

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2000**

Chairman Joseph Maehl called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Supervisor Rankin.

The following Supervisors were present: 32 - Kollath, Griesbach, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Leschke, Green, Madison, Reilly, Sundquist, Wingren, King, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Finch, Spanbauer, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and Metzlig. Excused: 2 – Savas and Kramer. Absent: 4 – Barker, O'Brien, Crowley and Schaidler.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adopt the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

FOSTER CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Executive Jane Van De Hey commended all the foster parents in Winnebago County and thanked them for the help they have provided to many of the county's less fortunate children and adults.

Executive Van De Hey explained that September has been nationally designated as Foster Care Month. She recognized Dennis Wendt, Acting Human Services Director, and Cindy Pischke, Foster Care Coordinator, for their work and dedication in promoting foster care in Winnebago County.

Executive Van De Hey thanked Leo and Barbara Galica for their 33 years as foster parents.

Executive Van De Hey read and then signed the following proclamation:

Foster Care Month – September 2000

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our County, and

WHEREAS, in Winnebago County there are over 200 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family, and

WHEREAS, foster homes are licensed for fewer children today than they were prior to 1985, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, over 60 Winnebago County foster families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect and launching children into successful adulthood, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals and organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of a child in foster care, as well as, the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Van De Hey, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Executive of Winnebago County, do hereby proclaim September as Foster Care Month in Winnebago County and urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and the child welfare professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

In testimony thereof, I have heretofore, set my hand and caused the seal of Winnebago County to be affixed.

Done at the Courthouse of Winnebago County on this 5th day of September, 2000.

*Jane Van De Hey
Winnebago County Executive*

Dennis Wendt also thanked the Galica's for their service as foster parents for the last 33 years and for going a step beyond and adopting a number of their foster children.

Mr. Wendt stated that Winnebago County's is in need of 38 more foster families. He asked that each one of the 38 County Board Supervisors encourage their constituents to become involved in Winnebago County's foster care program.

Mrs. Galica stated that they have provided foster care to approximately 100 children and have adopted 11 of those children.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl reported that Supervisor Savas is recuperating at home and is planning on attending the September 26 County Board meeting.

Chairman Maehl reported that Supervisor Kramer is still in the Intensive Care Unit recovering from heart surgery. He is still suffering from various complications. Chairman Maehl asked that the Board keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Chairman Maehl extended "happy birthday" wishes to Supervisors Robl, Green, Madison, Savas, Sundquist and Kline.

MOTION: FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #71-82000:

WHEREAS, the undersigned Supervisor having voted on the prevailing side with regard to the above-referenced resolution at the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors held on August 15, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Supervisor does hereby move the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to reconsider Resolution #71-82000.

Submitted by:
THOMAS PECH, JR., DIST. #12
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Motion by Supervisor Pech and seconded to approve motion. Ayes: 30. Nays: 2 – Arne and Brennand. Excused: 2 – Savas and Kramer. Absent: 4 – O'Brien, Barker, Crowley and Schaidler.
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-82000: Authorize Purchase of Property from Guy Gerstmeyer and Christina M. Gerstmeyer and Appropriate \$275,000 for said Purchase: Wittman Regional Airport

WHEREAS, Guy Gerstmeyer and Christina M. Gerstmeyer have recently offered 5 parcels of property for purchase along the perimeter of Wittman Regional Airport, with the combined amount of said property equaling approximately 50 acres; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gerstmeyer have offered to sell said property to Winnebago County at a price of \$275,000; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Aviation Committee believes that the purchase of said land is a important component of the Airport Master Plan and that the requested price of \$275,000 is reasonable for the purchase of said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and Winnebago County Clerk to accept the deed from Guy Gerstmeyer and Christine M. Gerstmeyer for the purchase of 5 parcels of property in the Town of Nekimi by Winnebago County to be used as Airport property in the future at a price of \$275,000. The legal description of said parcels and a map indicating the location of said parcels is attached and hereby made a part of this resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the transfer of \$55,000 from the Capital Outlay Account of Wittman Regional Airport to be used for said purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and Winnebago County Clerk to borrow \$220,000 for purchase of said property from the State of Wisconsin Land Loan Program with interest payable annually on the unpaid balance at a rate of 4% per year. Principal of the loan would be paid off in 5 equal annual installments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the purchase of said property shall be contingent upon the approval of the County's application for a loan from the Wisconsin Land Loan Program.

Submitted by:
AVIATION COMMITTEE
AND
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Legal Descriptions of said Parcels for Resolution #71-82000:

- (1) A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 11, Township 17 North, range 16 East, in the Town of Nekimi, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 11; thence N1°-15'02"W, 974.50 feet along the West line of the SW1/4 of Section 11 to a point on said West line and the point of beginning; thence N88°-44'-58"E, 321 feet to a point; thence S1°-15'-02"E 211.50 feet to a point; thence S88°-44'-58"W, 90 feet to the Southeast corner of property described in Warranty Deed recorded as Document No. 676582 recorded in Winnebago County, Wisconsin Registry; thence N1°-15'-02"W, 181.50 feet along the east line of said parcel to the Northeast corner of said parcel; thence S88°-44'-58"W, 231.00 feet to a point on the West line of the SW1/4 of Section 11 which is the northwest corner of said parcel; thence N1°-15'-02"W along said West line of said Section 11, 30 feet to the pint of beginning.
- (2) A parcel of land located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 11, T17N, R16E, Town of Nekimi, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 11; thence N1°-15'-02"W, 763.00 feet along the West line of the SW ¼ of Section 11 to the point of beginning; thence continuing N1°-15'-02"W, 181.50 feet along said West line; thence N88°-44'-58"E, 231.00 feet at right angles to said West line; thence S1°-15'-02"E, 181.50 feet; thence S88°-44'-58"W, 231.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 0.96 acres of land more or less.
- (3) A parcel of land located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, and the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, and the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, and the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 11, T17N, R16E, town of Nekimi, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of Section 11; thence N01°-15'-02"W, 168.00 feet along the west line of the SW ¼ of Section 11 to the point of beginning; thence continuing N01°-15'-02"W, 595.00 feet along said West line; thence N88°-44'-58"E, 321.00 feet at right angles to said West line; thence N01°-15'-02"W, 211.50 feet; thence S88°-44'-58"W, 321.00 feet to the West line of the SW ¼ of Section 11; thence N01°-15'-02"W, 670.31 feet to the North line of the South 100 acres of the SW ¼ of Section 11 as evidenced; thence N89°-17'-43"E, 1511.96 feet along said North line to the West line of lands described in Document No. 442923; thence S00°-49'-08"E, 270.00 feet along said West line; thence S89°-17'-43"W, 152.51 feet; thence S01°-03'-40"E, 1313.20 feet to the North right-of-way line of C.T.H. "N"; thence S89°-34'-05"W, 1253.14 feet along said North line; thence N45°-50'-47"W, 142.43 feet along said North line to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 48.44 acres of land more or less. Subject to all easements and restrictions of record, reserving that part presently used for road purposes.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded. Ayes: 30. Nays: 2 – Arne and Brennand. Excused: 2 – Savas and Kramer. Absent: 4 – O'Brien, Barker, Crowley and Schaidler. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-82000: Authorize Advance Land Acquisition Loan Application

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors has deemed it to be in the best interest of Winnebago County to apply for a state loan to acquire land or interest in land for improvement of Wittman Regional Airport as is described in Resolution #71-82000, which is herewith attached by reference; and

WHEREAS, said resolution authorizes the Winnebago County Executive to apply for a \$220,000 loan from the State of Wisconsin Land Loan Program for purchase of said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute all necessary loan agreement documents and associated agency agreements on behalf of Winnebago County and to file with the Secretary of Transportation application for a loan from the Wisconsin Land Loan Program; and that said application in the following form is hereby approved, to-wit:

“APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION LOAN”

By Winnebago County,

TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION (In Care of Wisconsin Department of transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics)

THE APPLICANT, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SPONSOR, DESIRING TO ACQUIRE LAND OR INTERESTS IN LAND, RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS AND STATES:

1. The land to be acquired in fee simple or encumbered by easement is within the recommended minimum property limits shown in a Department approved Airport Layout Plan.
2. The land is needed for planned airport improvements and/or approach clearance, or protection from encroachment, for safety of aircraft using the airport.
3. The descriptions of the land and property interests are as follows:
50 acres more or less, residence and out buildings, Northeast of the intersection of Knapp Street Road and Fisk Avenue (County road N), Town of Nekimi, Winnebago County, and more specifically Described as is indicated in the attached resolution Of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, #71-82000, which is herewith attached and made a part of this application by reference.
4. The requested loan is to cover up to 80% of the total cost of the acquisition, including necessary project plans, environmental studies, land surveys, relocation costs, and all other costs incidental to the land acquisition process and cost documentation.
5. Land Loan funding breakdown:

Sponsor share (20%)	\$ 55,000.00
Loan Amount (80%)	<u>\$220,000.00</u>

Total Land Loan Project	\$275,000.00
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6. The Sponsor will forward 20% of the project funding, \$55,000.00 to the Bureau of Aeronautics, to be used in full before loan funds will be disbursed.
7. If actual costs incurred exceed the estimate and the established maximum is inadequate the loan amount may be adjusted up to 80% of a revised project cost by an amended agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Winnebago County when duly authorized by resolution of the Winnebago County Board.
8. Simple interest at the rate of four percent per annum will be paid annually by Winnebago County on the unpaid balance of the loan.
9. The amount of the loan, plus interest, will be repaid to the State, in full, within five years. Repayment may be annual budget appropriations, or project appropriations of Winnebago County, State and FAA, or a combination of both methods acceptable to the Secretary of Transportation and the applicant.

WHEREAS, Winnebago County is required by State Statute and Wis. Administrative Code (Trans 54.05) to designate the Secretary as its agent to accept, receive, receipt for and disburse any funds loaned by the State of Wisconsin under the Advance Land Acquisition Loan Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Winnebago County that the Secretary is hereby designated as its agent and is requested to agree to act as such in matters relating to the land loan project described above, and is hereby authorized as its agent to make all arrangements for the development and final acceptance of the completed work whether by contract, agreement, force account or otherwise, and particularly, to accept,

receive, receipt for and disburse monies, either public or private for planning and land acquisition, for the airport, and, to acquire property or interests in property by purchase, gift, lease or eminent domain under Chapter 32 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and, to supervise the work of any engineer, appraiser, negotiator subagent or other person employed by the Secretary; and, to execute any assurances or other documents required or requested by any agency of the state or federal government and to comply with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations relating to airport development projects.

Therefore, Winnebago County hereby requests that the Secretary order as provided in Section 114.33(8)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that Winnebago County may acquire the required land or interests in land that the Secretary shall find necessary.

THEREFORE, you are requested to take such action as may be deemed necessary by the facts presented.

Winnebago County Executive

Introduced: Date: _____

Passed: Date: _____

Attest: _____
County Clerk

I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, accurate, and complete copy of the original Resolution No. 72-82000 introduced and passed by the County Board on _____, 2000.

County Clerk

Submitted by:
**AVIATION COMMITTEE
AND
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 31. Nays: 1 – Brennand. Excused: 2 – Savas and Kramer. Absent: 4 – O’Brien, Barker, Crowley and Schaidler. CARRIED.

UW-FOX VALLEY THEATER PROJECT PRESENTATION

Chairman Maehl introduced Jim Perry, Dean of the UW-Fox Valley. Dean Perry distributed a “Frequently Asked Questions” and fact sheet on the UW-Fox Valley to the Supervisors.

Dean Perry explained that the 38 year-old theater on the campus is in urgent need of repair and renovation and that an engineering study is needed to begin that process. He acknowledged that the Board and Winnebago County have many other projects and financial responsibilities. However, Dean Perry also stated that the theater, like the rest of the county’s infrastructure, needs to be maintained and updated.

Dean Perry reported that enrollment for this fall is 1,614, up from 1,512 students last year. The percentage of students from Winnebago County is approximately 28%. The percent of students from Outagamie and Calumet Counties are 52% and 9% respectively. The remainder of the students come from other areas in northeast Wisconsin.

Dean Perry explained that the present theater is too small, it’s outdated and is unsafe. Some areas of concern are:

- lack of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and OSHA standards

- no wing space
- no fly space (area above the stage)
- heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system is outdated.
- no cat walks
- stage is too small
- risers are made of plywood
- not enough seating
- metal chairs are very uncomfortable
- no acoustics
- no sound amplification
- no staff office
- no orchestra pit

Dean Perry explained that an engineering study will determine if the current theater can be renovated or if a new building will be required. The engineering study will also determine if the improvements and increased seating capacity will make it necessary to construct the theater in a different location on the campus.

Grant Fisk, a former UW-Fox Valley student, and Professor Babcock-McClair both addressed the Board and stressed the importance of the theater to general education and the liberal arts curriculum.

Dean Perry urged the Board to consider approving the funding for an engineering study. He explained that an engineering study is the only way options and costs can be determined.

At approximately 7:35 p.m., the Board recessed for a 15 minutes break.
The Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY DOMESTIC ABUSE INVESTIGATION UNIT

Joseph Paulus, Winnebago County District Attorney, spoke to the Board about domestic violence in Winnebago County and what they are doing to address the situation. He explained that domestic violence is a real problem in the county and that the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit has been a most effective tool in battling this problem.

District Attorney Paulus explained that the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit was formed as the result of a three-year federal grant that the Domestic Abuse Intervention Team applied for and received. The grant money has been used to fund two full-time investigators who are exclusively assigned to domestic violence cases.

The other people that addressed the Board and expressed their support of this program were:

- Sheriff Michael Brooks
- Jim Harwell, Offender's Program Coordinator
- Tim Bakri, Domestic Abuse Investigator (Oshkosh Police Department)
- Ann Gollner, Domestic Abuse Investigator (Menasha Police Department)
- Judge Tom Gritton
- Leah Kitz, Regional Domestic Abuse Director
- Becky, domestic abuse victim

All of these people emphasized how the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit:

- gives the investigators the time they need to work with the victims to gain their trust and confidence
- helps establish relationships with the victims so they are able to get the information and cooperation they need to successfully prosecute the offenders
- empowers the victims and gives them a sense of freedom
- helps break the cycle of domestic violence in Winnebago County

District Attorney Paulus explained that there is only enough grant money to fund the program through

June 2001. In order to maintain this program, they will be requesting \$80,716.00 to cover the balance of 2001. After 2001, he hopes to make funding for the Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit a permanent part of his budget.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

I, Susan T. Ertmer, 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 Session held September 5, 2000.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk