

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

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 Powers.

The following Supervisors were present: 33 - Konezke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Neuhoﬀ, Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Bolante, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Zellmer, Schellenger, Powers, Cox, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 3 – Lenz, Buck, and Locke

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

PUBLIC HEARING

No one from the public addressed the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ramos reported that Supervisor Lenz, Buck and Locke are excused from this meeting.

Chairman Ramos announced that the next meeting of the Winnebago County Board will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Winnebago County Courthouse. This will be a "hybrid" meeting, ZOOM and in-person. Challenges are expected.

Chairman Ramos congratulated Supervisor Chuck Farrey on his appointment to the Wisconsin Counties Association Resolutions Committee.

Chairman Ramos recognized that this is Public Service Recognition Week. He thanked the County Board Supervisors, all department heads and Winnebago County staff for their hard work and dedication especially during this last year.

UWO FOX CITIES CAMPUS: 2020 AND BEYOND

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt provided pictures and a briefing on the development of the campuses. UWO Fox Cities Campus is celebrating 150 years of excellence and opportunity. A celebration is being planned for this fall.

Dr. Martin Rudd, Assistant Chancellor for Access Campuses, gave a brief history of the UWO Fox Cities Campus. Prior to World War II, the extension operated a vocational education space in downtown Menasha. After World War II, a campus was established on Midway Road with an operating agreement between Winnebago and Outagamie Counties. In the fall of 2017, the UWO Fox Cities announced that they would be restructuring. In the summer of 2019, three campuses and one university officially joined. In March of 2020, the pandemic struck and shifts in learning were declared. Spring of 2021, rebound planning was started. Visions for the restructuring of the UWO Fox Cities: Access, Affordability and Opportunity. Dr. Rudd explained each of these items.

Dr. Rudd provided information on reinvesting in UWO Fox Cities. More than \$900,000 of annual, ongoing new investments include: student success services; information technology, athletics and sports clubs and academic planning.

Dr. Rudd discussed future facilities for the UWO Fox Cities: Student Development Center for clubs, meetings, networking, career exploration, activities, food and governance; a potential new home for UWO's Executive MBA, Outreach center for the new building, possible center for financial literacy, and makerspace.

Chancellor Leavitt and Dr. Rudd then took questions from the board members. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

GENERAL UPDATES AND PROPOSED STAFFING POSITION CHANGES IN THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

County Executive, Jon Doemel, gave an update on the Sawyer Creek Watershed project. This will need to be acted on soon or it could affect the insurance for 3,800 residents in Winnebago County.

Executive Doemel stated that he was elected on a platform to provide communication, collaboration, growth and reform. He wants to work with the County Board to accomplish his goals.

Executive Doemel's goals for Winnebago County are:

- To work on culture within the County
- To create careers instead of jobs to keep people in Winnebago County
- Improving citizen trust and resident pride
- Drive growth in business, industry and community
- Engage community, business and the county to work together

Executive Doemel stated that Winnebago County has one of the smallest staffed County Executive offices in Wisconsin. Ethan Hollenberger, Chief of Staff, is temporarily staffed with the County Executive's office. He has assisted many county executives transition into their new positions. John Fink, Executive Assistant, will remain in his position. He is a wealth of knowledge for Winnebago County.

Mr. Doemel commended many of the Department Heads in Winnebago County for the job they are doing. He stated that people communicate by more than telephone or email. He would like to include a communications specialist position with his office to start using social media.

Executive Doemel then took questions from the board members.

UPDATE ON WITTMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL PROJECT

Jim Schell, Airport Director reported on the progress of the Wittman Regional Airport Terminal Project. Director Schell provided pictures of the inside and outside of the airport terminal project showing the progress that has been made. As of May 4, 2021, the outside masonry is complete, the windows are all in and the canopy is in place. Outside lighting needs to be completed. The asphalt is scheduled to be poured the first week in June. Gas and electric will be completed in the next week or two. On the inside, there is natural lighting throughout the building. Fans have been installed for air movement and circulation. They are working with the Experimental Aircraft Association to fill the blank walls with history regarding the airport.

The original bid for this project was estimated at \$7 million. Currently, the completed project should be approximately \$5.5 million. An item that was not included in the estimate was a hearing loop for the conference room. Mr. Schell worked with the Facilities Department and they both felt that the hearing loop would be an appropriate addition to this facility. This project is on track to be completed by June, 2021, hoping for a grand opening/ ribbon cutting ceremony in early July. Director Schell provided his contact information for Supervisors to contact him for tours of the building.

Director Jim Schell then took questions from the board members. A copy of his presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Konezke to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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 May 4, 2021.

Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk