

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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: 36 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Neuhoff, Nussbaum, Spellman, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Bolante, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Locke, Cox, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas.

Motion by Supervisor Egan and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following people spoke in opposition to "Ordinance No. 096-102020 - Amend Section 11.08 of the General Code of Winnebago County: County Health Officer":

- Pat Piper – 2054 Shawnee Lane, Oshkosh
- Jenifer Koser – 5872 Harbour Street, Winneconne

The following people spoke in support of "Resolution No. 107-122020 – Create a Diversity Affairs Commission":

- Tanisha Alvarado – 939 Grand Street, Oshkosh
- Mee Yang – 2825 Prairie Wood Drive, Oshkosh

The following person spoke about concerns with "Resolution No. 107-122020 – Create a Diversity Affairs Commission":

- Jenifer Koser – 5872 Harbour Street, Winneconne

**COMMUNICATIONS and PETITIONS**

- Correspondence
  - Resolution from other counties:
    - Eau Claire County – "Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature to Convene in Special Session to provide COVID-19 Direction for the State of Wisconsin" was referred to the Legislative Committee.
    - Monroe County – "Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding" was referred to the Legislative Committee.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

No reports from Committee, Commissions or Boards.

Motion by Supervisor Konetzke and seconded by Supervisor Lautenschlager to approve the proceedings from the November 17, 2020 board meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Executive Harris commended two people for all their years of dedication, service and commitment to Winnebago County:

- Dale Witzke – 24 years of service on the Veterans' Service Commission; 6 years as a Winnebago County Board Supervisor, and his service in the U.S. Air Force.
- Jim Koziczowski – 30 years of service on the Human Services Board; Serving on the Lakeland Care District Board; and 16 years as a Winnebago County Board Supervisor.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Administrator of Park View Health Center**

Executive Mark Harris asked for the Board's approval of his appointment of Kara Gruber as the Administrator of Park View Health Center. Motion by Supervisor Snider and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**Human Services Board**

Executive Mark Harris asked for the Board's approval of his re-appointments of Supervisor Michael Norton and Supervisor Stephanie Spellman to the Human Services Board. These are three-year terms which will expire December 31, 2023. Motion by Supervisor Gordon and seconded by Supervisor Buck to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

### **Human Services Board**

Executive Mark Harris asked for the Board's approval of his appointment of Harold Singstock, 229 N. Meadow Street, Oshkosh to the Human Services Board. Mr. Singstock will replace Jim Koziczowski whose term will expire December 31, 2020. This is a three-year term which will expire December 31, 2023. Motion by Supervisor Konetzke and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

### **Local Emergency Planning Commission**

Executive Mark Harris asked for the Board's approval of his appointment and re-appointments of Kaylin Van Stappen, Emergency Manager, Town of Clayton; Todd Sweeney, Fox Crossing Fire Department; Beth Erdman, General Engineering Co.; Tracy Miller, Advocate Aurora Medical Center; Janell Tatro, Fox River Valley Ethanol, LLC; Gene Wallis, American Red Cross Volunteer; and Jerrod Phipps, Hydrite Chemical; to the Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Ms. Van Stappen will replace Representative Mike Rohrkaste whose term will expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Phipps will replace Nick Barden whose term expired. These are three-year terms which will expire December 31, 2023. Motion by Supervisor Gordon and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

### **Winnefox Library Board of Trustees**

Executive Mark Harris asked for the Board's approval of his re-appointment of Elizabeth M. Irish, 929 Reddin Avenue, Neenah; and Katherine Freund, 511 Hansen Street, Neenah; to the Winnefox Library Board of Trustees. These are three-year terms which will expire December 31, 2023. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

### **COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Ramos reminded the Supervisors of the Special Orders meeting to be held on January 5, 2020. At this meeting, Winnebago County Departments present their capital projects for the year 2021.

Chairman Ramos thanked the Public Health Department, the first responders, police, fire fighters, EMS and essential workers for all their hard work and dedication during the pandemic. They are truly appreciated. Chairman Ramos asks that we continue to pull together as a community.

Chairman Ramos wishes everyone a Wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

### **PURCHASE OF MICROWAVE NETWORK EQUIPMENT**

Sheriff John Matz introduced Captain Lara Vendola to present the microwave network equipment 2021 capital improvement project. This is the radio system used by all public safety entities. There are approximately 1,550 subscribers that belong to devices in Winnebago County. In 2019, there were 1.8 million transmissions by Winnebago County users.

Winnebago County shares this system with Outagamie County. This agreement is good thru December 31, 2031. The system used is Astro 25 Radio System with Motorola. The County is in a 10-year maintenance agreement with Motorola for \$5.1 million.

Winnebago County owns four towers that have microwaves attached to them. Microwaves operate in a circuit/loop/ ring pattern. The current cambium links support is at the end of its life. No firmware updates, no new equipment or parts and when one malfunctions, it will need immediate replacement.

Each link is priced individually. Motorola recommended that we go directly to Baycom. The price to install the microwaves would be \$350,200.00. Baycom would be the sole source provider to upgrade to carrier grade microwaves.

Capt. Vendola and Sheriff Matz then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the Winnebago County Clerk's office at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI.

### **ZONING REPORTS AND ORDINANCES**

- Report No. 001: Naomi E. and Thomas M. Vrhovnik – Town of Black Wolf. Motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Buck to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
  - Amendatory Ordinance No. 12/01/20 – Rezoning from A-2 General Agriculture to R-1 Rural Residential for tax parcel no. 004-0497-03. Motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Joas to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective Date: December 21, 2020)
- Report No. 002: Audrey I. Patoka Revocable Trust and Darrin Kuehn – Town of Neenah. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Gabert to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
  - Amendatory Ordinance No. 12/02/20 – Rezoning from I-1 Light Industrial and B-3 Regional Business to B-3 Regional Business for tax parcel no. 010-0151-05. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Defferding to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective Date: December 21, 2020)
- Amendatory Ordinance No. 12/03/20 – Town of Utica on behalf of Marek Potratz for zoning change from A-2 General Agriculture to RR Single Family Residential for tax parcel no. 024-0186. Motion by Supervisor Egan and seconded by Supervisor Gabert to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective Date: December 21, 2020)

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 108-122020:            **Authorize the Winnebago County Parks Department to Accept a Donation in the Amount of \$1,705 to Purchase and Install a Memorial Bench on the WIOUWASH Trail****

WHEREAS, a local family has indicated their desire to donate \$1,705 to the Parks Department's Memorial Bench Donation Program; and

WHEREAS, this donation will be applied towards the purchase and installation of a stone aggregate bench for placement on the WIOUWASH Trail; and

WHEREAS, it is standard practice for families to provide a bronze plaque engraved with a short statement to be inset into the backrest of the bench.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Parks Department to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,705 to purchase and install a memorial bench.

Submitted by:  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Konetzke and seconded by Supervisor Lautenschlager to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. ABSTAIN: 1 – Finch.

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-122020:            **Authorize Execution of Airport Ground Lease Assignment for Sonex Aircraft Between Jeremy, LLC and Betty, LLC****

WHEREAS, Jeremy, LLC desires to assign its interest in a ground lease agreement at Wittman Regional Airport to Betty, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the existing lease agreement was executed on August 1, 2004, and including all option terms, expires on July 31, 2044; and

WHEREAS, the existing lease agreement was assigned from Betty R. Monnett to Jeremy, LLC and Betty, LLC on February 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Committee believes that said assignment is in the best interests of Winnebago County and has approved said assignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves an assignment and assumption of lease between Jeremy, LLC and Betty, LLC for the ground lease encompassing 11,620 square feet of property at Wittman Regional Airport pursuant to those terms as stated above. A complete copy of said assignment is available upon request from the Wittman Regional Airport Manager and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Resolution.

Submitted by:  
AVIATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Gabert and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 110-122020:            **Authorize Execution of Airport Lease Between the Federal Aviation Administration and Winnebago County****

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) desires to renew its lease for space occupied in the Wittman Regional Airport's Air Traffic Control Tower facility; and

WHEREAS, the prior lease expired on September 30, 2018, and the term of the new lease began on October 1, 2019, and is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the FAA will continue to compensate Winnebago County in the amount of \$5,000 annually for services rendered at the Air Traffic Control Tower property; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Committee believes that said lease is in the best interests of Winnebago County and approved said lease on September 2, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves a lease between Winnebago County and the Federal Aviation Administration for 3,247 square feet of space at the Wittman Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower pursuant to those terms as stated above. A complete copy of said lease is

available upon request from the Wittman Regional Airport Manager and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Resolution.

Submitted by:  
AVIATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Gabert and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-122020: Create a Diversity Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, achieving equity and advocacy for minority populations throughout Winnebago County will foster cross-cultural understanding and embrace our diversity; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to attain better equality for all citizens of Winnebago County including our minority population, your undersigned proposes creating a Diversity Affairs Commission comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the County Board Chair, specifically two (2) County Board Supervisors, one of whom is a member of the UW-Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee, and five (5) County citizens representing various diverse groups within Winnebago County, with each member serving a two-year term concurrent with the terms of the County Board Supervisors. This steering committee will represent the larger community coalition of interested individuals; and

WHEREAS, this Commission shall meet on the dates and times established by the Commission bylaws, and meetings are subject to the same rules and regulations of other Winnebago County committees, commissions and boards, and shall be accountable to the UW-Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, duties and responsibilities of this Diversity Affairs Commission shall include the following:

- Create and update a Strategic Plan and Bylaws to guide and support the Commission's mission. This Strategic Plan and Bylaws shall be adopted by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.
- Function as leaders and/or co-leaders for the core strategies of the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- Utilize meetings to coordinate efforts, share information, and request resources to aid Commission members in providing leadership to teams of community leaders, key stakeholders, and residents in moving forward strategic priorities including, but not limited to:
  - Expanding visibility of the Diversity Affairs Commission and developing a liaison with the new and existing minority groups;
  - Fostering diversity leadership that attracts and retains young adults in our communities;
  - Promoting equal and fair access to public services; and
  - Promoting school success for minority group children in the K-12 educational system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the creation of a Diversity Affairs Commission for the purpose of achieving diversity equality within Winnebago County as described above.

Submitted by:  
UW-EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE  
COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Supervisor Eisen and seconded by Supervisor Konrad to amend the following:

- Line 9: Change "County Board" to "County Executive"
- Line 14: Add a Whereas line regarding the UW Extension Community Educator position
- Line 14: Add a Whereas line regarding the Human Services Outreach Specialist position
- Line 16: Accountable to the County Board, not UW-Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
- Line 19: Change the word "shall" to "should"
- Line 32: Add a line authorizing the Community Educator and Outreach Specialist, as part of their duties, be assigned to the Diversity Commission

Vote on Supervisor Eisen's Amendment: AYES: 5 – Konetzke, Brunn, Eisen, Schorse and Rasmussen; NAYES: 28; NOT RECORDED: 3. FAILED

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Snider to amend the following:

- Line 9: Change "County Board" to "County Executive"
- Line 19: Change the word "shall" to "should"

Vote on Supervisor Farrey's amendment: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

After discussion, vote on resolution as amended: CARRIED BY VOTE

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Finch to adjourn until the January 5, 2021 meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)  
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 regular meeting held December 15, 2020.

Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk