

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1998

Chairman Joseph Maehl called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Supervisors' Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by Supervisor Wagner.

Roll Call: 36 present. Excused: 2 - Pech and Crowley.

Supervisor Planalp moved and it was seconded to adopt the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

County Clerk Wolfe advised supervisors that the February County Board meeting will be held on February 24, 1998 and the March Special Orders of Business Meeting will be held March 10, 1998. She advised there will be seven contested County Supervisory races, with two districts having primaries: District 13 and District 18. There are no candidates in District 16. A thank you note from Mrs. Robert Putzer for the flowers was read and filed. The 1998 mileage rate increased to \$.325 on January 1, 1998. The National Association of Counties Legislative Conference will be held February 27-March 3, 1998 in Washington, D.C. Registration must be made by January 16th. The Wisconsin Counties Association Policy Exchange will be held February 10, 1998 in Madison. Registration must be made by January 30th. The Wisconsin Counties Association is hold a seminar entitled "The Present and Future of Child Support Enforcement on January 26, 1998 in Wausau. The registration deadline is January 16th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Barker commended the Post-Crescent and Oshkosh Northwestern on their articles regarding the watershed. She stated a German Winterfest will be held on February 1, 1998 from 1-5 P.M. at Germania Hall in Menasha, with a German heritage band.

Tickets are available from her. Connie Owens Schulz advised that Channel 10 is covering the City Council meeting this evening. The City Council may change their meetings to Thursdays to avoid these conflicts. She advised the Cable Advisory Commission is meeting on January 7th at 4 P.M. at City Hall regarding free speech for candidates running for office. She will check into Channel 10 taping the County Board meetings and having them shown on Cable TV throughout the county. The Cable Advisory Commission is paid by fees from the City of Oshkosh residents subscribing to cable TV. She advised there is a hearing tomorrow on SB 32 regarding changes in the Wisconsin Retirement System. She stated it will affect the county's unfunded liability. Supervisor Montgomery asked that someone from the Wisconsin Retirement System attend the next Legislative Committee meeting to discuss this.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

County Executive Van De Hey advised that Governor Thompson will be at the Oshkosh Correctional Center tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. and invited supervisors to be there. The DNR addition to the Coughlin building is coming along at a reasonable pace. The James P. Coughlin Building will be dedicated on January 28, 1998 at 10:30 A.M. Invitations will be sent out. Robert Putzer's son, David, was presented with a plaque in memory of his father's service on the County Board, and flowers for Mrs. Putzer.

APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR

At the December County Board meeting, the County Executive appointed Donald Kujawa as Emergency Government Director for one year, when it should have been four years. She asked that the County Board re-confirm this appointment for a four-year term. Motion by Supervisor Lauson and seconded to confirm. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

APPOINTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Executive Van De Hey appointment Supervisor Patrick Brennand to fill the unexpired term of Robert Putzer on the Solid Waste Management Board. Mr. Brennand's term will be immediately and expire on April 20, 1999. Motion by Supervisor Kramer and seconded to confirm. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mike Schlimm, Town Supervisor from the Town of Winchester spoke on land use planning. He would like the County Board to allow the towns to make their own plans. He asked the county to consider working with the Towns Association on this.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl read an article on the history of a fire in the old Courthouse many years ago. He read a letter from Mayor Laux, City of Menasha, thanking the Industrial Development Board for the loan. The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is preparing a list and inventory of land use planning for the Highway 45 relocation plan. He advised the County Board Speakers' Bureau gave 33 speeches in 1997 and that it has been a very positive program. He urged supervisors to read Representative Judy Klusman's report on legislative issues.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICT #20

Chairman Maehl asked for confirmation of Robert Warnke, 426 W. 16th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI to the vacancy created by the death of Robert Putzer in County Supervisory District #20. Motion by Supervisor O'Brien and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Chairman Maehl gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Warnke.

APPOINTMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Maehl asked for confirmation of Supervisor Robert Warnke to the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee. Motion by Supervisor O'Brien and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

APPOINTMENT TO HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Chairman Maehl asked for confirmation of Supervisor Robert Klitzke to the Highway Committee, for a term beginning immediately and ending April 21, 1998. Motion by Supervisor Kramer and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Marlene Mielke, Representative of Senator Herb Kohl, gave a report on a typical day in the life of Senator Kohl. He is an early riser, reads several newspapers and periodicals each morning. He arrives in his office before the staff. He meets with many Wisconsin visitors annually. He spends a great deal of time in subcommittee meetings and hearings, and on the Senator floor. She stated he is not a Washington "insider". He comes back to Wisconsin most every week-end. Marlene's job is very busy and challenging with not enough hours in the day. She detailed many issues in the Second Session of the Senate to be discussed: ISTEPA, Budget Surplus, Tax Reform, Reforming Medicare, etc. She feels the issue of designating the Fox River as a Heritage River will not be discussed soon because of the other issues pending. She believes some form of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill will be passed. Senator Kohl supported welfare reform, and to take it work, child care and transportation must be addressed. Since this is election year, they will adjourn on October 9th.

Supervisor Finch asked about the Notch Fairness Act regarding people born between 1917-1926 receiving less Social Security benefits than others. Ms. Mielke responded there is a bill like this before every Congress, but seldom gets passed. She will send a Congressional Research Briefing on this, plus Senator Kohl's remarks on it.

Supervisor Lauson asked about the USS Manitowoc being named. Chairman Maehl replied that he will meet with Congressman Petri, Senators Kohl and Feingold, Governor Thompson and the Secretary of the Navy in Washington on January 26th to promote this.

A ten-minute break was called in honor of Pat Brennand and James Koziczowski's birthdays. Cake was served.

COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Jerry Bougie, Assistant Planning Director, gave an update on the County's Comprehensive Plan. He stated a lot of the preliminary work, reports and maps have been done. The next step is to compile a Plan Document draft. He would like to incorporate town plans into the county plan. He will give periodic reports to the County Board. They will conduct public hearings and information meetings. Input from the public and townships will be considered. Supervisor Sundquist asked if the Airport Overlay has precedence over this plan. Mr. Bougie stated that it would have to be considered. Supervisor Sievert stated the townships feel the county is going to tell them what to do and how to do it. She urged a partnership agreement between the towns and county to develop the plan together.

Supervisor Schwartz moved and it was seconded to adjourn until January 20, 1998, at 6:00 P.M. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wolfe
Winnebago County Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago)ss

I, Linda Wolfe, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their Special Orders of Business meeting held January 6, 1998.

Linda Wolfe
Winnebago County Clerk