

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Winnebago County Administration Building, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and virtually by ZOOM.

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

The following Supervisors were present: 34 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Wise, Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Hinz, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Cox, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas;  
ABSENT: 1 – Locke; VACANCIES: 1

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following persons spoke in support or against items of concern:

- In Support of Resolution No. 303-032022: To Accept the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Fund of \$10,351,686.15 awarded to Winnebago County and Effect a Budget Transfer
  - Mayor Lori Palmeri, City of Oshkosh
  - Deputy Mayor Matt Mugerauer, City of Oshkosh
- Neenah Mayor Dean Kaufert expressed his appreciation and gratitude to everyone that has been a part of his political career. He extended well wishes to all, as he is not seeking re-election to the office of mayor.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS**

Supervisor Snider viewed a Live Stream by the US Senate Veterans Affairs Committee regarding "Honoring our Pact Act". He was heartened by the bi-partisan support for this bill. Supervisor Snider repeated someone's comment that, "if we can afford to send our young men and women off to battle, we better support them when they come home".

Supervisor Konetzke noted that he will be retiring after 14 years on the Winnebago County Board. He thanked everyone for making it such a blessing to have served on the Winnebago County Board. He feels that he has grown as a person for having had this opportunity.

Supervisor Norton announced that the Aging and Disability Resource Center conducted a housing study. They had a presentation regarding the availability of senior housing on March 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be having public presentations to the City of Neenah and one other location with the dates and times to be announced later. The presentations are also available on their website.

Supervisor Defferding attended a Safe Streets Committee meeting. Michael Rust, Conflict Resolution Director, gave a presentation on restorative justice courts. In this court, victims, the victim's families and the assailant directly meet to see what they can do to resolve the issue at hand. Supervisor Defferding feels that this could be a savings of \$5,000 to \$15,000 per court case.

Supervisor Finch expressed his thanks to everyone for their support over the years. He feels that his career on the county board has been fantastic. He learned how to help others and wishes "Good Luck" to everyone.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Executive Doemel expressed his condolences to the family of Allen Buechel, Fond du Lac County Executive who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 27, 2022. Executive Doemel said that Executive Buechel was a mentor to him and gave him many words of advice.

Executive Doemel expressed his condolences to the family of Tony Schwamer, Facilities and Property Management employee, who passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and worked with him.

Executive Doemel spoke in support of Resolution No. 303-032022: "To Accept the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Fund of \$10,351,686.15 awarded to Winnebago County and Effect a Budget Transfer". Most of these grant funds will be spent on one-time capital projects. Attorney Andy Phillips has been contracted to be the legal counsel to help distribute these funds. A grant coordinator will be appointed to facilitate all areas of this project. Executive Doemel hopes that everyone works together to make this a success. He said, "together and coordinated we can move a mountain".

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Ramos noted that the next County Board meeting will be the Organizational Meeting for the new County Board on April 19, 2022. This meeting will be in-person only held at the Winnebago County Courthouse.

Chairman Ramos explained the reason for tonight's meeting. This was a time-sensitive issue that needed to be addressed. To be able to hold this meeting, it required a petition of the majority of the County Board Supervisors. This meeting is to accept the funds that were donated to the County and to allocate the funds to the agencies listed.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 303-032022:                    To Accept the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Fund of \$10,351,686.15 awarded to Winnebago County and Effect a Budget Transfer**

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which provided an allocation of resources to state and local governments to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and assist in an economic recovery caused by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has been announcing (ARPA) allocations and created the Neighborhood Investment Fund, which was a competitive grant opportunity for local governments due last fall for shovel ready projects that will improve our communities; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, March 3, 2022, Governor Tony Evers announced three awards to local governments in our county totaling over \$16.8 million which included \$10,351,686.15 to Winnebago County for housing/homelessness, \$4,388,025 city of Neenah for vulnerable populations, and \$2,074,000 to the city of Menasha for revitalization/blight elimination; and

WHEREAS, the county's application was based on the Winnebagoland Housing Coalition's July 2021 report titled "The Homelessness Continuum" and consisted of public and private projects which could be completed by the state's deadline of December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the county's grant application was strengthened by bringing together numerous local organizations which included the Day by Day Warming Shelter, Oshkosh Kids Foundation, Solutions Recovery Center, COVEY, Habitat for Humanity – Oshkosh and others; and

WHEREAS, within the Department of Human Services, the county applied to create a pilot program for a homelessness prevention resource center; and

WHEREAS, quick acceptance of this grant will accelerate the efforts of our nonprofit partners, affect real change in our communities for years to come, and ensure compliance with the fast approaching grant deadlines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby accepts the Neighborhood Improvement Fund Grant of \$10,351,686.15 and authorizes the county administration to execute any agreements required by the State of Wisconsin and partner organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it authorizes the attached budget transfer for all shovel ready projects and the Homelessness Eviction and Loss Prevention (HELP) Pilot program in the Department of Human Services.

Submitted by:  
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
SHILOH RAMOS, DISTRICT NO. 5  
and co-sponsoring County Board Supervisors per attached  
petition.

Motion by Supervisor Lautenschlager, seconded by Supervisor Gordon to adopt this resolution.

After discussion, motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to amend Line 34 by adding the following: " BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that each agency that receives an allocation under this Resolution will come before the County Board to provide an update and presentation within each six month period during the grant cycle". Vote on Amendment: AYES: 22; NAYES: 12 - Eisen, Wise, Nussbaum, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Keller, and Snider. ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 1 – Locke; VACANT: 1. CARRIED

Vote on Resolution as Amended: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. ABSTAIN: 2 – Schorse and Rasmussen.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Konetzke to adjourn until the April 19, 2022 organizational meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 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 special meeting held March 29, 2022.

Julie A. Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk