

**ORGANIZATION AND ORIENTATION SESSIONS  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020**

Sue Ertmer, Winnebago County Clerk, called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board to order at 6:00 pm, from the County Administration Building, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Evers' "Safer At Home" Order, meeting was held virtually over the internet using ZOOM video conferencing.

Roll call was taken and showed that 36 members were present: 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, Wise, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an Invocation was shared by Supervisor Locke.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Executive Harris congratulated the new and returning County Board Supervisors on their election to the Board. He believes the next two years will be an exciting time for the Board.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Judge Barbara Key administered the oath of office to the Supervisors via a video and audio ZOOM internet connection. After the oath was administered and at the direction of Judge Key, a roll was called of the Board to verify that each supervisor had taken their oath. All 36 supervisors affirmed that they had taken their oath.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

**ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN**

County Clerk, Sue Ertmer, called for nominations for Chairman of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Supervisor Wingren to nominate Supervisor Shiloh Ramos as Chairman and that a unanimous ballot be cast.

A unanimous ballot was cast for Supervisor Shiloh Ramos to be the County Board Chairman for the 2020-2022 term of the board. **CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Chairman Ramos thanked everyone for re-electing him as their chairman. Chairman Ramos then welcomed all the returning and newly elected supervisors to the board.

**ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Ramos called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht to nominate Supervisor Thomas Egan as Vice Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Norton to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Thomas Egan as Vice Chairman.

A unanimous ballot was cast for Supervisor Thomas Egan to be the County Board Vice-Chairman for the 2020-2022 term of the board. **CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Vice-Chairman Egan thanked everyone for their trust and promises to support the board thru these trying times.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 001-042020: Adopt the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Subject to Three Amendments**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby adopts the 2018- 2020 Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for the 2020-2022 session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, subject to the following amendments:

Rule 1:1: The meetings of the County Board shall be held in the Board of Supervisors' Room at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. When an election falls on the third Tuesday of the month, the County

Board meeting shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. *This Rule may be waived by the County Board Chairperson as a result of a local, state, or national declared emergency.*

- Rule 11.6: All votes cast shall be cast only if the Supervisor is present at his or her desk. *This Rule may be waived by the County Board Chairperson as a result of a local, state, or national declared emergency.*
- Rule 3.8: The Rules of the Board shall be amended during the two-year period only by a two-thirds vote of those present at a meeting, except at the Annual Organizational Meeting, at which time a majority of those present shall rule. *This Rule may be waived by the County Board Chairperson as a result of a local, state, or national declared emergency.*

Submitted by:  
BILL WINGREN, District 18  
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded by Supervisor Konetzke to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 002-042020: Postpone All Non-Essential Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Rule Changes to the July 21, 2020 Second Organizational Meeting and adhere to the Usual Organizational Meeting Voting Requirements at said Second Organizational Meeting**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the Corona Virus (n/k/a "COVID-19") was detected, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Winnebago County Executive declared a Public Health Emergency pursuant to §323.14, Wis. Stats., and acting under said statutes' power, vowed to do whatever is necessary and expedient for the health and well-being of the employees and residents of Winnebago County in the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that all non-essential Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Rule changes be postponed to July 21, 2020, and adhere to the usual Organizational Meeting voting requirements at said Second Organizational Meeting.

Submitted by:  
BILL WINGREN, District 18  
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded by Supervisor Defferding to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Snider to amend line 20 to strike "to" and replace it with "no later than". Motion CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Supervisor Nussbaum offered a friendly amendment to add a line between lines 12 and 13: "Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 27, 2020." Vote on Resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 003-042020: Extend Committee Assignments to ~~May 29~~ July 21, 2020 [at the latest]**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the Corona Virus (n/k/a "COVID-19") was detected, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Committee assignments shall continue as currently stands, with vacancies to be filled by the chair or vice-chair, with any new committee on committee assignments to be determined, at the latest, by May 29 July 21, 2020.

Submitted by:  
BILL WINGREN, District 18  
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded by Supervisor Konetzke to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Nussbaum for a friendly amendment to the resolution to include a line stating: "Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 27, 2020." This motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Supervisor Lenz and seconded by Supervisor Schellenger to amend Line 19 to change "July 21, 2020" to "May 15, 2020" and to add a line stating "Be it further resolved that the newly appointed committee members will by no later than May 29, 2020 meet and appoint committee officers".

Motion by Supervisor Schorse and seconded by Supervisor Brunn the call the question for Supervisor Lenz's amendment. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on Supervisor Lenz's amendment: AYES: 9 – Borchart, Defferding, Lenz, Bolante, Gordon, Norton, Schellenger, Buck and Wise; NAYES: 26; ABSENT: 1 – Spellman. FAILED.

Motion by Supervisor Wingren, seconded by Supervisor Konetzke, to call to question. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Supervisor Eisen asked when a resolution ratifying County Executive Harris' proclamation of a public emergency in Winnebago County will be presented to the Board. Chairman Ramos stated that if the Board meets on April 28, it will be presented at that time. If not then, at the next meeting of the Board.

Chairman Ramos thanked everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Finch to adjourn until April 28, 2020 business meeting at 6:00 p.m. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 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 organizational meeting held April 21, 2020.

Julie Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk