

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

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: 31 - Konetzke, Brunn, Eisen, Ramos, Powell, Roh, Smith, Scherck, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Thompson, Schorse, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Brooks, Powers, Locke, Hegg, Youngquist, Rasmussen, Keller, Ellis, Snider and Kriescher. Excused: 5 - Harpt, Long, Finch, Farrey and Egan.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Eisen reported that today, January 9th, is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He thanked our county officials along with municipal police officers for the job that they do. The board applauded in agreement.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Harpt, Long, Finch, Farrey and Egan were excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht reminded Supervisors that if they wish to attend the WCA's Legislative Exchange in Madison on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, they need to let the County Clerk's office know.

**PRESENTATION ON JAIL POPULATION AT THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY JAIL**

John Matz, Winnebago County Sheriff, provided an overall look at what is happening at the Winnebago County Jail regarding population and concerns that he has. The Corrections Division includes the Jail, Court Services Unit and Work Release Unit.

The jail has six inmate housing units, three direct supervision units and three indirect supervision pods. The inmates are classified using an objective classification system. The classification determines the level of privileges and programming that the inmates have access to. Other classification factors that are included are: if the inmate needs to be separated from the general population; any special needs regarding medicine or mental health monitoring; prison rape elimination act; and administrative confinement.

Sheriff Matz reported on the capacity of the Winnebago County Jail. The total capacity is 355 beds; functional capacity is 320 beds; and ideal capacity is 284 inmates. In 2017, the average length of stay for an inmate was 17.8 days. He provided charts showing the population at the jail for a number of years, along with numbers showing the different types of crimes committed--felonies, misdemeanors, etc. The number continues to rise and this is a major concern. As the population increases, so does the amount of crime.

Work release is a privilege that the inmates can exercise to leave the facility to go to work. Electronic monitoring is "house arrest" where the inmates are monitored for their GPS location and alcohol consumption. There is 24/7 alcohol and drug monitoring as well.

There are a number of Diversion Programs offered. The Sheriff's Department works together with the District Attorney's office and the Winnebago County Courts with these programs. The Sheriff's Department has a court services unit that transports inmates to different locations as well as provide security for the Courthouse. At the jail, they have a SecurPass Body Scanner to assist in finding items that are not allowed into the jail.

The Sheriff's Department contracts with different services including food service and nursing staff.

Sheriff Matz reported on a Kimme Study that was done in 2011, which shows the projected needs of the jail if the trends continue as they are.

Sheriff Matz then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is on file in the County Clerk's office with the proceedings of this meeting.

**WINNEBAGO WATERWAYS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Jessica Schultz, Executive Director of Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance; and Korin Doering, Winnebago Waterways Program Coordinator of Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance provided an update on the Winnebago Waterways Program. The Fox-Wolf

Watershed Alliance is an independent, nonprofit organization that identifies issues and advocates effective policies and actions that protect, restore and sustain water resources in the Fox-Wolf River Basin. They are based out of Kimberly, Wisconsin. The Fox-Wolf River Basin drains more than 6,300 square miles to the Bay of Green Bay. It is the largest drainage basin to Lake Michigan and the third largest to the Great Lakes.

The Alliance works with schools and agricultural entities to educate them in water quality. The goal of this project is to coordinate with stakeholders and project partners to develop a framework for cooperation throughout the region to improve upon existing programs and efforts that aim to restore or protect the health of the Winnebago Lakes.

Ms. Doering touched on the five phases of the Planning Project Progression Timeline. She explained why the lake management plan is needed. She stated that the lakes are vital to our local economies, they serve as a public drinking water source, and are important to long-held family traditions. A list of participating organizations was provided. The 2017 project highlights were: kicked off Lake Management Planning; defined the project area; the project framework was developed; partnerships were established; and four technical teams were formed.

Plans for 2018 include: continue moving existing technical teams forward; form additional technical teams; form focus groups, conduct aquatic vegetation surveys of all four lakes; begin drafting Lake Management Plan; and to continue public outreach and engagement.

Ms. Schultz thanked Winnebago County for their support of this project. The County's financial contribution to this project was used for a grant match to the Department of Natural Resources for a service water grant. Fox – Wolf Watershed is excited to be able to move forward, not with the planning, but with the implementation of this program.

Ms. Schultz and Ms. Doering then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is on file in the County Clerk's office with the proceedings of this meeting.

### **TRI-COUNTY ICE ARENA ANNUAL PRESENTATION**

Scott Horman, President of the Appleton Ice, Inc. Board of Directors, gave an update on happenings at the Tri-County Ice Arena. Investments in the infrastructure in past years include: replacing the chiller tower, new compressors, replaced and improved the lighting system, replaced the sound system and installed new carpeting. This was an investment of roughly \$200,000.00 in improvements. In 2017, they provided improvements to the fire alarm system at a cost of \$20,000.00. They are currently looking to purchase a zamboni. Future improvements include: interior painting; improving arena seating and removing and replacing the carpeting in the seating area; and paving an area of the parking lot.

Mr. Horman reported that he has seen a growth in the youth hockey level. In March, they will be host to a Youth Hockey Association Tournament.

Mr. Horman reported on a proposed new "Fox Cities Indoor Sports Facility". A hotel tax that has been implemented to help fund projects that will continue to drive hotel stays will aid in the funding for this project. This facility would house two hockey rinks and a hard court that would include four basketball courts or eight volleyball courts. Appleton Ice, Inc. is interested in managing this facility.

Mr. Horman then took questions from the board.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Konetzke to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

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County of Winnebago) ss

I, Julie A. 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 9, 2018.

Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk