin Constitution should be paramount;
- Winnebago County's practices beginning in the spring of 2020 relating to the Covid-19 pandemic should not apply to current or future healthcare situations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Winnebago County's state and federal delegations, Governor Evers, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by: Supervisor Conley Hanson, District 26  
Supervisor Brian Defferding, District 6

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Ernst, seconded by Supervisor Powers, to make an amendment to line 39, adding the verbiage "including the right to abortion and to gender affirming care" after the word "choice".

Vote on amendment. AYES: 9 – Nichols, Eisen, Defferding, Gordon, Ponzer, Ernst, Zellmer, Schellenger, and Powers; NAYES: 21; ABSTAIN: 2 – Stafford and Floam; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION FAILED.

Back to the original resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Nichols, to refer to the Board of Health.

AYES: 17; NAYES: 14 – Dowling, Defferding, Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Binder, Swan, Robinson, Hanson, Gustafson, Bureau, Harrison, Zastera and Miller; ABSTAIN: 1 - Horan; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

**5. Resolution 329-022024: Supporting a Restitution Court Program for Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors is cognizant of the fact that the Winnebago County Circuit Court frequently orders restitution in criminal cases in order to make crime victims whole for financial losses they suffered as a result of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors supports our local Judiciary in its efforts to make all crime victims whole; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors wishes to thank the Judiciary for its efforts in addressing this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors pledges to offer support to the local Judiciary in expanding efforts to make crime victims whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors thanks the local Judiciary for scheduling restitution hearings and providing incentives for defendants to pay their ordered restitution.

Submitted by: Legislative Committee

Motion by Supervisor Schellenger, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to refer to the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**6. Resolution 330-022024: Approving \$343,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Update of Water and Sewer Lines Under the Fox River in the City of Omro**

WHEREAS, this proposed project will replace old, dilapidated water and sewer utilities crossing under the Fox River connecting the water and sewer systems for the north and south side of the City of Omro, and

WHEREAS, the City of Omro completed a Spirit Fund application on-time, requesting \$500,000 , and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission recommends a grant of \$343,000 from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$343,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to update water and sewer lines under the Fox River in the City of Omro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, the City of Omro will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the City of Omro shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**7. Resolution 331-022024: Approving \$75,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to NEW Mental Health Connection to Implement Innovative Features in the Service Directory and Update Technology and Website Content**

WHEREAS, NEW Mental Health Connection provides online and easily accessible resources that enhance and work to direct community members to county services including Public Health, Human Services, Sheriff's Office, and others; and

WHEREAS, NEW Mental Health Connection has seen usage and need skyrocket during and in the wake of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, with an average of 48 visits per day to the Men's Self-Care Toolkit, over 560 people have watched stories related to mental health issues among men in the previous reporting period; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Services page was accessed over 1500 times in 2020 and the number was doubled in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$75,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to NEW Mental Health Connection to implement innovative features in the Service Directory and update technology and website content for NEW Mental Health Connection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, NEW Mental Health Connection will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that NEW Mental Health Connection shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Gordon, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**8. Resolution 332-022024: Approving \$403,625 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category for the Tri-County Dental Clinic, Inc. To Purchase Equipment to Provide Better Dental Care to Those People in Need**

WHEREAS, Tri-County Dental Clinic, Inc (hereinafter "Tri-County Dental") is a volunteer-based dental clinic whose mission is to provide quality oral health care in a caring and compassionate manner; and

WHEREAS, Tri-County Dental serves individuals in Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties whose access to dental health care is limited due to income constraints or receiving Medicaid benefits; and

WHEREAS, Tri-County Dental's focus is on children and providing quality care and early education so children maintain a healthy mouth throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Tri-County Community Dental Clinic will purchase equipment and fortify their organization to be better prepared to serve Winnebago County's community members with dental care needs and enhance services provided by Public Health, Human Services, Sheriff's Office, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$403,625 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved for the Tri-County Dental to purchase equipment to provide better dental care to those people in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, Tri-County Dental will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Tri-County Dental shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

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

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to make an amendment to the resolution and remove 44% of the amount requested decreasing the funding amount from \$403,625 to \$266,030.

Motion by Supervisor Horan, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to call the question. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on amendment. AYES: 6 – Dowling, Eisen, Defferding, Hanson, Bureau and Zastera; NAYES: 26; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION FAILED.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 28; NAYES: 3 – Dowling, Defferding and Zastera; ABSTAIN: 1 – Hanson; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

**9. Resolution 333-022024: Approving \$350,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category for Child Care Resource and Referral To Support Child Care Providers with Training and Mentoring and In Turn Provide Increased Available Child Care Openings in Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, Child Care Resource and Referral is a community-based non-profit agency offering services to parents, child care providers, employers, and the community that improve the quality and accessibility of early childhood education and care; and

WHEREAS, Child Care Resource and Referral supports child care providers with training and mentoring and enhances services provided by Public Health and Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$350,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved for Child Care Resource and Referral to support child care providers with training and mentoring to increase available childcare openings in Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, Child Care Resource and Referral will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Child Care Resource and Referral shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any

reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

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

Motion by Supervisor Schellenger, seconded by Supervisor Nichols, to refer back to the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission. AYES: 20; NAYES: 12 – Dowling, Borchart, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Swan, Robinson, Gordon, Gustafson, Farrey, Harrison, Zastera and Egan; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

**10. Resolution 334-022024: Approving \$50,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category for Pillars, Inc Ascend Program**

WHEREAS, Pillars, Inc (hereinafter "Pillars") provides shelter, support, and solutions to address the housing needs in our community; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the program in 2017, the Ascend Program has served over 80 young adults on their journeys to successful independent adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Pillars acts and advocates on their own and in partnership with others to increase access to affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund will address overdue and underfunded maintenance for 16 Ascend units that are home to 25 households; and

WHEREAS, Ascend Program participants pay monthly program fees (which cover housing and all other program costs e.g. case management and professional counseling services) 70% below market rate; and

WHEREAS, affordable rent helps support participants in establishing financial stability and self-sufficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$50,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved for Pillars, Inc. Ascend Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, Pillars will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Pillars shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**11. Resolution 335-022024: Approving \$184,957 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Purchase Mobile Traffic Barriers for the City of Menasha**

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha intends to provide safety to citizens attending local events sponsored by the city or local non-profit organizations as well as citizens looking to provide goods to others (such as in the case of a farmers' market) through the use of mobile traffic barriers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha completed a Spirit Fund application on-time, requesting \$184,957, and

WHEREAS, by purchasing mobile traffic barriers, the City of Menasha will be promoting safety and decreasing its current operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the mobile barriers are reusable and will not need to be replaced in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission recommends a grant of \$184,957 from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$184,957 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to purchase mobile traffic barriers for the City of Menasha.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, the City of Menasha will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance

Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the City of Menasha shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

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

Vote on resolution. AYES: 17; NAYES: 15 – Dowling, Horan, Defferding, Binder, Swan, Floam, Belville, Ernst, Hinz, Schellenger, Gustafson, Bureau, Zastera, Jeziorny and Miller; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION FAILED. (Required 2/3 of Membership to Pass)

**12. Resolution 336-022024:                    Approving \$300,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Purchase Mobile Traffic Barriers for the City of Neenah**

WHEREAS, the City of Neenah intends to provide safety to citizens attending local events sponsored by the city or local non-profit organizations as well as citizens looking to provide goods to others (such as in the case of a farmers' market) through the use of mobile traffic barriers; and

WHEREAS, by purchasing mobile traffic barriers, the City of Neenah will be promoting safety and decreasing its current operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the mobile barriers are reusable and will not need to be replaced in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Neenah completed a Spirit Fund application on-time, requesting \$300,000 , and

WHEREAS, by purchasing mobile traffic barriers, the City of Neenah will be promoting safety and decreasing its current operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the mobile barriers are reusable and will not need to be replaced in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission recommends a grant of \$300,000 from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$300,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to purchase mobile traffic barriers for the City of Neenah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, the City of Neenah will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the City of Neenah shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

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

Vote on resolution. AYES: 16; NAYES: 15 – Dowling, Horan, Defferding, Binder, Swan, Floam, Belville, Ernst, Hinz, Schellenger, Gustafson, Zastera, Jeziorny, Nelson and Miller; ABSTAIN: 1 - Nichols; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION FAILED. (Required 2/3 of Membership to Pass)

**13. Resolution 337-022024:                    Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Build an Emergency Service Training Facility for the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department**

WHEREAS, Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue consists of committed professionals whose mission is to provide the highest standard of service through prevention, education, fire suppression, emergency medical response, technical rescue and community interaction to preserve the quality of life and property for all of those within the Cities of Neenah and Menasha; and

WHEREAS, Live Fire Training is essential to the health and safety of firefighters and communities; and  
WHEREAS, firefighters must complete eighteen (18) hours at a training facility annually, out of 192 total training hours, to meet Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements; and

WHEREAS, the current training facility is approaching 25 years of age and has served many roles:  
1. FVTC's main training facility from 1996-2015,  
2. Joint Firefighter Recruit Academy (on-boarding all Neenah Menasha Fire/Rescue and City of Oshkosh firefighters) since 2019,  
3. Routinely used by Town of Neenah Fire Department, City of Neenah Police Department, City of Menasha Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Live Fire Training, this facility can simulate single or multi-family residences, high-rise structures, and commercial buildings for tactical (LE) situations along with laddering and rescue work; and

WHEREAS, providing a training facility to challenge firefighters' knowledge and skills will reduce the risk in the field, and

WHEREAS, the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department completed a Spirit Fund application on-time, requesting \$500,000, and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission recommends a grant of \$500,000 from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to build an emergency services training facility for the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Neenah/Menasha Fire Department shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

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

Motion by Supervisor Eisen, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to amend the resolution to name the new facility the Patrick R. O'Brien Emergency Service Training Facility.

Vote on amendment. FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 31; NAYES: 1 – Defferding; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 4 – Ellenberger, Wise, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

**14. Resolution 338-022024:                    Approving \$324,500 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Upgrade the Winneconne Parks including Remodeling the Barn and Improving Boat Ramps and Piers, Fish Cleaning Stations, Larger Bulk Heads, Extended Parking in the Village of Winneconne**

WHEREAS, Lake Winneconne Park serves local and regional citizens through water usage, beach activities, baseball games, weddings, and overall enjoyment of beautiful water ways; and

WHEREAS, the site is used daily by residents outside of the Village of Winneconne; and

WHEREAS, the barn remodel in Lake Winneconne Park allows people to rent space that can be used for indoor or outdoor events; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the rent go to funding the Village of Winneconne park system budget; and

WHEREAS, the barn remodel includes but is not limited to siding, ADA door access, windows, drywall, insulation, temperature control, and wiring, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winneconne has received a \$250,000 grant from the Wisconsin DNR to complete upgrades to Lake Winneconne Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winneconne has invested \$85,000 of its own budget; and

WHEREAS, the upgrade includes the improvement and addition of boat docks/piers, fish cleaning stations, larger bulk heads, extended parking and facility upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winneconne completed Spirit Fund applications for both the Barn Remodel and Winneconne Parks improvements on-time, requesting \$315,000, and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission recommends a grant of \$324,500 from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$324,500 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to improve and add onto boat ramps and piers, fish cleaning stations, larger bulk heads, extended parking, and upgrades to Winneconne Parks in the Village of Winneconne.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the project, the Village of Winneconne will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Village of Winneconne shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

Submitted by: ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission

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

It was commented that a housekeeping/friendly amendment updating the amount on line 24 to \$324,500 needs to be done.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 29; NAYES: 2 – Dowling and Defferding; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 5 – Ellenberger, Wise, Stafford, Gabert and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

#### **N. ADJOURN**

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 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 February 27, 2024.

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk