

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the Virtual ZOOM meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Winnebago County Administration Building at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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

The following Supervisors were present: 33 - Konezke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Neuhoff, Nussbaum, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Bolante, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Locke, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 2 – Spellman and Warnke. Vacant: 1

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt the agenda for this evening's meeting.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

Katie Campbell, 614 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh; expressed her concern about the Public Health Department's information categorizing racism as a public health crisis in Wisconsin.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ramos stated that Supervisors Spellman and Warnke are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Ramos reported that he has received applications from two people for the vacancy in District 27. He will present his appointment for this vacancy to the board at the October 20, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Ramos stated that on August 26, the new mobile command post was delivered to the Sheriff's Office. Linda Kollmann, Winnebago County Emergency Management Director, stated that it "exceeded their expectations."

Chairman Ramos announced that the WCA's task force has completed their report on the public health officers' authority issue. While it provides counties with guidance, it does not provide a model ordinance or specific recommendations for an ordinance. The County Clerk's Office will provide board members with a link to this report.

Chairman Ramos pointed out that County Board Rule 1.1 specifies that when an election falls on the third Tuesday of a month, the county board meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday that month. Because in February every year there is the potential for a Spring Primary Election on the third Tuesday, followed one week later by the March Special Orders Meeting, Chairman Ramos suggested that the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee look at proposing a change to Rule 1.1 to make it the second Tuesday of the month when an election falls on the third Tuesday. He asked for the board's opinion on this issue.

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Sheriff John Matz introduced Investigator Mike Sewall, of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. Investigator Sewall started working for Winnebago County in 2013 and participated in various projects with the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. His specialty evolved into internet crimes against children and the development of the "Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce".

Investigator Sewall gave a PowerPoint presentation that described the ICAC Taskforce and explained that their mission is to, "conduct proactive online investigations" into internet crimes against children. Investigator Sewall explained that some of the ways they do this is by posing online as a child or as an adult interested in children. They conduct these investigations on all different websites and smart phone applications that children use. He explained that he is online to be a "silent shield" and let child predators prey on him instead of the children.

Another part of their investigations is "peer-to-peer child exploitation material investigations." Investigator Sewall explained that these are actual pictures and videos of child sexual assaults. He stated that this is a growing problem in Winnebago County. In some of their cases, they have found millions of images shared and stored on peoples' computers.

Investigator Sewall stated that they also handle cyber tips that come from online social media organizations such as Facebook. If an online organization detects inappropriate materials or conversations, they notify the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, who then involves the appropriate state's Department of Justice.

In January 2020, Winnebago County's ICAC Taskforce began working with the FBI and became involved in an international undercover operation. Investigator Sewall explained that they have a national and international collaboration with numerous agencies, as well as, important relationships with other states' agencies and departments. There is excellent cooperation between these agencies because they are dealing with crimes against innocent children.

Investigator Sewall explained his involvement in community and law enforcement training on basic internet security for high school students and their parents. He stated that he also works with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and other agencies in dealing with high risk sex offenders.

Investigator Sewall then described the case of Steve Young, a 41 year old 8th grade teacher from Kansas who used

various applications to communicate with him while he posed as a 14 year old girl. Some of the applications he used to communicate were TeenChat, Facebook, TinyChat, etc. Investigator Sewall corresponded with Mr. Young for about 4 months before they were able to charge him with electronic solicitation of a minor, sexual exploitation of a child, and possession of child sexual abuse materials. He was sentenced to 61 months in prison.

Investigator Sewall described some of the new trends they are seeing, such as sextortion, online grooming, and the "Dark Web". He stated that that they have had two cases of "sextortion" in Winnebago County that have led to the suicide of the victims.

In Winnebago County over the last 4+ years, there have been over 200 arrests, 1500 suspects/future arrests from 40 different states and 12 countries.

Trevor Sisk, FBI Supervisory Special Agent of the Milwaukee FBI field office, explained his role as the leader of the child exploitation and human trafficking task force for law enforcement agencies, including Winnebago County. Special Agent Sisk discussed the FBI's relationship with Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and Investigator Sewall. He explained that a US attorney in Green Bay contacted the FBI and recommended that he contact Investigator Sewall and Winnebago County because of their "forward leaning" and high-tech investigations. He felt that they would benefit from the FBI and their national and international resources. Investigator Sewall is now a task force officer on this FBI's task force.

Agent Sisk discussed the various cases that they have worked with Winnebago County and stated that "Kick Boxer" is the name for all cases that involve Winnebago County. He explained that Winnebago County and the FBI have established what their priority targets are going to be—positions of public trust, hands-on offenders and producers of child pornography. These are the "worst of the worst" and will be their main focus. Agent Sisk explained how the FBI and Winnebago County have coordinated their resources to identify and capture these individuals. He then discussed and explained various cases.

After their presentations, Sheriff Matz, Investigator Sewall and Agent Sisk to questions from the Board.

WINNEBAGO WATERWAYS LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chad Casper, Acting Director of the Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Department, explained that the Winnebago Waterways Lake Plan comes after years of hard work and study by numerous entities of the four Winnebago Lakes—Butte des Morts, Poygan, Winnebago and Winneconne. Mr. Casper explained that the Winnebago Waterways is a resource that has a multi-million dollar economic impact on the five-county region's economy and that the goal of this plan is to restore and protect this resource.

Mr. Casper explained that the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) developed this plan with help and funding from the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago; and with input from many other agencies, organizations and individuals. Mr. Casper introduced Jessica Schultz and Korin Doering from FWWA, who gave a detailed explanation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan.

Ms. Doering explained that work on the plan began in 2010 and went through various phases. The first phase was community outreach to determine what are some of the key issues with the waterways. Some of the issues identified are algae bloom, runoff and invasive species. Phase two explored options to manage the lake system. During the next phase, the three counties entered into an agreement to create an executive committee to oversee this project. That executive committee then selected FWWA to develop the plan.

The goals of the plan as listed in their presentation are:

- Water Quality – increase the health of our lands and waterways to ensure our lakes, rivers and streams are fishable, swimmable and aesthetically enjoyable.
- Habitat, Fishery & Wildlife – Restore and protect habitat to support self-sustaining populations of fish and wildlife.
- Recreation – Increase use and enjoyment of the waterways.
- Outreach & Engagement – Build an engaged community supportive of recovery efforts and ongoing protection of our waterways.

Following their presentation of the details of the plan, Ms. Schultz and Ms. Doering took questions from the Board. A copy of their presentation is available from the County Clerk's Office.

HEALTH EQUITY IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Doug Gieryn, Public Health Director; and Niki Euhardy, Policy & Equity Coordinator; explained how social and economic opportunities in a community impact the health of its citizens.

Ms. Euhardy stated that 50% of our health is determined by "social, economic & environmental factors", such as education, housing, employment, etc.

Ms. Euhardy explained that "health disparity" is, the "difference in health status and mortality rates across population groups"; and "health inequity", is the "Differences in population health status and mortality rates that are systemic, avoidable, unfair and unjust...."

Ms. Euhardy's presentation pointed out that in order to achieve health equity, obstacles to health need to be removed. Some of the obstacles that need to be removed are: poverty, discrimination and power imbalances, along with their consequences.

Ms. Euhardy's presentation included examples of equality vs. equity; the differences in opportunities for health based on where you live in Winnebago County, your income, social status, race, etc. She also discussed the results of the survey conducted on Winnebago County by the Health Department's internal health equity team to determine the county's level of health equity. The results show that in Winnebago County there are, "significant differences in health outcomes from one zip code to the next and among racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups."

Ms. Euhardy took questions from the Board.

A copy of Ms. Euhardy's presentation is available from the County Clerk's Office.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Defferding, to adjourn until the September 15, 2020 Business meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

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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 the Special Orders Session held on September 1, 2020.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk