

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD  
ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 and TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos 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: 34 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Smith, Nussbaum, Spellman, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Singstock, Buck, Locke, Wise, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 2 – Robl and Powers.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the board.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

Supervisor Eisen reported on his attendance at the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) mini-conference held in Neenah on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. They discussed funding for resilience during disasters.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Ramos reported that Supervisors Robl and Powers are excused from this meeting.

Chairman Ramos reminded Supervisors that Tuesday is County Government Day for students in Winnebago County. The American Legion will be assisting with tours through County offices and sponsoring a lunch for the students, County Board Supervisors and county department heads. The cost of the ticket is \$6.50.

After the lunch, students will join the county board and participate in the budget meeting.

**Resolution No. 233-102019: Adopt 2020 Annual Budget.**

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded by Supervisor Norton to adopt.

County Executive Harris began his presentation of the 2020 Budget

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S BUDGET PRESENTATION**

County Executive Harris began his presentation with an overview of the 2020 budget. The 2020 budget decreases operational rate by \$.16 and the capital rate by \$.02. The current state-imposed levy freeze requires us to cut the equalized tax rate so that revenues are offset by the appreciation of property. The only increase the county is allowed is the increase from new construction which is 1.37% in 2019.

Executive Harris explained that the average homeowner in Winnebago County will see a tax rate similar to last year. However, there are other things that can impact their tax rates, such as shifting taxes because of the reduced assessment of "dark store" properties or lower property assessments by the state for some businesses. These reductions in taxes must then be made up by an increase in homeowners' property taxes.

Executive Harris explained to the board that the 2020 budget does tax at the highest allowable tax rate under the levy freeze, so any increases to the budget will need to be offset by cutting an expense or taking the money from the county's reserves. He cautioned about taking money out of reserves for annually reoccurring expenses.

After taking questions from the board, Executive Harris began his presentation of the 2020 budget.

At approximately 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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, Borchert, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Smith, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Singstock, Buck, Locke, Wise, Finch, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 5 – Lenz, Spellman, Robl, Powers and Youngquist.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the board.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

There were no reports from the supervisors.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Ramos announced that Supervisors Lenz, Spellman, Robl, Powers and Youngquist are excused from today’s meeting.

Chairman Ramos reminded the board that today is Student Government Day and that tickets for the luncheon are still available.

**2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Executive Harris resumed his presentation of the 2020 budget.

At 11:45, a motion was made by Supervisor Finch, seconded by Supervisor Farrey, to recess for lunch. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

At approximately 1:20 p.m., Chairman Ramos and the board met with the students in the County Board Room. Chairman Ramos explained the county’s budget process to the students and then had them participate by discussing and voting on a resolution supporting single use plastic items.

Chairman Ramos dismissed the students at approximately 2:00 p.m and called the budget meeting back to order.

The following Supervisors were present: 30 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Ramos, Defferding, Smith, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Singstock, Buck, Locke, Wise, Finch, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 5 – Lenz, Spellman, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. Absent: 1 - Eisen. (Supervisor Eisen joined the meeting shortly after roll call was taken at 2:00 pm)

Executive Harris resumed his presentation of the 2020 budget.

At approximately 3:35 p.m., Executive Harris completed his presentation of the 2020 budget and Chairman Ramos called for a brief recess.

The Board returned from recess at 3:55 p.m. to act on the following amendments to the 2020 Budget:

**AMENDMENT (01): Add \$206,722 to the Budget of Facilities, Department of Human Services, and District Attorney’s Office, Collectively, for the Purpose of Establishing/Continuing the Diversion Program, Implementing Two Project Position Case Managers from the Department of Human Services, and Relocating the Office of Corporation Counsel**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$206,722 to the budget of the Facilities and Property Management Department, Department of Human Services, and District Attorney’s Office, collectively, as follows:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount	Page Number
1029-58002	Building Improvements	\$7,100	203
1101-53522	Small Equipment	9,300	219
1101-53580	Small Equipment Technology	18,000	219
1101-53000	Office Supplies	4,200	219

2332-1200-51100	Regular Pay	103,916	382
2332-1200-51200	FICA Medicare	7,950	382
2332-1200-51201	Health Insurance	45,828	382
2332-1200-51202	Dental Insurance	2,174	382
2332-1200-51203	Workers Compensation	616	382
2332-1200-51206	Wisconsin Retirement	7,014	382
2332-1200-51207	Fringe Benefits – Other	624	382

for the purpose of establishing a continuum of care for individuals transitioning between incarceration, probation, commitment, and the community, and would provide services to individuals with various needs as an alternative to temporarily holding them in our jail. A wide range of assessments and services would be provided with focus on mental health, AODA, and employment skills training. Other services would be available to help with transportation assistance, counseling services, benefit connections, housing assistance, and more. Because these resources already exist, the cost would be very low for the community and services would be targeted to some of the most in-need members of our community. Programs like this have reduced incarceration rates, improved community safety, and reduced taxpayer expenses in other areas. In creating this center, two project position Case Managers from the Department of Human Services will be necessary to complete the implementation. Additionally, a very small remodel of existing space would need to be done to relocate the Office of Corporation Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such an expense increase shall be offset by a reduction to the Undesignated General Fund Balance.

Submitted by:

BRIAN DEFFERDING, District 6

STEVEN LENZ, District 7

LAWRENCE W SMITH, District 8

STEPHANIE J SPELLMAN, District 10

STEVEN BINDER, District 13

AARON WOJCIECHOWSKI, District 16

BILL WINGREN, District 18

LARRY LAUTENSCHLAGER, District 19

MICHAEL NORTON, District 20

JERRY FINCH, District 28

CHUCK FARREY, District 30

W. THOMAS ELLIS, District 34

Motion by Supervisor Defferding, seconded by Supervisor Joas, to approve.

Motion by Supervisor Gordon, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht, to amend by removing, "...and Relocating the Office of Corporation Counsel" from Line 9; and "Additionally, a very small remodel of existing space would need to be done to relocate the Office of Corporation Counsel" from Lines 26 & 27.

Vote on amendment: Ayes: 29. Nays: 1 – Defferding. Excused: 6 – Lenz, Spellman, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Snider, to amend Line 26 by adding, "Additionally, avoiding displacement of an established department, Office of Corporation Counsel's Office space, that is critical for its operation when other space is not being used and is available."

Vote on amendment: Ayes: 19. Nays: 9 – Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Gabert, Wojciechowski, Wingren, Norton, Keller and Joas. Abstain: 1 – Schorse. Excused: 7 - Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Schorse, seconded by Supervisor Gabert, to amend Lines 8 & 9 and Line 25 by changing, "...Implementing Two Project Position Case Managers from the Department of Human Services" to "...Implementing One Project Position Case Manager and One Case Manager/Project Coordinator, from the Department of Human Services...." Additionally, changing \$206,722 to \$209,779 on Lines 5 and 12 to cover additional salary for the Case Manager/Project Coordinator position.

After additional discussion and clarification, the amounts in the resolution were also amended as follows: Regular Pay - \$107,057; FICA Medicare - \$8,190; Workers Compensation - \$61; Wisconsin Retirement - \$7,226; Fringe Benefits—Other - \$643.

Vote on Supervisor Schorse amendment - Ayes: 29. Nays: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 7 – Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Eisen, to amend the amount for "Building Improvements" from "\$7,100" to "\$80,000", and changing the total amount on Lines 5 & 14 to "\$282,579".

Vote on Supervisor Farrey's amendment – Ayes: 23. Nays: 5 – Brunn, Ramos, Albrecht, Schorse and Keller.

Absent: 8 – Lenz, Spellman, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.  
 Vote on Amendment (01) as amended: Ayes: 27. Nays: 2 – Albrecht and Konrad. Absent: 7 - Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

**AMENDMENT (02): Add \$40,000 to the Miscellaneous Unclassified Department’s Budget for the Purpose of Providing a Grant to Reach Counseling Services**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$40,000 to the Miscellaneous Unclassified Department’s Budget Account Number 1039-53565 (Operating Grants Account), on Pages 552 and 554 of the 2020 Winnebago County Budget, for the purpose of providing a grant to Reach Counseling Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such an expense increase shall be offset by a reduction to the Undesignated General Fund Balance.

Submitted by:  
 STEPHANIE SPELLMAN, District 10  
 STEVEN BINDER, District 13  
 JULIE GORDON, District 17

Motion by Supervisor Binder, seconded by Supervisor Norton, to adopt.  
 Ayes: 20. Nays: 8 – Eisen, Smith, Albrecht, Konrad, Schorse, Wingren, Rasmussen and Keller. Abstain: 1 – Gabert. Absent: 7 - Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

**AMENDMENT (03): Add \$66,023 to the Airport’s Budget for the Purpose of Creating a Deputy Airport Director Position**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$66,023 to the budget of the Airport, as follows:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount	Page Number
51701-51100	Regular Pay	\$67,440	294
51701-51200	FICA Medicare	5,159	294
51701-51201	Health Insurance	22,914	294
51701-51202	Dental Insurance	1,087	294
51701-51203	Workers Compensation	466	294
51701-51206	Wisconsin Retirement	4,552	294
51701-51207	Fringe Benefits – Other	405	294
51701-53505	Promotions Airport	(20,000)	296
51701-55007	Grounds Maintenance	(16,000)	296

for the purpose of creating the position of Deputy Airport Director. This new position will augment the existing airport staff and allow the department to achieve its short- and long-term goals more efficiently and in a shorter period of time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such an expense increase shall be offset by a reduction to the Airport Fund Balance.

Submitted by:  
 THOMAS J KONETZKE, District 1  
 MARIBETH GABERT, District 12  
 LARRY LAUTENSCHLAGER, District 19  
 ROBERT J WARNKE, District 21  
 HAROLD SINGSTOCK, District 23

Motion by Supervisor Konetzke, seconded by Supervisor Gabert, to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**AMENDMENT (04): Transfer \$10,000 from the County Fair Association Entertainment Use of Stage Line and Add it to the County Fair Association Line of the Miscellaneous Unclassified Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to transfer \$10,000 from the County Fair Association Entertainment Use of Stage Line and add that amount to the County Fair Association Line of the Miscellaneous Unclassified’s Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such a transfer will have no effect on the 2020 Winnebago County Budget.

Submitted by:  
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5  
STEVEN LENZ, District 7  
MARIBETH GABERT, District 12  
STEVEN BINDER, District 13  
BILL WINGREN, District 18  
LARRY LAUTENSCHLAGER, District 19  
MICHAEL NORTON, District 20  
JIM WISE, District 27  
CHUCK FARREY, District 30  
THOMAS J EGAN, District 33

Motion by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey, to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**AMENDMENT (05): Reduce the Human Services 2020 Budget (Group Home Account) by \$200,000**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete \$200,000 from the Human Services Department's 2020 Budget, Account Number 55046 (Group Home Account), on Page 386 of the 2020 Winnebago County Budget, for the purpose of reducing the Department of Human Services 2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such an expense reduction shall be offset by an increase to the General Fund Balance.

Submitted by:  
PAUL EISEN, District 4  
LAWRENCE W SMITH, District 8  
CHUCK FARREY, District 30

Motion by Supervisor Eisen, seconded by Supervisor Farrey, to approve.

After additional discussion, motion by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Norton, to call the question. Ayes: 27. Nays: 2 – Konetzke and Snider. Absent: 7 – Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

Vote on Amendment (05) – Ayes: 11 – Konetzke, Eisen, Defferding, Smith, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Wingren, Wise, Farrey, Ellis and Joas. Nays: 18. Abstain: 0. Absent: 7 – Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Lautenschlager, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. LOST.

**AMENDMENT (06): Reduce the Human Services 2020 Budget (Child Residential Care Center Account) by \$20,000**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete \$20,000 from the Human Services Department's 2020 Budget, Account Number 55047 (Child Residential Care Center Account), on Page 386 of the 2020 Winnebago County Budget, for the purpose of reducing the Department of Human Services 2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such an expense reduction shall be offset by an increase to the General Fund Balance.

Submitted by:  
PAUL EISEN, District 4  
LAWRENCE W SMITH, District 8  
CHUCK FARREY, District 30

Motion by Supervisor Eisen, seconded by Supervisor Smith, to approve.

Ayes: 10 – Konetzke, Brunn, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Smith, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Farrey and Joas. Nays: 20. Abstain: 0. Absent: 6 – Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. LOST.

**AMENDMENT (07): Reduce the Human Services 2020 Budget (Professional Services Account) by \$20,000**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2020 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete \$20,000 from the Human Services Department's 2020 Budget, Account Number 55014 (Professional Services Account), on Page 386 of the 2020 Winnebago County Budget, for the purpose of reducing the Department of Human Services 2020 Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such an expense reduction shall be offset by an increase to the General Fund Balance.

Submitted by:  
PAUL EISEN, District 4  
LAWRENCE W SMITH, District 8  
CHUCK FARREY, District 30

Motion by Supervisor Eisen, seconded by Supervisor Borchart, to approve.

Ayes: 10 – Konetzke, Brunn, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Smith, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Farrey and Joas. Nays: 20. Abstain: 0. Absent: 6 – Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. LOST.

**RESOLUTION NO. 233-102019: Adopt 2020 Annual Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the 2019 Annual County Budget, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, be and same is hereby adopted.

Submitted by:  
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Ramos called for a vote on Resolution 233-102019, as brought forth at Monday evening’s meeting by Supervisors Finch and Norton.

Ayes: 30. Nays: 0. Absent: 6 – Lenz, Spellman, Gordon, Robl, Powers and Youngquist. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Konetzke, to adjourn until November 19, 2019. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Susan T. Ertmer  
Winnebago County Clerk

State of Wisconsin)  
County of Winnebago) ss

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 budget hearings held October 28 & 29, 2019.

Susan T. Ertmer  
Winnebago County Clerk