

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016**

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 Locke.

The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Harpt, Eisen, Ramos, Kiel, Roh, Smith, Widener, Scherck, Albrecht, Gabert, Egner, Thompson, Olson, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Brooks, Turner, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Kriescher.

Excused: Brewer, Hardy and Wingren.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the board.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.**

The following resolutions from other Counties were presented to the Board by Sue Ertmer, County Clerk:

- Iron County - #2888 – Resolution to Repeal the requirements of Act 55 related to Shoreland Zoning was referred to the Planning and Zoning and the Legislative Committees.
- Kewaunee County - #22-12-15 – Resolution in Support of a National Marine Sanctuary in Wisconsin's Mid-Lake Region and Inclusion of Kewaunee County's Coastal Areas was referred to the Legislative Committee.
- Shawano County - #67-15 – Resolution to Urge Amending the Law Concerning County Payment for Library Services was referred to the Legislative Committee.

New directories were placed on Supervisors' desks updating the calendar. The Organizational meeting in April will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the Business meeting on April 26, 2016.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Eisen attended Drug Court Graduation on Friday, December 18, 2015. Drug Court enables violators to have a chance to avoid incarceration by abstaining from drugs and alcohol, attending educational sessions, performing community service, testing for compliance and appearing in court to measure their progress. On December 18, 4 people graduated from Drug Court. There have been 96 graduates since 2005. Mr. Eisen further explained the benefits of the Drug Court and Safe Streets programs and invited anyone who wants more information to contact him.

Supervisor Locke noted that the January 26, 2016 business meeting for the County Board was not listed in the Directory.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Hardy, Wingren and Brewer are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht announced the supervisory districts that have opposition: District 13 – George Egner and Stephen Binder; District 16 – Johnny Brewer and Aaron Wojciechowski; District 24 – Michael Brooks and Andrew Buck; and District 25 – Andy Turner and Karen Powers. Supervisors that filed non-candidacy papers are: Supervisor Harpt, District 3; Supervisor Kiel, District 7; Supervisor Widener, District 9; and Supervisor Hardy, District 17.

**SWITCHGEAR POWER SYSTEMS PRESENTATION**

Bob Meriam, Chief Financial Officer for Switchgear Power Systems, introduced the Founder and President of Switchgear Power Systems, Gregg Shallbetter. Mr. Shallbetter thanked the Board and the Village of Winneconne, because he believes without the IDB loans, they might not be where they are today. He explained that they came to the Industrial Development Board three different times for loans, and are proud that they are able to be paying them back at the pace they are. Switchgear Power Systems' team is highly experienced electrical industry veterans with over 150 years of combined experience in the design, engineering, and manufacturing of power distribution equipment. Their mission is to serve the power distribution market with the highest level of customer service, flexibility and quality. Their products range from metal enclosures to full switchgear systems. SPS switchgear systems run from low voltage controls to up to 38kV. Mr. Shall better then took questions from the board and

extended an invitation to come and tour the business. A copy of his presentation is on file with the proceedings from this meeting in the County Clerk's office.

### **WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES AND PROGRAMS**

Susan van Houwelingen, Executive Director for the Oshkosh and Winnebago County Housing Authority, introduced Justin Mitchell, who is responsible for their home buyer program and runs scattered site family programs. The Housing Authority's mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination. They will ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing for their participants, as well as provide owners and developers with an opportunity to rehabilitate and develop affordable housing in our community. They maintain over 650 affordable rental units, including family, single, disabled and elderly units.

Ms. van Houwelingen went over the general eligibility criteria that is required to be able to live in one of their homes. She touched on the Winnebago County Housing Authority Program and how participants are able to save money to eventually purchase their own home. Slides were shown of properties that have been remodeled for the Housing Authority.

Housing Authority Laws are created under State Statute, they are State entities not Federal. Commissioners are appointed per State Statutes. No County funds are used for these programs and the County Executive appoints board members. Their website is [www.ohawcha.org](http://www.ohawcha.org). Ms. van Houwelingen and Mr. Mitchell then took questions from the board.

A copy of her presentation is on file with the proceedings from this meeting in the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)  
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Julie Barthels, 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 January 5, 2016.

Julie Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk