

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Supervisor Powers. A moment of silence was held in memory of Supervisor Robert Warnke who passed away on August 23, 2021.

The following Supervisors were present: 31 - Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Bolante, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Locke, Cox, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan and Ellis. Excused: 2 –Snider and Joas; ABSENT: 1 – Konetzke; VACANCIES – 2.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Sidney Oppermann, Oshkosh; thanked the County Board for the time and commitment that they provide for Winnebago County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Steve Binder commented on the new dog park located in the northern end of the County. There will be a soft opening in October. He has noticed a couple of residents already utilizing the park and he feels it will be successful.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ramos reported that Supervisor Snider and Joas are excused from this meeting.

Chairman Ramos announced that Supervisor Robert Warnke passed away at the age of 78 on August 23, 2021. He served on the Winnebago County Board for 18 years. He served as Chairman of the Veterans Committee; Chairman of the Aviation Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Highway Committee.

Chairman Ramos announced that Supervisor Nicole Neuhoff has resigned from the County Board. She represented District 8 in the City of Neenah.

There will be a posting in the Oshkosh Northwestern, Oshkosh Herald and the Post Crescent to fill the position for District 8 and for Robert Warnke's District 21.

Chairman Ramos reminded the Supervisors that the Budget Hearings will start on Monday, November 1, 2021 and continue on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 until completed.

Chairman Ramos explained that there would not be a vote on the redistricting maps at this meeting, it will be held at the September 21, 2021 meeting.

TENTATIVE COUNTY REDISTRICTING MAP(S)

Jerry Bougie, Winnebago County Director of Planning & Zoning; Adam Dorn, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Administrator; and Diane Culver, GIS Specialist; who will be the "architects" of the redistricting maps, attended this meeting to discuss the options and procedures that will be used during the redistricting process.

Mr. Bougie will be presenting two of the maps--Option #1 and Option #3--that were voted on by the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee at their committee meeting held on September 13, 2021 to be proposed to the full County Board.

Mr. Bougie reported that there is a three-stage process to go thru:

1. County Tentative Supervisory Plan
2. Municipal Ward Plans
3. Final Supervisory Plans

Normally this is a 180-day process, 60 days per stage. The 2021 timeline is compressed because of a delay in receiving census data. The time frame has been shortened to just three months.

Mr. Bougie covered the Public Input Opportunities:

- August 9th – Judiciary & Public Safety Committee meeting (Public Comment)
- August 17th – County Board (Public Comment)
- September 13th – Judiciary & Public Safety Committee meeting (Public Comment)
- September 14th – County Board (Formal Public Hearing Tentative Plan – Class 3 Notice)
- September 21st – County Board (Public Comment)
- November 16th – County Board (Formal Public Hearing on Final Plan – Class 3 Notice)

Mr. Bougie covered the Federal Requirements:

- Equal Population
 - Equal Representation
 - Equal Protection Clause
- Minority Protection
 - Racial Gerrymandering
 - Voting Rights Act of 1965

There has to be equal population in each of the districts. Ideal population = total population ÷ number of districts; Overall range = largest positive district ÷ largest negative district. Territory within each district must be contiguous, except for island territory. Compactness and wholeness of municipalities is another issue. Preservation of communities of interest and preservation of the unity of political subdivisions are items of concern with redistricting.

Considerations taken during redistricting:

- Rural representation
- Did not want a district to cross a Lake
- Communities of Interest

Mr. Bougie provided the difference in population from the last census and how that affects the maps and redistricting.

Diane Culver, GIS Specialist, touched on thoughts and concerns for development of the maps that are being presented based on feedback from the County Board. She described the changes that were made to adjust the maps for the population, to keep rural representation and to meet all the requirements for redistricting. Ms. Culver provided numbers showing the differences between Option #1 and Option #3.

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: Nathan Sturtz, Oshkosh; Jim Erdman, Chairman Town of Oshkosh; Kathleen Propp, Oshkosh; Kathy Chapman, Town of Algoma.

Mr. Bougie and his staff took questions for the board.

Chairman Ramos thanked the Planning Department and the GIS Department for all their efforts with this project. He thanked Lighthouse Productions, Oshkosh Media, the Parks Department and Facilities Department for their hard work.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Finch, to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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 Special Orders Session held September 14, 2021.

Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk