



**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Thomas Egan called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and virtually by TEAMS.

B. Roll Call

The following Supervisors were present: 33 – Dowling (via TEAMS), Laux, Ulbricht, Lutz, Reinke, Hancock-Cooke, Wise, Nussbaum, Stafford, Paterson, Gabert, Binder, Swan, Gilbertson, Ponzer, Belville, Macho, Hinz, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Bureau, Farrey, Harrison, Frassetto, Egan, O'Brien, Nelson and Miller; Excused: 3 - Holt, Mueller and Halbur.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Invocation

Invocation by Supervisor Karen Powers

E. Communications from the County Clerk

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, presented the following communication:

Ms. Barthels read a "Thank You" card to the board from Ailish Maines, a 2024 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Scholarship recipient.

F. Reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards

Supervisor Swan stated the UW Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus Board of Trustees had a meeting on August 26, 2024. They would like to maintain the identity of the main campus building with the Barlow planetarium, museum, communication art center, and childcare center. The Board voted on approval for an appraisal to be done on the campus. That item will be passed to the respective county committees for consideration now. They also voted on Facilities & Property Management Director Mike Elder's request that a study be done on the campus.

Supervisor Ulbricht added to Supervisor Swan's report on the UW Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus Board of Trustees reporting on the meeting and some statistics. The next meeting will take place on September 30, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Hanson stated the Ad-Hoc Task Force on County Board Rules next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room 120 at the David W. Albrecht Administration Building. Mr. Hanson mentioned that they would be discussing Rules 3.4 and 3.8 and encouraged supervisors to attend.

Supervisor Binder commented on the UW Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus Board of Trustees. Mr. Binder noted that the Chancellor has left and is not participating any longer and won't attend any more meetings.

Supervisor Hancock-Cooke wondered if there was any possibility of the Finance Director or County Executive giving the supervisors some kind of briefing, education webinar or any resources that would be able to prepare them to be educated as they can be in the budget.

Supervisor Powers informed the board and congratulated Supervisor Belville on the birth of his son.

G. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Hinz, to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

H. Public Comments

Supervisor Wise, District 8, was elected Chairman of the Judiciary & Public Safety (JPS) Committee on April 23, 2024. Mr. Wise claimed he had approved the JPS September 9, 2024, meeting agenda on August 29, 2024. He discovered today, September 3, 2024, that this agenda was still not posted or distributed. Supervisor Wise investigated this issue and discovered it had not been posted or distributed yet because the agenda had not been approved by the County Executive's Office. Mr. Wise didn't understand why they were involved and asked the board if something had changed.

Supervisor Powers, District 25, is the Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Ms. Powers stated their Parks agenda was turned in on time, and it also was held up by the County Executive's Office for approval.

I. County Executive's Report and Appointments

Executive Doemel asked for the board's approval of the following appointments:

- **Aging & Disability Resource Center Commission:** Mr. Barry Christensen, Town of Winchester; Ms. Anna Malek, Village of Winneconne; and Mr. Paul Janty, City of Oshkosh as citizen members.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Nelson to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

J. County Board Chair's Report and Appointments

Chairman Egan reported that Supervisors Holt, Mueller, and Halbur were excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Egan mentioned the County Board Tour will take place in October. Mr. Egan asked the board to think about and consider where they would like to tour and whether they would like to have dinner on that late afternoon/evening. He stated there is another board meeting coming up, so there will be more discussion then.

K. Business Items, Resolutions, and Ordinances

1. Presentations: Neighborhood Investment Fund Updates

Winnebago County HELP Program – Beth Roberts, Long Term Support Division Manager

Beth Roberts, Long Term Support Division Manager, presented information on the Winnebago County HELP program. The overall mission and goal of the program is to reduce homelessness through preventative case management, thus stabilizing families in their housing. Some strategies they use to try to meet that goal are collaborating with community housing providers, building relationships, identifying current gaps in working systems, identifying needs, and coming up with solutions. They continue to average 175 calls/walk-ins a month, and that number continues to increase. They have provided case management services to 261 individuals thus far and are currently on track to provide this service to 400 families.

Ms. Roberts then took questions from the board.

Covey – Tony Gonzalez, Chief Operating Officer

Tony Gonzalez, Chief Operating Officer, presented information to the Board regarding this program. In 2024, Covey celebrates 70 years of providing groundbreaking services to individuals with disabilities. It is an innovator of services and programs, unique respite services and is shaping the future. At Covey, the participants, staff, and caregivers believe in creating possibilities, and believe in doing it together. Covey has a vision that the world embraces individuals with disabilities for who they are. Their mission is to create opportunities that foster personal growth. They do this through Community Based Programs: Covey Connect, Community Based Adult Day Services, iCanBike, Inclusive Artistry, Meaningful Meals, Respite Care, and Adult Family Homes. Mr. Gonzalez showed some photos of three adult family homes they have.

1. 250 W. 9th Avenue in Oshkosh - Completed in September 2023.
 - ❖ This has been the home to 4 individuals with disabilities since September 2023. None of these individuals had ever lived outside their family home.
2. 123 Woodhaven Lane in Neenah - Construction has been completed and built by Fox Valley Technical College Construction Program.
 - ❖ Residents have been identified and are eager to move in. They are working with Department of Human Services (DHS) on finalizing license.
3. 1333 Eastman Street in Oshkosh - Construction is underway with the project expected to be completed by December 2024.

Mr. Gonzalez then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

Habitat for Humanity Oshkosh – Tom Simon, Executive Director

Tom Simon, Executive Director, updated and presented information regarding Habitat for Humanity to the County Board. Mr. Simon thanked the County Board for approving "The Neighborhood Investment Fund" grant back in April 2022. The Neighborhood Investment Fund granted Habitat \$2,425,680 for work between March 3, 2021, and December 31, 2024, which included funding for 8 new homes to be built. Seven homes have been completed in Oshkosh. The 8th home will be finished around Thanksgiving. Mr. Simon announced that they just had 70 families getting applications to build with Habitat. There is a big need for housing. Some of the future goals beyond this grant include using our Omro development as a future model for other developments; and working with others to build and maintain simple, decent, and affordable homes.

Mr. Simon then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

2. Presentation: Spirit Fund Dashboard – Adam BellCorelli, County Executive's Office and Adam Dorn, GIS Administrator

Adam BellCorelli, County Executive's Office and Adam Dorn, GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Administrator, presented an introduction to the Spirit Fund Dashboard. They explained that the dashboard is live, where it was located, and how to access and navigate the program on the county website. The dashboard shows the projects, descriptions, details, and status of all the projects for both the County Government Category and the Government Identified Community Project Category. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document located on the dashboard.

Two handouts were distributed to the board members identifying all the key functions of the dashboard and a copy of the FAQ document.

Mr. BellCorelli and Mr. Dorn then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

L. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Cassie J. Smith-Gregor 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 3, 2024.

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk