

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 County Road Y, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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

The following Supervisors were present in-person, via ZOOM or by telephone: 36 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Neuhoﬀ, Nussbaum, Staﬀord, 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 Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following people spoke in opposition to downsizing the county board to 28 members and other county issues: Dale Youngquist, Fox Crossing Village President; Richard Bast, Oshkosh; Lydia Lyons, Oshkosh; Jim Erdmann, Town of Oshkosh Chairman; Bob Schmeichel, Town of Neenah Chairman and Chairman of Winnebago County Towns in the Wisconsin Towns Association; John Hinz, Oshkosh; Sid Opperman, Oshkosh; Jacob, Oshkosh; Nate Gustafson, Fox Crossing; Tyler Doemel, Menasha; Heidi Finkel-Henke, Winneconne; Phillip Walker, Oshkosh; Eric Lock, Oshkosh; George Mathwig, Butte des Morts; Katie Campbell, Oshkosh; Rachel Dowling, Menasha; Christine Witty, Oshkosh.

The following person spoke in support of downsizing the county board to 28 members: Margy Davey, President of the Winnebago County League of Women Voters.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Ertmer presented the following "Petition for Zoning Amendment:

- 001 – Carven T. Blanck, Town of Black Wolf, to rezone tax parcel no. 004-0386-04 from R-1 (Rural Residential) to A-2 (General Agriculture District). Petition was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

Supervisor Lautenschlager reported that he was appointed to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Health Steering Committee and will serve as the Vice-Chairman of its Long-term Care Subcommittee. He was also reappointed to the NACo Healthy Counties Advisory Board as a Vice-Chairman.

Vice Chairman Egan thanked the Highway Department and County Executive Doemel for their hard work cleaning up storm damage in Waukau so they could hold their annual Children's Day Parade.

Supervisor Binder reported that the county's north-end dog park will be opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the end of September or beginning of October.

Supervisor Cox reported on his attendance at the July 21 meeting of the Wisconsin Counties Association's (WCA's) Personnel, Finance and County Organization Steering Committee in Stevens Point. At this meeting they reviewed resolutions submitted by Wisconsin counties for presentation at the WCA's annual September conference.

Supervisor Snider also reported on his attendance at the July 21 WCA Personnel, Finance and County Organization Steering Committee meeting. At this meeting, Supervisor Snide challenged the attendees to call federal representatives and ask them to support the Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act.

Supervisor Norton thanked Executive Doemel, Judge LaKeisha Haase, Supervisors Lautenschlager, Binder and Gordon, as well as, staff from the county's Human Services Department, for making the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Winnebago County Wheelchair Wash a success.

Supervisor Norton stated that there is still a vacancy on the county's Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) Board. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, they should contact County Executive Doemel's office.

Supervisor Finch thanked everyone who supported the new dog park on the north-end of the county and looks forward to its opening next month.

Supervisor Defferding reported on his attendance at the WCA's Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting on July 22 in Stevens Point. At that meeting a representative from the State Attorney General's Office explained how COVID has caused a huge backlog in court cases. This backlog is negatively affecting counties' District Attorney's Offices and causing an increasing in expenses. This committee is recommending that counties use "American Rescue Plan Act" (ARPA) funds to help offset these extra costs in District Attorney's offices across the state.

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to approve the proceedings from the July 20, 2021 Winnebago County Board meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Executive Doemel thanked the public for coming to tonight's meeting and expressing their thoughts and concerns about downsizing the county board and other county issues.

Executive Doemel explained that Wisconsin's counties are under a tight redistricting timeline because of actions taken at the state level and Governor Evers. He stated that regardless of why this is happening, the county must keep moving forward and a decision on the size of the county board must be made at tonight's meeting so that supervisory district maps can be drawn by the county's GIS Department.

Executive Doemel explained that, "Resolution No. 196-082021: Authorize Winnebago County to Accept the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$16,695,459, with Expenditures to be Appropriated at a Future Time," would authorize Winnebago County to accept the money. A committee will then be formed to determine the appropriate way to appropriate these funds.

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

Chairman Ramos reported that all 36 county board supervisors are in attendance at tonight's meeting either in-person, via ZOOM or by telephone.

Chairman Ramos reported that the county's "Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)" is posted on the county's website. It can be viewed at this link: <https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/finance/comprehensive-annual-financial-reports>

Chairman Ramos explained the redistricting timeline and how the county board's meeting schedule has been altered to accommodate it. The board's September 7, 2021 Special Orders meeting will now be held on September 14, 2021. This will be a public information meeting so that the public and the county board can review the proposed maps. Chairman Ramos explained that no action will be taken on the maps at this meeting—it is strictly informational. It will be at the county board's regular meeting on September 21, 2021, when the board will vote to accept one of the maps. That map will then be transmitted to the county's municipalities so they can work on ward boundaries.

Chairman Ramos then explained the format of future county board meetings. He stated that in an effort to make the county board's redistricting meetings accessible to the most people, he has chosen to hold these "hybrid" meetings—in-person and via ZOOM. However, once redistricting has been finalized (perhaps after the September 21, 2021 meeting) he will have the meetings in only one format—in-person or via ZOOM.

### **COUNTY BOARD SIZE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Supervisors Schorse and Eisen presented information and explained why the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee (JPS) is recommending that the county board be downsized to 28 members.

Supervisor Schorse began the presentation by explaining that the JPS Committee began working on this issue in the Spring of 2021 with the anticipation that they would have more time and additional meetings to present and explain their findings to the county board and the public. However, the shortened redistricting timeline has forced them to alter their plans and make their one presentation at this meeting.

Supervisor Schorse stated that the recommendation to downsize the board is not because of any political influence at the local, state or federal level; or because of an "urban vs rural" agenda. She stated that smaller boards are common across the State of Wisconsin and the country. The Winnebago County Board remains one of the largest boards in the State of Wisconsin.

Supervisor Schorse presented the history of the JPS Committee's recommendation to downsize the county board to 28 members. She explained that the 1990 "Winnebago County Task Force on Government Efficiency and

Effectiveness" recommended that the board have between 15 and 30 supervisors. In subsequent years, efforts again were made by a citizen group and the board to reduce the board's size. In 2007, the county board reduced their size from 38 to 36 members, in order to thwart the efforts of a citizen group that wanted to downsize the board to 18 members.

Supervisor Schorse encouraged the board to accept the JPS Committee's recommendation and vote to downsize the county board to 28 members.

Supervisor Eisen presented a historic timeline on how county boards were established in Wisconsin. Supervisor Eisen explained that it wasn't until after the county's 1990 "Winnebago County Task Force on Government Efficiency and Effectiveness" recommendation that the county board have between 15 and 30 members, that the county board reduced their size from 45 supervisors to 38.

Supervisor Eisen stated that it was in 2007 when the Citizens United group collected 5,000 signatures on a petition asking that a referendum question on the size of the county board be put on the ballot at the next election. On advice of the Corporation Counsel, the County Clerk did not accept their petition because the county board acted to reduce their size from 38 to 36.

In 2007, the "Temporary Committee on County Board Size" established by then County Board Chairman Albrecht, also recommended that the county board have 28 members.

Supervisor Eisen stated that the JPS Committee has based their recommendation to downsize to 28 on these past recommendations, as well as, the current sizes of county boards in counties with populations similar to Winnebago County.

Copies of the information presented by both Supervisor Schorse and Supervisor Eisen can be obtained from the Winnebago County Clerk's Office at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING ON WINNEBAGO COUNTY REDISTRICTING**

Jerry Bougie, Winnebago County Planning and Zoning Director, introduced Adam Dorn, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Administrator; and Diane Culver, GIS Specialist; who will be the "architects" of the redistricting maps.

Mr. Bougie reiterated that counties and municipalities are under a very tight redistricting timeline to get supervisory district maps drawn and ward boundaries established.

Mr. Bougie reported that, fortunately, the counties did get final census block numbers yesterday, so the GIS Department can begin the process of drawing the maps as soon as tomorrow, if the county board decides on their number of supervisory districts at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Bougie went over the redistricting timeline:

- After tonight's meeting, the GIS Department will create maps from census data.
- September 13 – maps are reviewed by the JPS Committee and referred to the county board.
- September 14 – Winnebago County Board holds public hearing on proposed maps.
- September 21 – Winnebago County Board adopts tentative map to send to the county's municipalities so they can set up their wards.
- October 25 – municipalities submit maps with wards back to the county.
- November 16, Winnebago County Board holds public hearing on final map and votes to adopt map.

Following Mr. Bougie's presentation, Chairman Ramos opened the floor for questions and comments from the public and the county board of supervisors.

The following people spoke on redistricting: Sid Oppermann, Town of Algoma; Ann Marshall, Oshkosh; Kathleen Propp, Oshkosh; Tyler Doemel, Menasha; Richard Bast, Oshkosh; Heidi Hinkel-Henke, Winneconne; Eric Lock, Oshkosh; John Hinz, Oshkosh; Katie Campbell, Oshkosh.

The following County Board Supervisors asked questions/made comments on redistricting: Supervisor Gabert, Supervisor Cox, Supervisor Egan, Supervisor Snider and Supervisor Binder.

### **ZONING REPORTS AND ORDINANCES**

Report No. 001 – A report from the Planning & Zoning Committee regarding a requested zoning change from Molly Beck, Patricia A. Ratajczak, Steven T. Ratajczak and Matthew J. Ziegenhagen; Town of Omro; for a zoning change

from B-2/A-2 (Community Business/General Agriculture). Motion by Supervisor Ellis, seconded by Supervisor Snider to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 08/001/21 – A request to rezone tax parcel nos. 016-0385-05, 016-0385-04 and 016-0385(p) from B-2/A-2 (Community Business/General Agriculture) to B-3/A-2 (Regional Business/General Agriculture). Motion by Supervisor Ellis, seconded by Supervisor Stafford to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 08/02/21 – A request from the Town of Vinland on behalf of Terry & Lea Loche, for rezoning from B-3 (General Business) to B-2 (Highway Business Park) for tax parcel no. 026-0581-01. Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Defferding to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Amendatory Ordinance No. 08/03/21 – A request from the Town of Clayton on behalf of JBL Real Estate Investments; rezoning from R-2 (Suburban Residential District) to R-3 (Two Family Residential District) for tax parcel nos. 006-0348-01-05, 006-0348-01-06, 006-0348-01-07 and 006-0348-01-08. Motion by Supervisor Youngquist, seconded by Supervisor Joas to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 192-082021: Commendation for John Fink**

WHEREAS, John Fink has been employed with the Winnebago County Executive's Office for the past twenty-four years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, John Fink has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge his years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that sincere appreciation and commendation is hereby extended to John Fink for the fine services he has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to John Fink.

Submitted by:  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 193-082021: Commendation for Kathleen Sternat**

WHEREAS, Kathleen Sternat has been employed with the Winnebago County Park View Health Center for the past twenty-seven years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Sternat has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that sincere appreciation and commendation is hereby extended to Kathleen Sternat for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Kathleen Sternat.

Submitted by:  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 194-082021: Commendation for Diana Ulrich**

WHEREAS, Diana Ulrich has been employed with the Winnebago County Wittman Regional Airport for the past thirty years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Diana Ulrich has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that sincere appreciation and commendation is hereby extended to Diana Ulrich for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Diana Ulrich.

Submitted by:  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 195-082021: Authorize Winnebago County Planning Department to Develop Supervisory Districts based on a County Board Size Comprised of 28 Supervisors**

WHEREAS, pursuant to state and federal law, Winnebago County is required to amend the size of County supervisory districts every ten (10) years to comply with the "equal representation" requirements placed upon local governmental units by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the over-riding objective of the equal representation requirement is the creation of substantial equality of the population in each individual district so that the weight given to the vote of any one citizen is approximately equal to the weight of that of any other citizen in any other supervisory district within the county; and

WHEREAS, actual population figures from the 2020 U.S Census will be provided by the federal government and the State of Wisconsin to Winnebago County by September 2021; and

WHEREAS, once census population figures are provided to Winnebago County, Winnebago County normally has sixty (60) days to forward a preliminary supervisory district plan to cities, villages and towns within Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the equal representation requirement, it is necessary that the total population of Winnebago County be divided into supervisory districts of approximately equal size; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Committee believes that no district should exceed the quotient of the total population of Winnebago County divided by the number of supervisory districts by more or less than 5%; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Committee believes that it is of the utmost importance that the Winnebago County Planning Department be provided direction immediately in order that it may begin work as soon as possible with regard to drawing new supervisory district boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Planning Department to draft preliminary County Board Supervisory District boundaries as soon as it is possible based on a county board size comprised of 28 supervisors and that the size of said supervisory districts be within 5% of the quotient of the total population of Winnebago County divided by the number supervisory districts authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that there shall be 28 supervisory districts created within Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that there shall be no splitting of census blocks in preparing said supervisory districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that natural boundary lines, such as roads, river and streams, shall be used whenever possible in creating supervisory districts and municipal boundaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that all districts shall be composed of naturally contiguous territories and shall be designed in a geographically compact manner.

Submitted by:  
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Wingren, seconded by Supervisor Schorse, to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Norton, to amend Lines 3, 35 and 39 by changing "28" to "36".

After an extensive discussion, motion by Supervisor Gabert, seconded by Supervisor Norton, to call the question. Ayes: 35. Nays: 0. No vote recorded: 1 – Neuhoff. CARRIED.

Vote on motion to amend to "36" - Ayes: 30. Nays: 4 – Brunn, Schorse, Wingren and Rasmussen. No vote recorded: 2 – Neuhoff and Warnke. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Norton, seconded by Supervisor Lautenschlager, to call the question. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on resolution as amended to "36" – CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 196-082021: Authorize Winnebago County to Accept the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$16,695,459, with Expenditures to be Appropriated at a Future Time**

WHEREAS, state, local, territorial and tribal governments have been on the front-lines of responding to the immense public health and economic needs created by the COVID-19 crisis, even as these governments confronted revenue shortfalls during the downturn; and

WHEREAS, to support the immediate pandemic response, bring back jobs, and lay the groundwork for a strong equitable recovery, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, designed to deliver \$350 billion to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to bolster their response to the COVID-19 emergency and its economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, of the \$350 billion earmarked, Winnebago County was allocated \$33,390,918, this amount disbursed in two tranches. The first tranche was received by Winnebago County on May 19, 2021 in the amount of \$16,695,459, the remaining \$16,695,459 tranche will be received by approximately May 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, per the United States Treasury's Interim Final Rule, recipients may use the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to:

1. Support public health expenditures,
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency,
3. Support services to disproportionately impacted communities,
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers,
5. Invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure,
6. Replace lost public sector revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes Winnebago County to accept the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$16,695,459, with expenditures to be appropriated at a future time.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Supervisor Stafford voted "nay").

**RESOLUTION NO. 197-082021: Authorize an Easement Encroachment Agreement Between Winnebago County and We Energies.**

WHEREAS, to improve service and reliability We Energies will be upgrading facilities at 211 East Forest Avenue in Neenah.; and

WHEREAS, the required work will involve replacing poles, overhead wire, underground cables, transformers, and other equipment along the route; and

WHEREAS, to undertake the work, We Energies requires an easement. An easement gives We Energies land rights to use a defined portion of property for a specific purpose; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Facilities and Property Management Committee believes that approving said easement encroachment agreement is appropriate and necessary to maintain and upgrade facilities at 211 East Forest Avenue in Neenah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes execution of the Easement Encroachment Agreement between Winnebago County and We Energies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of said Easement Encroachment Agreement, attached hereto, is made a part of this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

Submitted by:

FACILITIES & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt.

Supervisor Keller then asked that the resolution be amended on Line 10 by deleting the words, "replacing poles, overhead wire" and adding the word "installing." CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on Resolution as amended – CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 198-082021: Authorize the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to Accept a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Services, in the Amount of \$148,800, and Appropriate the Funds for Design to Convert Jail Cells to Quarantine Isolation Areas**

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Services in the amount of \$148,800; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used to design the cell conversions that are needed to comply with the COVID quarantine isolation areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to accept a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Services, in the amount of \$148,800, and appropriate the funds for the design to convert jail cells for quarantine isolation areas.

Submitted by:  
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Wingren, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 199-082021: Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) That Will Provide Cross-Jurisdictional Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) Using the Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS)**

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allows jurisdictions to improve their ability to warn the public of emergencies in a timely manner where a multi-jurisdictional impact is likely; and

WHEREAS, this MOU will allow Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to reach those affected and help to eliminate duplicative or conflicting instructions. Each jurisdiction participating in this MOU can activate the Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) in an Emergency; and

WHEREAS, this MOU may be used when there is an incident, other than a weather event, that has occurred in a neighboring jurisdiction, but which may impact an area outside of the incident jurisdiction and the incident may impact the outside jurisdiction within 30 minutes or when back-up alerting is requested; and

WHEREAS, this MOU will allow for back up alerting capabilities to the other participating jurisdictions in the event that the impacted jurisdiction is not able to initiate an alert e.g. system accessibility or failure, time constraints, or other issues that prevent the jurisdiction from issuing an emergency alert message; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will provide cross-jurisdictional Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) using Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) with adjacent counties.

Submitted by:  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Schorse, seconded by Supervisor Snider, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 200-082021: Authorize the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department to Accept a Supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from Wisconsin Emergency Management in the amount of \$26,975, and Appropriate the Funds to Related Other Operating Expenditures**

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department received a supplemental Emergency Management Performance grant (EMPG) from Wisconsin Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, this grant will replace an aging printer, increase the communication capabilities of the mobile command post, support siren maintenance, increase the capabilities of the Emergency Operations Center, and provide additional exercise and training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, accepting the additional funding and applying the funds to these operating expenses would be beneficial to the residents of Winnebago County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Emergency Management department to accept a supplemental Emergency Management Performance grant (EMPG) from the Wisconsin Emergency Management in the amount of \$26,975, and appropriate the funds to related other operating expenditures.

Submitted by:  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Schorse, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 201-082021: Authorize the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department to Accept a Homeland Security Training and Exercise Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs in the amount of \$17,885, and Appropriate the Funds to Provide Training**

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department received a Homeland Security Training and Exercise grant from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide a continued training series with the Village of Fox Crossing; and

WHEREAS, accepting the additional funding and applying the funds to these training expenses would be beneficial to the residents of Winnebago County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department to accept a Homeland Security Training and Exercise grant in the amount of \$17,885 and appropriate the funds to provide training.

Submitted by:  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Schorse, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 202-082021: Amending the Table of Organization for the Human Services Department, Administrative Services Division**

WHEREAS, as part of a restructuring of financial functions in the Human Services Department, Administrative Services Division, an Accountant position was eliminated; and

WHEREAS, a Financial Associate II position has recently become vacant due to a retirement; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a position to complete important tasks such as claims denials, follow-up, and resolution, aging reviews, and coding and billing reviews, some of which had previously been performed by the Accountant position; and

WHEREAS, these functions can most appropriately be assigned to a position at the Accounting Associate level (grade 20), instead of a Financial Associate II (grade 16) or Accountant (grade 22); and

WHEREAS, the relatively minor cost of upgrading the currently vacant position can be absorbed by the department's existing labor budgets, so that no budget transfer is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the Table of Organization for the Human Services Department, Administrative Services Division, by eliminating one full-time Financial Associate II position and by adding one full-time Accounting Associate position.

Submitted by:  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 203-082021: Request Authority to Accept Funds for Maintenance of County-Owned and Leased Snowmobile Trails from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.**

WHEREAS, Winnebago County is interested in maintaining County owned and leased lands for public snowmobile trail use; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Parks Department applied for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant for the maintenance of 137.5 miles of snowmobile trails within Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, the funding for these trails supports the 10 snowmobile clubs located within Winnebago County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago County Parks Department is allowed to accept the funding for snowmobile maintenance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$41,250.

Submitted by:  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Binder, seconded by Supervisor Lautenschlager, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 204-082021: Support the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act**

WHEREAS, the number of veteran suicides continues to rise nationwide. Approximately fourteen (14) of the twenty (20) veterans who die by suicide each day are not under the care of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and

WHEREAS, County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs) are generally the first point of contact when a veteran transitions from active duty status to civilian life. CVSOs provide assistance on a wide range of benefits, including service-connected benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, VA home loans, VA education benefits, and assistance with job placement where available; and

WHEREAS, transitioning veterans are not always aware of benefits they may be eligible for, and CVSOs are often the first to inform veterans of these available benefits; and

WHEREAS, CVSOs are employed by counties and are nationally accredited to prepare, present, and prosecute these claims on behalf of veterans; and

WHEREAS, there is no direct federal funding currently available for CVSOs and TVSOs (Tribal Veterans Service Officers); and

WHEREAS, there is legislation currently pending in both houses of Congress, known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act (SB-2405 / HR 4601), which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with the individual states, or to award grants to states to promote health and wellness, help prevent veteran suicide, and improve outreach to veterans; and

WHEREAS, the CVSO Act would provide for \$50 Million annually for five (5) years to expand outreach and support CVSOs, TVSOs, or similar entities which currently assist veterans in obtaining over \$50 Billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has been a front-runner in working with our federal legislators in the development and presentation of said legislation since 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby supports this pending legislation in both houses of Congress, known as the "Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act (SB-2405 / HR 4601) that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts or award grants directly to individual states to help prevent suicide, and to promote the health and wellness and improve outreach to veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it directs the Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all other Wisconsin counties, the Winnebago County Veterans Service Officer, all Tribal Veterans Service Officers, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs, the National Association of Counties (NACo), Veterans and Military Services Committee, the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NAVCSO), the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin (CVSOA-WI), and the Wisconsin State Association of County Veterans Service Commissions (WSACVSC).

Submitted by:  
Tom Snider  
Robert Warnke

Motion by Supervisor Snider, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 205-082021: Proclaiming August 2021 to be Fair Housing Month in Winnebago County**

WHEREAS, August is traditionally designed as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, it is important to reaffirm the commitment of Winnebago County regarding citizens' right to buy, sell, rent or otherwise secure housing in Winnebago County without regard to sex, race, religion, marital status, age, national origin, income or financial status in conformance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 also known as the Federal Fair Housing Law and State Open Housing Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby proclaims August 2021 as Fair Housing Month in Winnebago County and encourages all housing providers to support and affirm their commitment to Fair Housing.

Submitted by:  
Supervisor Robert Keller, District 32

Motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Ellis, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adjourn until September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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 regular meeting held August 17, 2021.

Susan T. Ertmer  
Winnebago County Clerk