



**ADJOURNED SESSION
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026
AMENDED**

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 (arrived at 6:04 pm), Laux, Ulbricht, Lutz, Holt, Reinke, Wise, Nussbaum, Stafford, Paterson, Gabert, Swan, Gilbertson, Mueller, Ponzer, Belville (arrived at 6:13 pm), Macho, Hinz, Zellmer, Pluchinsky, Buck, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Bureau (arrived at 6:19 pm), Farrey, Harrison, Frassetto, Egan, O'Brien, Nelson and Miller; Excused: 2 – Hancock-Cooke and Binder; Absent: 1 – Halbur.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Invocation

The invocation was given by Supervisor Powers.

E. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson to amend the agenda by removing Resolution 241-022026, seconded by Supervisor Lutz. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Nays: 6 – Powers, Holt, Reinke, Gilbertson, Laux, Macho.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Stafford, to adopt the agenda as amended. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

F. Public Comments.

Tim Moore, Oshkosh spoke in favor of Resolution 235-022026: "Amend Chapter 19.12 'Special Event Fees' to Grant Authorization for the Winnebago County Parks Department to Charge a Fee for Parking During Special Events within Community Park". Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club (OYSC) and United Soccer Club are both in favor of the parking opportunities at Winnebago County Community +Park.

The following people voiced their thoughts and concerns regarding Resolution 241-022026: "Denouncing ICE Operations in Minnesota":

- Sarah McAninch, Oshkosh*
- KristL Laux, Menasha*
- Mike Krueger, Oshkosh*
- John Macho, Oshkosh*
- Toby Vanden Heuvel, Oshkosh*
- Bill Demler, Oshkosh*
- Joan Paterson, Oshkosh*
- Matt Smith, Omro*
- Cameron Clark, Neenah (via TEAMS)*

G. Communications from the County Clerk

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Winnebago County Chief Deputy Clerk, presented the following communications:

The following resolutions were referred to the Legislative Committee.

- *Crawford County Resolution No. 20-2025: Resolution Urging Legislative Action to Address County Funding Challenges Under Wisconsin's Tax Levy Freeze*
- *Barron County Resolution No. 2026-4: Resolution to Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) to Cover the Cost of Membership for all State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) Organizations*
- *Marinette County Resolution No. 623-26: Resolution to Support Wisconsin Establishing a Membership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)*
- *Marathon County Resolution #R-4-26: Resolution Requesting Wisconsin Counties Association Lobby State Legislature and Governor on Legislation for Greater Local Control for Wisconsin Counties*

The following claims were referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

- *Notice of Claim from Dennis C. Strong II for a 1st Amendment Violation of the United States Constitution*
- *Notice of Claim from Dennis C. Strong II for Slanderous Remarks he Overheard at the 216 State Street Building*
- *Notice of Claim from RJ Gross for Damage to his Mailbox from a Winnebago County Snowplow*
- *Notice of Claim from Farmer's Insurance on Behalf of Wet Paint LLC, for Damage to their Vehicle from a Winnebago County Snowplow*

The following Petitions for Zoning Amendments were referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

- *Petition for Zoning Amendment 0226001: Oshkosh Area School District; Town of Algoma; Rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to B-3 (General Business District) for tax parcel nos. 002-0131-14, 002-0131-09, 002-0131-13*
- *Petition for Zoning Map Amendment 0226002: Winnebago County Planning and Zoning to Establish County General Zoning in the Shoreland Areas for the Town of Winneconne for multiple parcels.*
- *Petition for Zoning Map Amendment 0226003: Winnebago County Planning and Zoning to Establish County General Zoning in the Shoreland Areas for the Town of Utica for multiple parcels.*
- *Petition for Zoning Map Amendment 0326001: Winnebago County Planning and Zoning to Establish County General Zoning in the Shoreland Areas for the Town of Black Wolf for multiple parcels.*

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Chief Deputy Clerk, read a "Thank You" card to the board that was received from scholarship recipient, Holly Roe.

Chairman Egan invited Executive Hintz and the UWO Women's Volleyball team up to the front of the room. Mr. Egan announced that the UWO Women's Volleyball Team won their first national championship, and the 51st national championship for the University in December 2025. Chairman Egan and Executive Hintz presented the volleyball team with a proclamation commemorating their historic season and national championship. Four members of the team were named to the Academic All District team.

H. Reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards

Supervisor Paterson announced that the Veterans Service Commission will not meet in March due to lack of quorum.

Supervisor Powers highlighted that Ron Montgomery, in addition to his years working for Winnebago County, also volunteered at the Winnebago County Fair with her and Supervisor Hanson.

I. County Executive's Report and Appointments

Gordon Hintz, County Executive, commented and provided updates on the following topics:

- *Winnebago County Fox Cities Campus*
- *Shoreland Zoning Update*
- *Electronic Applications*
- *Revolving Loan Fund RFP*
- *Planetarium Update*
- *Cold Weather Sheltering*
- *Suicide and Overdose Numbers*
- *Staff Awards*
 - o *Crisis Workers*
 - o *Solid Waste*

Executive Hintz then took questions from the board.

County Executive Appointment

Executive Hintz asked for the board's approval of the following appointment:

Fox Valley Workforce Development Board - Appointment of Kirk Rademaker to a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2027.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Reinke, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

J. County Board Chair's Report and Appointments

Chairman Egan reported that Supervisors Hancock-Cooke and Binder were excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Egan also noted that the Supervisor's Special Orders packet for March 3, 2026, is on their desks.

K. Honoring Retiring County Employees

1. Resolution 228-022026: Commendation for James Hart

WHEREAS, James Hart has been employed with the Winnebago County Child Support Department for the past twenty-six years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and
WHEREAS, James Hart 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 extended to James Hart for the fine services he has rendered to Winnebago County.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to James Hart.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Holt to adopt.

2. Resolution 229-022026: Commendation for Ron Montgomery

WHEREAS, Ron Montgomery has been employed with the Winnebago County Human Resources Department for the past twenty-six years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and
WHEREAS, Ron Montgomery 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 extended to Ron Montgomery for the fine services he has rendered to Winnebago County.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to

Ron Montgomery.
Submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Holt to adopt.

3. Resolution 230-022026: Commendation for Ralph Potratz

*WHEREAS, Ralph Potratz has been employed with the Winnebago County Highway Department for the past thirty-four years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and
WHEREAS, Ralph Potratz 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 extended to Ralph Potratz for the fine services he has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Ralph Potratz.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Holt to adopt.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized James Hart, Ron Montgomery and Ralph Potratz for their employment with Winnebago County.

Vote on Commendation Resolutions: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

L. Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar Items are those items which are voted on by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors in a single roll call vote. Committees recommend approval of all items. Any Winnebago County Board of Supervisor may request an Item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Questions relating to items on the Consent Calendar do not require the item be removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 1. Approval of Minutes/Proceedings: Approval of Proceedings for January 6, 2026, Special Orders Session and January 20, 2026, Adjourned Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors**
- 2. Report 1225001 and Zoning Amendatory Ordinance 02/1225001/26: Austin Neuschafer; Town of Wolf River; Rezone from R-1 (Rural Residential District) to A-2 (General Agriculture District) for tax parcel no. 032-0114-03**
- 3. Report 0226001 and Zoning Amendatory Ordinance 02/0226001/26: Robert and Darlene Kairis; Town of Winneconne; Rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 030-0139-02**
- 4. Report 0226002 and Zoning Amendatory Ordinance 02/0226002/26: Gizmo Farm Properties LLC; Town of Nekimi; Rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 012-0130**
- 5. RESOLUTION 231-022026: Disallow Notice of Claim from Lyle and Sandra Forsgren, Tusler Law SC, and subroIQ for Damage to their Vehicle**
*WHEREAS, your Personnel and Finance Committee has had the claim of Lyle and Sandra Forsgren, Tusler Law SC, and subroIQ referred to it for review; and
WHEREAS, your Committee has investigated the claim and recommends it be disallowed by Winnebago County.*
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the claim of Lyle and Sandra Forsgren, Tusler Law SC, and subroIQ,

filed with the County Clerk on January 5, 2026, is hereby disallowed since there is no basis for liability on the part of Winnebago County

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. RESOLUTION 232-022026: Support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702

Submitted by:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Farrey requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**7. RESOLUTION 233-022026: Supporting Disaster Assistance Legislation
AB 580/AB 581/SB 557/SB 558**

Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Supervisor Farrey requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

8. ORDINANCE 234-022026: Amend Chapter 19 of the Winnebago County General Code Per the Recodification Process

WHEREAS, Winnebago County is undertaking a recodification project to update the county General Code; and

WHEREAS, in the course of that review and consultation with the respective departments, multiple sections of the code were flagged as not reflecting current practice; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County General Code must be updated to reflect current practice; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department rules and regulations are primarily included within Chapter 19 of the Winnebago County General Code; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has coordinated with Corporation Counsel and the Parks Commission to update Chapter 19 Parks and Recreation to reflect current practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Chapter 19 of the Winnebago County General Code is amended per the attached Chapter 19 revision document.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that revisions to Chapter 19 of the Winnebago County General Code shall become effective following the date of publication.

Submitted by:

PARKS COMMISSION

9. ORDINANCE 235-022026: Amend "Chapter ~~19.42~~ 19.24 Special Event Fees" to Grant Authorization for the Winnebago County Parks Department to Charge a Fee for Parking During Special Events within Community Park

Submitted by:

PARKS COMMISSION

Supervisor Dowling requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

10. RESOLUTION 236-022026: Authorize the Winnebago County Parks Department to Apply for and Accept a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Grant for the 2026-2027 Season.

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

WHEREAS, funds are available for snowmobile trail maintenance as well as snowmobile trail developments and improvements through the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Sec. 23.09(26), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in this project, it is necessary that the County Board authorize applying for and accepting of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to apply for and accept funds from the Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available for public snowmobile trail maintenance, snowmobile trail developments and improvements in Winnebago County.

Submitted by:

PARKS COMMISSION

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. RESOLUTION 237-022026: Budget Amendment -Acceptance of a HUD Lead Abatement Grant for \$4.4M for Winnebago County Public Health

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Public Health Department has successfully applied for a federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (LHRG); and

WHEREAS, the funds from the LHRG allow Public Health to fund a full-time HUD Grant Lead Abatement Program Coordinator fully; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Abatement Program Coordinator will oversee the HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funds to pay for the lead abatement of approximately 100 qualifying homes; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying homes will primarily be older homes owned or rented by lower-income occupants with children under age 6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes acceptance of a grant for \$4,400,000.00 that runs through October 14, 2029, and adds \$1,100,000.00 to the 2026 budget of Public Health for lead abatement programming in Winnebago County.

Submitted by:

BOARD OF HEALTH

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

12. RESOLUTION 238-022026: Table of Organization Change for Public Health -Add one Lead Abatement Program Coordinator

WHEREAS, HUD's Lead Abatement Grant award ("Grant"), offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is the first grant awarded directly by HUD for lead abatement in Winnebago County. The Grant is a four-year grant for approximately \$4.4 million; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has more than 4,500 homes that are rental occupied and built before 1940, when lead in paint was used in the highest concentrations, before being banned in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, 2,319 children were tested for blood lead levels and 80 were identified with an elevated blood lead level and were followed up by Public Health. Childhood lead poisoning is a serious and preventable health threat to children who reside or spend time in dwellings with deteriorating lead-based paint; and

WHEREAS, one of the methods Public Health uses to mitigate the threat of childhood lead exposure is lead-based paint abatement, the removal or encapsulation of deteriorating lead-based paint; and

WHEREAS, Public Health receives funding from WI DHS to run a lead paint abatement program that abates roughly 25 homes per year, primarily in the homes of children who have elevated blood lead levels. The Grant will double the capacity of Winnebago County's current programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves adding one Lead Abatement Program Coordinator position to the Table of Organization for the Winnebago County Department of Public Health.

Submitted by:

BOARD OF HEALTH

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

13. ORDINANCE 239-022026: Amend Chapter 5.08 of the Winnebago County General Code

WHEREAS, in August 2025, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 0175-082025 approving new Medical Examiner fees and updated rates for existing services. Based on that approval, new fees for death certificate signing, physician refusal, storage, bio seal, and transportation were implemented in late 2025 per Ordinance 0203-112025; and

WHEREAS, during the recodification process in November 2025, Ordinance 203-112025 was passed by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors updating the language of Chapter 5.08 to reflect the structural changes abolishing the office of elected Coroner and implementing the Office of Medical Examiner. This legislation failed to address the previously passed fee increase from August 2025; and

WHEREAS, this amendment resolves that discrepancy by updating the Medical Examiner fee provisions in Winnebago County General Code Chapter 5.08 to conform to the August 2025 resolution and fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 175-082025 and accompanying fee schedules were structured to comply with these statutes, including a phased implementation approach and annual CPI adjustments. Updating Winnebago County General Code Chapter 5.08 to reflect the fee structure ensures consistency between the Winnebago County General Code and enacted policy, clear guidance for administration and the public, continued compliance with state statutory requirements, and clean implementation of the deferred cremation and disinterment fee adjustments.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN that Winnebago County General Code Chapter 5.08 is amended as follows:

5.08 OFFICE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

(1) *Authority: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority provided under Wis Stats. § 59.36, 59.365, 69.18(2)(d)(3), and [979.09](#).*

(2) Fee Schedule

Cremation Permit Fee ~~\$170.00~~ **\$175.00**

Disinterment ~~\$50.00~~ **\$51.00**

Death Certificate Fee \$150.00

Physician Refusal \$250.00

Storage Fee \$60 per day after 48 hours

Bio Seal Fee \$200

Transportation \$225

Contracts

Morgue Facility Tissue Recovery \$650 (with transport \$900)

Lion's Eye Bank \$100

Private Autopsy Suite Rental TBD (\$500 with current contract)

(3) *Payment Of Fees: All fees paid pursuant to this Ordinance shall be paid to the Office of the Winnebago County Treasurer.*

(4) *Disposal By Cremation. The Winnebago County Medical Examiner shall cause the body of an unclaimed deceased person to be cremated upon their written authorization. Cremation of an unclaimed body shall occur no earlier than seven (7) days subsequent to the pronounced date of death of the deceased person.*

(5) Costs

(a) *The Winnebago County Medical Examiner shall request the assistance of the Winnebago County Department of Human Services to determine the Medical Assistance eligibility of the deceased. Should the deceased individual be eligible for Medical Assistance, any Medical Assistance payments made on behalf of the deceased shall be used to offset cremation costs of the deceased individual's unclaimed body.*

(b) *Family members of deceased individuals who refuse to claim the deceased individual's body shall not have any input into the decision regarding the means of*

disposition of the unclaimed body. Winnebago County shall have no obligation to pay for visitation or other funeral arrangements relating to any deceased individual whose body remains unclaimed.

(c) Cremation costs shall not exceed \$500 unless otherwise authorized by the Personnel and Finance Committee of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

(d) The Winnebago County Medical Examiner, within their discretion, may dispose of an unclaimed body by burial or by other means when it is in the interests of law enforcement or Winnebago County.

(e) Nothing contained within this Ordinance shall prevent the Winnebago County Medical Examiner or Winnebago County from filing a claim against the estate of the deceased, or using other legal means, to recover the costs of disposition of the deceased individual should it appear that assets are available within the estate of the deceased individual or otherwise to cover said disposition costs.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said amendment to the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

14. RESOLUTION 240-022026: Approve Park View Health Center Budget Transfer from Labor to Other Operating Expenses

WHEREAS, Park View Health Center is over budget in Professional Services due to the implementation cost of the new Electronic Medical Records system for additional programs, training and two years of invoicing for the Medical Director and usage of contracted workers; and

WHEREAS, in order to cover these costs, Park View Health Center needs to transfer funds from Wage and Labor Turnover Savings; and

WHEREAS, Park View Health Center is requesting that funds be transferred to a different category, which requires approval from the Park View Health Center Committee and Personnel and Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves the 2026 budget transfers as specified on the attached Budget Transfer form.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Hinz to adopt the consent calendar excluding:

6. Support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702

7. Supporting Disaster Assistance Legislation AB 580/AB 581/SB 557/SB 558

9. Amend "Chapter 19.12 Special Event Fees" to Grant Authorization for the Winnebago County Parks Department to Charge a Fee for Parking During Special Events within Community Park

VOTE ON CONSENT CALENDAR: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

6. RESOLUTION 232-022026: Support of Battery Stewardship Bill AB 713 / SB 702

WHEREAS, batteries are an essential part of modern life and are increasingly used in household, commercial, and industrial products; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of batteries, especially lithium-ion and other rechargeable batteries, creates significant fire hazards for waste collection vehicles, transfer stations, recycling facilities, and landfills; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will improve safety at solid waste facilities and recycling centers by reducing the risk of fires caused by improperly disposed batteries; and

WHEREAS, local governments and solid waste facilities across Wisconsin have experienced rising operational costs and safety concerns due to improper battery disposal; and
WHEREAS, battery recycling across Wisconsin is sporadic and limited, and this legislation would enhance collection opportunities and public awareness through a consistent statewide approach; and
WHEREAS, the proposed Wisconsin Battery Stewardship Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713 would establish a producer-funded battery collection and recycling program administered through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approved Battery Stewardship Organizations (BSOs), thereby shifting financial responsibility from local governments and residents to product manufacturers; and
WHEREAS, the legislation would require producers to provide convenient and free statewide collection opportunities for covered batteries, ensure safe collection and transportation, and support public education on proper disposal practices; and
WHEREAS, alkaline batteries are one of the most common battery types entering the waste stream, and excluding them from the stewardship program would reduce program effectiveness, increase sorting burdens on collection facilities, and create confusion for residents who already struggle to distinguish between battery chemistries; and
WHEREAS, including alkaline batteries as covered batteries will expand safe collection opportunities, reduce contamination, and align Wisconsin's battery stewardship program with best practices adopted in other states; and
WHEREAS, the bill's existing convenience standard could still leave large rural areas without adequate access to safe battery recycling, and requiring at least one collection opportunity per county per year, whether permanent, seasonal, or a one-day event, would ensure equitable access for all Wisconsin residents; and
WHEREAS, the proposed legislation currently does not provide funding or staffing for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to administer and oversee the stewardship program, and without such support, effective and consistent statewide implementation would be significantly limited; and
WHEREAS, every other state with similar battery stewardship laws provides financial support to the administering state agency, typically through reimbursement or fee structures paid by the Battery Stewardship Organization, and establishing such funding is necessary for Wisconsin to ensure proper oversight, reporting, and enforcement of the program; and
WHEREAS, counties and municipalities play a critical role in ensuring safe and effective waste management and recycling systems, and stand to benefit directly from improved coordination, funding, and safety measures under this bill.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature to pass Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713, with the addition of alkaline batteries as covered batteries, ensuring at least one collection opportunity in every county annually, and providing funding for the state administration of the program;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, local members of the State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
Submitted by:
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Farrey requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Cox, to adopt item removed from consent calendar.

*Vote on resolution. AYES: 32; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 1 – Gilbertson;
Excused: 2 – Hancock-Cooke and Binder; Absent: 1 – Halbur. MOTION PASSED.*

**7. RESOLUTION 233-022026: Supporting Disaster Assistance Legislation
AB 580/AB 581/SB 557/SB 558**

WHEREAS, individual assistance programs for citizens and businesses following a disaster are vital to the well-being and stability of communities, providing crucial support to families and industries during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, these programs, which may include but are not limited to emergency housing assistance, home assistance/repairs, housing, and financial support, are essential for addressing the immediate and long-term needs of residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, no State funding currently exists to help disaster victims in Wisconsin, and they are often left behind after disasters due to less accessible federal aid; and

WHEREAS, several other states have addressed this issue by creating a state fund for disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has put forth legislation to establish an individual assistance disaster recovery grant program to help disaster victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it supports legislation to establish an individual assistance disaster recovery grant program to help disaster victims to ensure that individuals and businesses throughout Wisconsin will have quick and easy access to emergency aid when needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors requests that the Winnebago County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to all counties throughout the State of Wisconsin, the offices of Winnebago County State Legislators, and the Office of the Governor.

Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Farrey requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to adopt item removed from consent calendar.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 33; NAYES: 0; Excused: 2 – Hancock-Cooke and Binder; Absent: 1 – Halbur. MOTION PASSED

9. ORDINANCE 235-022026: Amend "Chapter ~~19.12~~ 19.24 Special Special Event Fees" to Grant Authorization for the Winnebago County Parks Department to Charge a Fee for Parking During Special Events within Community Park

WHEREAS, several community organizations, including the Oshkosh United Soccer Club have reached out to the Parks Department with interest in charging for parking for their yearly tournaments in order to pay for improvements at the soccer complex; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department would work with each special event individually to charge a fee for parking for their special event; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department would work with each large special event to determine the process for charging the parking fee as to not cause any issues on the public streets during an event; and

WHEREAS, the County Board directs that any special-event parking charge authorized by this amendment shall not exceed \$5 per vehicle (or the Wisconsin DNR state park vehicle daily admission fee, whichever is less); and

WHEREAS, all fees collected by the Parks Department would need to be placed into a segregated account that can only be utilized for improvements and maintenance at the Community Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Chapter ~~19(12)f~~ 19.24 "Special Event Fees" shall allow for the Parks Department to have the ability to charge a parking fee for special events hosted at the Community Park.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said amendment to the Winnebago County General Code shall become effective on

the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by:

PARKS COMMISSION

Supervisor Dowling requested that this item be pulled from the consent calendar.

Motion by Supervisor Dowling, seconded by Supervisor Reinke, to adopt item removed from consent calendar.

Motion by Supervisor Dowling, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to call the question.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on resolution. AYES: 25; NA YES: 7 – Dowling, Lutz, Stafford, Macho, Cox, Gustafson, Farrey; ABSTAIN: 1 – Laux; Excused: 2 – Hancock-Cooke and Binder; Absent: 1 – Halbur. MOTION PASSED.

M. Business Items, Resolutions, and Ordinances

1. RESOLUTION 0241-022026: Denouncing ICE Operations in Minnesota
This resolution was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the adoption of the agenda.

N. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to adjourn until the March 3, 2026, Special Orders Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. *The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.*

Submitted by:

Tori Kinderman

Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin) County of Winnebago) ss

I, Tori Kinderman, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their Business Meeting held February 24, 2026.

Tori Kinderman

Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website: <https://winnebagoowwi.portal.civicclerk.com>