



**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Julie A. Barthels, County Clerk, 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: 34 – Dowling, Laux, Keech, Spoehr, Ramos, Reinke, Hancock-Cooke, Moonin, Rosenow, Paterson, Gabert, Binder, Norenberg, Gilbertson, C. Frassetto, McCartney, Ponzer, Poeschl, Macho, Hinz, Bettin, Pluchinsky, Powers, Hanson, Schulze, Gustafson, Bureau, Woods, Noe, F. Frassetto, Egan, O'Brien, Nelson and Miller; Excused: 2 – Wise and Buck.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Invocation

The invocation was given by Supervisor Powers.

E. Board of Supervisors' Oaths of Office - Judge Scott Woldt

Judge Scott Woldt administered the Oath of Office to the 2026–2028 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

F. Adopt Agenda

Julie Barthels, County Clerk, requested to amend the agenda to move item L. 1. Explanation of County Board Room Voting System before item F. Adopt Agenda. Ms. Barthels would like to give the presentation, and then the board can vote by machine to adopt the agenda. This way, the board can see how it's going to work and what's going to happen.

Motion by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Pluchinsky, to make this amendment to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hinz, to adopt the agenda as amended for tonight's meeting. AYES: 34; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 0; EXCUSED: 2 – Wise and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

G. Election of County Board Chair

County Clerk Barthels called for nominations for Chairman of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Supervisor Bureau, to nominate Supervisor Frank Frassetto as Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Powers, to nominate Supervisor Shiloh Ramos as Chairman.

Supervisor Dowling referenced Rule 3.3, "Each candidate will be granted 3 minutes to introduce themselves and their experience."

Supervisor Frank Frassetto informed the board of his experience and what to expect from him if he were to be elected as County Board Chairman.

Supervisor Shiloh Ramos introduced himself and his experience and what to expect from him if he were to be elected as County Board Chairman.

Supervisors cast their vote for Chairman via paper ballots that were distributed to them. The ballots were collected and counted. Supervisor Frassetto received the most votes.

Supervisor Frank Frassetto was seated as County Board Chairman.

Chairman Frassetto thanked the Board for their support.

H. Election of County Board Vice Chair

Chairman Frassetto called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Supervisor Reinke to nominate Supervisor Shiloh Ramos as Vice Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Ponzer to nominate Supervisor Steven Binder as Vice Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Miller to nominate Supervisor Conley Hanson as Vice Chairman.

Supervisor Shiloh Ramos thanked the individuals who had nominated him for these positions and voted for him earlier. He announced he would be happy to serve in any capacity that this board feels he may be a benefit to the board and the county.

Supervisor Steven Binder explained he wants to be involved. He wants to be there and make a difference so that people in Winnebago County get what they deserve. He detailed his experience and what to expect from him if he were to be elected as County Board Vice Chairman.

Supervisor Conley Hanson introduced himself, experience and what the board can expect from him if he were to be elected as County Board Chairman.

Supervisors cast their vote for Vice-Chairman via paper ballots that were distributed to them. The ballots were collected and counted. Supervisor Ramos and Supervisor Hanson received the most votes.

The second round of casting their vote for Vice-Chairman was between Supervisor Ramos and Supervisor Hanson.

Supervisors cast their vote for Vice-Chairman via paper ballots that were distributed to them.

Supervisor Hanson was seated as the Vice-Chairman.

I. Public Comments

Reverend Ellen Rasmussen, Oshkosh, thanked the board for their leadership and service and encouraged the supervisors to lead with courage, not only to stand firm in their convictions, but to remain open to learning and growth.

J. Appointment of Committee on Committees by County Board Chair

Chairman Frassetto appointed Vice-Chairman Hanson, Supervisors Gabert, Bureau and Buck to the Committee on Committees. Chairman Frassetto will serve as the fifth member of this committee.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Miller to approve appointments for the Committee on Committees. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The Committee on Committees will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the David W. Albrecht Administration Building, Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room 120, to appoint supervisors to committees.

K. Welcome - Gordon Hintz, County Executive

County Executive Hintz congratulated and welcomed all the supervisors to the 2026-2028 session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hintz stated he was excited to work with everyone during this session to help identify and address issues throughout Winnebago County.

L. Organizational Session

1. Explanation of County Board Room Voting System — County Clerk's Office and Information Technology

Jennifer Ruetten, Information Technology Director, explained to the board some of the key functions they will utilize on the CivicPlus system. The meeting packets will be on both board and public portals. Each supervisor can view their committee's meeting information on the board portals. All other meetings that they may want to attend but not on the committee, they

will need to use the public portal. Ms. Ruetten stepped through how to log in, request to speak, the voting process and shared some tips and reminders with the county board.

Ms. Ruetten reminded the board that the laptops and iPads are a county-owned asset; explained the use of them; how beneficial they will be in County Board meetings; and the importance of using the County's e-mail address that is provided to everyone, especially in regard to open records requests.

Ms. Ruetten then took questions from the board.

M. Business Items, Resolutions, and Ordinances

1. Resolution 1-042026: Adopt the 2026-2028 Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2026, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors were elected by the voters of the county ; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors begin on the third Tuesday of the even-numbered year ; and

WHEREAS, on the third Tuesday of the even-numbered year, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors shall organize by conducting leadership elections and adopting the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2026 Winnebago County Judiciary and Public Safety Committee have contemplated the proposed Rules for the 2026-2028 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors session. Pursuant to its long-established duty under Rule 24.6 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors rules, the following amendments, as attached are submitted to address concerns raised by department heads and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors have contemplated the proposed Rules for the 2026-2028 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby adopts the 2026-2028 Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, inclusive of substantive changes as well as any clerical renumbering of the Rules, as appropriate, to reflect additions and deletions approved by this Board.

Submitted by:

SUPERVISOR JIM WISE, DISTRICT 8

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Hancock-Cooke, seconded by Supervisor Reinke, to adopt Resolution 1-042026: Adopt the 2026–2028 Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors as proposed. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion to Amend: To Create Rule 1.4 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Rules re: Remote Attendance at Meetings.

(Option 1)

Motion by Supervisor Hancock-Cooke, seconded by Supervisor Reinke to adopt.

Supervisor Reinke offered a friendly amendment: A supervisor may only be absent and able to attend virtually with the previous approval of the committee or board chair. On lines 27–28, strike the verbiage "at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting" after the word "Chair" and on lines 28-29, strike the verbiage, "if a request is made within 24 hours of the scheduled meeting due to an emergency." after the word "attendance". It should read, "Requests for remote attendance must be submitted to the County Clerk and the Board, Committee, Commission, or Task Force Chair, ~~at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting~~ the Chair may grant remote attendance. ~~if a request is made within 24 hours of the scheduled meeting due to an emergency.~~

Supervisors Hancock-Cooke and Reinke accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor O'Brien, to call the question.

Vote on call the question. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on Option 1, as amended with the friendly amendment. AYES: 11 – Laux, Reinke, Hancock-Cooke, Gilbertson, Macho, Powers, Spoehr, Ramos, C. Frassetto, Poeschl and Schulze; NAYES: 22; ABSTAIN: 1 – Egan; EXCUSED: 2 – Wise and Buck.

MOTION FAILED.

(Option 2)

Motion by Supervisor Hancock-Cooke to adopt option 2 and asked to amend it with the same friendly amendment proposed with the previous option 1, seconded by Supervisor Reinke.

Friendly amendment proposed in the previous option: On lines 27–29, it should read, "Requests for remote attendance must be submitted to the County Clerk and the Board, Committee, Commission, or Task Force Chair, ~~at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting~~ the Chair may grant remote attendance. ~~if a request is made within 24 hours of the scheduled meeting due to an emergency.~~

Supervisor Macho requested a friendly amendment. On line 23, strike "(six) 6" and replace it with "(one) 1" after the word "exceed".

Supervisors Hancock-Cooke and Reinke accepted the friendly amendment.

Vote on Option 2, as amended. AYES: 19: NAYES: 14 – Paterson, Gabert, Ponzer, Hinz, Hanson, Gustafson, Bureau, F. Frassetto, O'Brien, Miller, Keech, Bettin, Woods and Noe; ABSTAIN: 1 – Egan; EXCUSED: 2 – Wise and Buck. MOTION PASSED.

(Option 3)

This did not need to be addressed since option 2 passed.

Motion to Amend: To strike Rule 11.6 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Rules re: Voting and Roll Call

Motion by Supervisor Ramos, seconded by Supervisor Poeschl, to amend Rule 11.6 to change the wording to state: "All votes cast at ~~a County Board Meeting~~ shall be cast only if the Supervisor is present at his or her desk. ~~in the officially designated county board/committee physical meeting space.~~

Vote on amendment. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion to Amend: To Create Rule 12.9 of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Rules re: Motions to Call the Question.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Powers, to create Rule "12.9 A motion to call the question shall be stated as an independent expression by the motioning Supervisor or Committee Member. It may not be included at the end of a Supervisor's speaking privileges. Any motion to call the question by a Supervisor in this manner shall be ruled out of order by the Chair." CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

N. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Spoehr, seconded by Supervisor Pluchinsky, to adjourn until the April 28, 2026, Adjourned Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor

Winnebago County Chief 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 Organizational Meeting held April 21, 2026.

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor

Winnebago County Chief Deputy Clerk

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