

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

Chairman David Albrecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Lennon.

The following Supervisors were present: Sevenich, Barker, Brennand, Hotynski, Griesbach, Ramos, Pollnow, Hamblin, Albrecht, Anderson, Thompson, Lennon, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Drexler, Robl, Schmuhl, Kline, Locke, Eisen, Schaidler, Sievert, Diakoff, Ellis, Rengstorf, Lohry, Hall, Farrey, Lang and O'Brien. Excused: Arne, Egan, Finch, Koziczowski, Maehl and Widener.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adopt tonight's agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Notice of Claim from Alan D. Eisenberg for Jessica A. Bricco for a claim against the District Attorney's Office for alleged violation of her civil rights was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

The following resolutions received from various counties were referred to the Legislative Committee:

- ❖ Brown County – "Resolution in Opposition to 2007 Assembly Bill 438".
- ❖ Brown County – "Resolution Encouraging Governor James Doyle and the Wisconsin State Legislature to Include \$44 Million in the 2008-2009 State Budget for Locally Controlled Alternatives to Incarceration Programs Under the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program".
- ❖ Brown County – "Resolution Requesting that Congress Amend Federal Regulations to Prevent the Loss of Federal Entitlement Benefits".
- ❖ Eau Claire County – "Opposing 2007 Assembly Bill 438 Which Would Reduce the Number of Wisconsin Counties From 72 to 18 or Fewer".
- ❖ Marquette County – "Resolution to Urge Passage of Wisconsin State Budget".
- ❖ Oconto County – "Opposition to 2007 Assembly Bill 438".
- ❖ Oneida County – "Opposing the Release of Aquatic Invasive Species from Ocean Going Ships in the Great Lakes".
- ❖ Vilas County – "Opposition to 2007 Assembly Bill 438".
- ❖ Vilas County – "Requesting Federal Action to Enforce Existing Immigration Legislation".

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Barker invited the Board to join the citizens of the City of Menasha, Saturday, September 8 for the Isle of Valor dedication. This is a memorial to honor the Medal of Honor recipients from the City of Menasha.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht welcomed back Supervisor Brennand after an extended absence. He also announced Supervisors Arne, Egan, Finch, Koziczowski, Maehl and Widener were excused from tonight's meeting.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – TROOPER JEFFREY MILLER
SENATOR CAROL ROESSLER AND REPRESENTATIVE GORDON HINTZ**

Representative Gordon Hintz and Senator Carol Roessler presented State Trooper Jeffrey Miller with a Proclamation signed by them and Governor James Doyle honoring him as he retired from his duties after 26 years. Trooper Miller is a resident of the City of Oshkosh.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REPORT AND UPDATE CHRISTINE KINDERMAN, WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR

Christine Kinderman, Winnebago County Fair Association Director, has been on the Board for 5 years, but has been involved with 4-H since age 9. Mrs. Kinderman said that although all the numbers were not in from this years Fair, she would like to highlight different things that made the 2007 Fair a success.

Mrs. Kinderman introduced Sarah Kunde, 2007 Fairest of the Fair, who will be representing Winnebago County in January at the State Fair Convention. Ms. Kunde explained she is a "walking, talking promo for the Fair".

Mrs. Kinderman referred supervisors to a handout entitle "2007 Winnebago County Fair". She highlighted several points on the handout noting the increase in participants in both County Youth and Open Class. Mrs. Kinderman had corrections to premiums paid in both categories. (2006 amounts were listed.) They are \$9,611.75 for Junior and \$1,709.75 for Open Class.

Mackenzie Egan, Adam Stadtmueller and Joey Treu spoke to the Board on what 4-H meant to them. Harlan Hirschy spoke on "History and Other Facts About the Winnebago County Fair", which he put together. A copy was given to each supervisor.

Mrs. Kinderman closed by inviting the Board to attend the Winnebago County Fair Annual Meeting. It will be held Thursday, December 13, 7:30 p.m. at the James P. Coughlin Center. Copies of all handouts can be viewed in the County Clerks' Office.

MEDICARE PART D/PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM PRESENTATION CANDACE CORBETT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY ELDERLY BENEFITS SPECIALIST

Candace Corbett, Benefit Specialist for the Department of Human Services, introduced the new Benefit Specialist for Winnebago County, Joan Jaworski. Ms. Corbett referred supervisors to a handout entitled "Benefit Specialist Services". The pamphlet listed a variety of programs that Ms. Corbett can provide outreach for including:

- ❖ Medicare – Parts A, B, C & D and Seniorcare
- ❖ Medicare Supplemental Health Insurance
- ❖ Medicare Part C – Medicare Advantage Programs
- ❖ Social Security
- ❖ SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- ❖ Medical Assistance
- ❖ Homestead Tax Credit
- ❖ Nursing Homes
- ❖ Elderly Housing Options
- ❖ Energy Assistance

In 2006, Ms. Corbett counseled 853 seniors on Medicare Part D. Ms. Corbett stated she does a lot of public speaking and is available to all types of groups.

Medicare Part D is a new prescription drug act that was created as a result of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. She feels this is helping a lot of seniors who otherwise would not have any assistance with prescriptions. Of the 44 million Medicare beneficiaries, almost 50% are on the program. In Wisconsin, 24% are on Part D. In Winnebago County, 9.3% are on Part D. This is lower because of SeniorCare, which is scheduled to expire December, 2008. There are 2,331 recipients on SeniorCare at this time. Open annual enrollment for Medicare Part D is November 15 through December 31. Someone can enroll and change plans during this time.

Ms. Corbett referred supervisors to another handout placed on their desks regarding Medicare Part C-Medicare Advantage Plans. This is an alternative way to get Medicare coverage referred to as "Medicare in a box". Although she is not able to suggest any particular insurance, she can educate people in the differences. Included in the handout is a listing of the "Top 10 questions to ask each Medicare Advantage Plan". There are 4 types of Medicare Advantage Plans available in Winnebago County:

- ❖ HMO – You must see doctors and hospitals on the plan list except in an emergency. You will also need a referral.
- ❖ PPO – Preferred Provider Organization.
- ❖ PFF – Private fee-for-service
- ❖ Cost Plan

She suggested the biggest questions to ask are: Do your doctors accept this plan and what are the out-of-pocket expenses? Medicare Advantage Plans do not automatically renew like Medicare Supplement Plans.

All handouts can be viewed in the County Clerks' Office.

GENERAL ROUND-ABOUT INFORMATION BOB SCHUURMANS, WISDOT REGION TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Bob Schuurmans, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Region Traffic Engineer, is doing outreach on roundabouts in an effort to explain what they are, where and why they use them and how they work. In general, roundabouts have a variety of benefits including:

- ❖ Low entry speed
- ❖ Low circulating speeds
- ❖ Controlled yield at entry
- ❖ No weaving in circle
- ❖ Comfortable to drive
- ❖ High capacities – Up to 8000 vehicles per hour
- ❖ Better turning radii for trucks
- ❖ Safest type of intersection – Very few low speed minor crashes

Mr. Schuurmans said roundabouts should not be used where space required for the circle is not adequate or where drive sight of entry point is not available.

Mr. Schuurmans stated there are 49,000 crashes in Wisconsin each year with 39% of those occurring at intersections as well as 26% of fatalities and 52% of injuries. Statistics suggest roundabouts reduce accidents by 39%, injury-related injuries by 76% and fatalities by 90%. Mr. Schuurmans said the reduction of crashes results from conflict points or things to check at an intersection being reduced from 32 to roundabouts having only 8.

Mr. Schuurmans said there are 175 roundabouts planned on the state highway system. There are currently 17 constructed and operating – 7 with single lanes and 9 with multi-lane. Of those 9, 2 have high speed approaches. There are 125 proposed with 15 being single lane and 110 being multi-lane. He stated there are roundabouts proposed at the 41 corridor including Witzel Avenue, 9th Avenue, Highway 21, Highway 45 and Breezewood.

Mr. Schuurmans took questions from the Board. A copy of the presentation can be viewed in the County Clerks' Office.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess at 7:30 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

UPDATE ON UW FOX VALLEY COMMUNICATION ART CENTER AND DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION DEAN JAMES PERRY

Dean Perry began his presentation with a brief progress update on the planning of the Communication Art Center. Dean Perry showed a computer rendering of what the new Communication Art Center would look like. He stated there has been \$1 million of the \$2 million needed raised. The bids should be let in late fall and opened in January, 2008. Construction

should start in March, 2008 with the project being completed in 14 months and opening in the summer of 2009.

Dean Perry then began addressing the acquisition of additional property by showing an aerial view of the campus. There are two properties of interest:

1. 1655 University Drive - This is located on the northwest corner of the campus (Drum Corp Drive and University Drive) and is a former tooling building (ATS). This building is a combination of office and very large open space that could be converted into engineering labs. This sits on 2 acres of land.
2. 1428 Midway Road – This is currently housing an appraisal company. This land, minus the building, was originally a part of the campus, but was sold by the County in the 1980's. This has mostly office space and could be converted into classrooms. This sits on 1 acre of land.

The two buildings have 26,500 square feet and 110 parking spaces. On the first day of school, Dean Perry said cars were parked everywhere. There was not a space to be had. The university also rents parking spaces from Sabre Lanes for overflow parking.

Dean Perry said he knows there have been a variety of reasons stated as to why the purchase of these properties should not happen including the campus has already received the Communication Arts Center, it costs too much and this is a bad time-other projects are needed.

Dean Perry also had a list of why the purchases should happen including:

- ❖ The campus is land-locked
- ❖ Currently renting space for offices off campus,
- ❖ Population growth projections suggest campus demand will grow,
- ❖ Possibility of vertical expansion is questionable (Early tests have shown soil will not support a vertical expansion)
- ❖ Vertical expansion of 25,000 feet estimated to be \$5.6 million (2006) (no parking)
- ❖ Asking price for the two properties are \$960,000 and \$775,000 respectively

Dean Perry reported the action to date is:

- ❖ The Board of Trustees requested an investigation into the purchase of the properties.
- ❖ The Winnebago County Facilities & Property Management Committee proposed a resolution to direct the County Executive to investigate the purchase of the properties.
- ❖ The Outagamie County Property Committee voted to direct the Outagamie County Executive to investigate the purchase of the properties.
- ❖ The Outagamie County Board endorsed that resolution.

The plan would be to move the Engineering Department to the University Drive building and the Continuing Education Program and offices from Student Services could be moved into the Midway Road property.

Dean Perry took questions from the Board. A copy of the power point presentation can be viewed in the County Clerks' Office.

BUDGET – MARK HARRIS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Executive Harris said the departments were given targets in June for budget percentage increases that would be allowed that ranged from -5% to +3.5%. The Governor had proposed a new levy increase formula, which would be the greater of new construction or 4%. Since that time, the Assembly created their own formula of just new construction.

Executive Harris said that although after meeting with all the departments and Finance, they have been able to reduce the increase to 2.5%, there are still serious problems because of uncertainties with the State Budget including:

- ❖ The Budget was built assuming revenue sharing dollars would remain constant; however, the Assembly would trim 5% of the revenue sharing or a little more than \$200,000.
- ❖ When the Human Services built their budget, they were told there could be an increase in the rates the State would charge for juvenile placements, but there would be monies to offset those increases. Since then, both the Senate and Assembly

have agreed to increase the rates, but no money to offset that increase has been addressed. The Human Services built in funding for both. If that does not occur, the Human Services budget could be short \$300,000.

- ❖ Child Support has built \$122,000 of new revenue for enforcement in their budget that is still uncertain.
- ❖ Clerk of Courts built in a variety of new funding totaling \$229,000, which is also still uncertain.

Executive Harris said there is a total of approximately \$900,000 in monies currently budgeted by various departments that have uncertainties in their funding. Executive Harris said if the Senate version of the formula would be passed, all of the issues could be covered by the tax levy. If there is a compromise, and the revenues in question are left out, there will be a dramatic shortfall that could not be covered by the tax levy.

Executive Harris said there are substantial cuts in the proposed budget including an elimination of 30 full time employees. Equating \$900,000 to elimination of full time employees would mean elimination of 18 additional positions.

Executive Harris concluded by telling the Board that the Budget Books will go to print prior to the State settling their budget, so depending on what happens, there could be a need for addendum's to the Budget Book.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2007. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Rabe, Deputy
Winnebago County Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Patricia Rabe, 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 September 4, 2007.

Patricia Rabe, Deputy
Winnebago County Clerk