



**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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: 35 – Dowling, Laux, Ulbricht, Lutz, Holt, Reinke, Hancock-Cooke, Wise, Nussbaum, Paterson, Gabert, Binder, Swan, Gilbertson, Mueller, Halbur, Ponzer, Belleville, Macho, Hinz, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Bureau, Farrey, Harrison, Frassetto, Egan, O'Brien, Nelson and Miller; Excused: 1 – Stafford.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Invocation

Invocation by Supervisor Karen Powers

E. Adopt Agenda

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

F. Public Comments

KristL Laux, County Board Supervisor, District 2, stated that the Menasha Common Council had a meeting with a presentation from The Fox River Navigational System Authority. The Menasha Lock cannot be open because of a fish called the round goby that is invasive. The Fox River Navigational System Authority was going to build an electric fence so that it would keep the goby out and the lock could be used. They have pulled out of that project so that electric fence is no longer going to be built. Menasha has decided to do nothing and just let the goby go. As soon as the goby is found in Lake Winnebago, it will take about a year, and then they'll be able to open the locks. Ms. Laux wanted to let everyone know because it is going to affect all of the watershed for the Fox River and for the Wolf River once it gets through.

G. Communications from the County Clerk

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

The following claim has been referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

- *Notice of Claim from Matt Smits*

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

- *Petition for Zoning Amendment 001: Michael L. & Lisa A. Scott, Town of Oshkosh, Rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-2 (Suburban Residential District) for tax parcel no. 018-0440*
- *Petition for Zoning Amendment 002: Tom & Lisa Comiskey, Town of Wolf River, Rezone from R-8 (Manufactured/Mobile Home Community District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 032-0609-04*

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, thanked everyone who attended the Christmas Party and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

H. Reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards

Supervisor Swan stated that the UW Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus Board of Trustees had a meeting on December 2, 2024, and referred the update to Supervisor Ulbricht.

Supervisor Binder informed the board that the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee members have switched the day their committee meets. They will now be meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Their next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the JP Coughlin Center or virtually by ZOOM.

Supervisor Gilbertson stated the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee wanted to talk about Mental Health during the holiday season. Ms. Gilbertson read a message that the UW Extension Department left to share with everyone. Supervisor Gilbertson stated if anyone has any questions or would like resources regarding mental health during the holiday season, they can reach out to her, and she can share the resources given to her from the UW Extension Department.

Supervisor Frassetto provided an update from the last Industrial Development Board (IDB) meeting. He informed the board that they did pass updates to their policies and procedures which essentially makes it a little bit more flexible for communities around Winnebago County as they embark on their Economic Development projects. Mr. Frassetto thanked the board for their vote to add an additional \$30,000. It doesn't seem like a lot, but every little bit helps. The communities that he has been in touch with have been very happy.

Supervisor Cox announced that the Personnel & Finance Committee provided a \$40,000 contingency for a feasibility study for Emergency Management Services (EMS) for an issue they are having with the City of Oshkosh. This study will be done over the next couple months and a result of that study will be brought back to the Personnel & Finance Committee to take a look at it.

Supervisor Buck invited everyone to attend the Facilities & Property Management Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Knapp Street location. Mr. Buck stated for the past 6 years the committee has been working on an ordinance around responsible contracting and bidding in the county. The committee provided a model, a responsible bidder ordinance, and had given it to Corporation Counsel. When the Ordinance draft appeared on the agenda, the item was not the will of the committee and questioned if the administration is providing some insight where this legislative body should have the insight and the knowledge to do so. Supervisor Buck invited everyone to come and join them at the Facilities meeting.

Supervisor Farrey announced a change for the Land Conservation Committee meetings beginning in January 2025. Mr. Farrey informed the board that the Land Conservation Committee will now be meeting the first Monday of the month. The time will not change and will still begin at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the JP Coughlin Center.

Supervisor Ulbricht informed the board that there is an increasing public interest about the status and the future of the UW Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus. There was a meeting on December 2, 2024, and people came to give their public opinion. They are concerned about the five Community assets on that campus consisting of the Barlow Planetarium; Weis Earth Science Museum; Communication Arts Center involving the Theatre and Auditorium; University Children's Center, and the Community Gardens. People have been outspoken strongly in favor of retaining the University Children's Center. Supervisor Ulbricht stated that Tom Nelson, Outagamie County Executive, reported he had serious conversations with stakeholders and there has been a lot of interest from the Menasha Public School District and others in a long-term solution for the property. The next UW Oshkosh Fox Cities Campus Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

I. County Executive's Report and Appointments

Executive Doemel wanted to clarify with Supervisor Buck in regard to Mr. Buck's comments during the Reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards section. It was clarified that the fair bidding was on the agenda, but it wasn't what the committee had asked the Corporation Counsel to draft.

Executive Doemel thanked everyone that attended the Christmas party.

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

- **Fox Valley Workforce Development Board:** Ms. Kari Meixl of Fox Valley Technical College

- **Human Services Board:** Reappointment of Supervisor Karen Powers, Supervisor Ralph Harrison, and Ms. Chris Kniep to a three-year term.
- **Veterans Service Commission:** Reappointment of Supervisor Tim Paterson, Mr. Roy Rogers, and Mr. Tom Snider to a three-year term.
- **Winnefox Library Board of Trustees:** Reappointment of Ms. Samantha Goldben and Mr. Noah Cypher to a three-year term.

Executive Doemel mentioned that there are vacancies on the Human Services Board and the Aging & Disability Resource Center for a supervisor. If anyone on the board is interested in those positions, please reach out to him.

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

J. County Board Chair's Report and Appointments

Chairman Egan reported that Supervisor Stafford was excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Egan thanked everyone that attended the Christmas Party, who donated door prizes, and who helped get donations for the party.

Chairman Egan wished everyone and their families a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year".

K. Presentations

1. County Board and Other Elected Officials Roles and Responsibilities - Andy Phillips, Wisconsin Counties Association

Mary Anne Mueller, Corporation Counsel, introduced Attorney Andy Phillips, General Counsel for the Wisconsin Counties Association, who presented information to the Board on Understanding Roles and Responsibilities in County Government. He began his presentation with the History of County Government in Wisconsin, why it exists and provided the years of when and how Wisconsin came to be what it is. Atty Phillips spoke about County Structure that included the Administrative Home Rule, Statute 59.03(1) and 59.51(1). There are three forms of county government; County Executive, County Administrator and County Administrative Coordinator, which Statute 59.17 tells the rules for each of these positions. He discussed the roles and responsibilities of county government, which included the County Executive, the special role of Corporation Counsel in County Executive Counties and the County Board of Supervisors. Atty Phillips explained in depth and used examples for the board showing the distinction between Policy and Administration. Statute 59 can be very confusing and cause issues between a County Executive and a County Board. He discussed the roles and responsibilities of the County Board Chair, Standing Committee Functions and Administration, which includes Department Heads and Staff. The County Board's role and responsibility is policy and the County Executive's role and responsibility is procedure, and they should work in unity to achieve a common goal.

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

L. Honoring Retiring County Employees

1. RESOLUTION 065-122024: Commendation for William Anthes

WHEREAS, William Anthes has been employed with the Winnebago County Sheriff Department, for the past twenty-nine years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Anthes started his career as a Corrections Deputy in April of 1995 and transferred to Patrol in 1999; and

WHEREAS, he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2004 and Patrol shift Lieutenant in 2010, with a stint as the Court Services Lieutenant in 2015 until 2021 when he transferred back to Patrol; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Lieutenant Anthes served on many special teams and

took on extra duties, he was a member of the Honor Guard, a crisis negotiator, and a member of the SWAT, Mobile Field Force, and Crisis Intervention Teams; and

WHEREAS, William Anthes 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 William Anthes 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 William Anthes.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized William Anthes for his employment with Winnebago County.

2. RESOLUTION 066-122024: Commendation for Deborah (Debby) Blankenship

WHEREAS, Deborah (Debby) Blankenship has been employed with Winnebago County for the past twenty-four years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and WHEREAS, during her tenure as an Economic Support Supervisor in the Human Services Department Debby led staff through multiple changes in programs, policies and many other things; and

WHEREAS, as a key part of the leadership team at Neenah Human Services, Debby helped countless low-income residents of Winnebago County get basic necessities; and

WHEREAS, Debby Blankenship has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is extended to Deborah Blankenship for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

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

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized Deborah (Debby) Blankenship for her employment with Winnebago County.

3. RESOLUTION 067-122024: Commendation for Brenda Dittmer

WHEREAS, Brenda Dittmer has been employed with Winnebago County for the past thirty-two years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Brenda provided exceptional care to Park View residents, dedicating her knowledge and time to building a rapport with residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Brenda took on the role of Restorative Aide where she worked closely with residents and the therapy department to ensure residents maximized their functional abilities; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Dittmer has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is extended to Brenda Dittmer for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Brenda Dittmer.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized Brenda Dittmer for her employment with Winnebago County.

4. RESOLUTION 068-122024: Commendation for Kristen Lemke

WHEREAS, Kristen Lemke has been employed with Winnebago County for the past twenty-eight years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Lemke began her career as a Corrections Deputy in March of 1996, where she was promoted to Corrections Corporal in 2001, and Corrections Sergeant in 2021; and

WHEREAS, throughout her long career Sergeant Lemke took on many extra duties and special assignments, such as being the jail's Registrar from 2012 until her retirement, serving as an important liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the Courts, Probation and Parole, and other agencies, Sergeant Lemke also served as the Corrections Division Field Training Officer Supervisor and supervised the Inmate Worker Program; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Lemke has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is extended to Kristen Lemke for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Kristen Lemke.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized Kristen Lemke for her employment with Winnebago County.

5. RESOLUTION 069-122024: Commendation for Lori Seiler

WHEREAS, Lori Seiler has been employed with Winnebago County for the past twenty-five years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Seiler started as a Corrections Deputy in November of 1999 and transferred to Patrol in 2003, where she was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2011 and to Patrol Lieutenant in 2013; and

WHEREAS, notably, Lieutenant Seiler was a member of the Honor Guard, Dive Rescue/Recovery Team, SWAT, Mobile Field Force, and Accident Reconstruction teams as well as a Patrol Officer in Charge and a Field Training Officer in both Corrections and Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Lori Seiler has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is extended to Lori Seiler for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

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

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized Lori Seiler for her employment with Winnebago County.

6. RESOLUTION 070-122024: Commendation for Dr. David Zerrien

WHEREAS, David Zerrien has been employed with the Winnebago County for the past twenty-five years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Zerrien was an asset to the Behavioral Health team, sharing his plethora of knowledge with staff throughout his impressive tenure, and an asset to patients, as he ensured his patients had a voice while he provided excellent treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, David Zerrien 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 David Zerrien 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 David Zerrien.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Julie Barthels, Winnebago County Clerk, recognized Dr. David Zerrien for his employment with Winnebago County.

M. 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 Proceedings

- October 28 & 29, 2024, Budget Hearings of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors
- November 19, 2024, Adjourned Session of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors

2. ORDINANCE 071-122024: Amend 3.03 of the Winnebago County General Code Regarding Administration and Management of Tax Deeded Lands

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

3. RESOLUTION 072-122024: Authorization to Enter Into an Easement with Adjacent Properties to 112 Otter Avenue for the Purposes of Restricting County Administration Building Height

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 59.52(6)(b), requires the county board to take action to protect the interests of the county as it relates to property; and

WHEREAS, the adjacent landowner to the David W. Albrecht Administration Building and State Street Building have requested a height restriction easement; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to the county to grant such an easement to guarantee access to all county-owned buildings situated along the property line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes County Administration to enter into an agreement with adjacent landowners of the David W. Albrecht Building for the purposes of height restrictions and county access to county-owned facilities situated on the property line.

Submitted by:

FACILITIES & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4. RESOLUTION 073-122024: Authorize Winnebago County to Enter into a Lease for the Asylum Point property with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources desires to once again lease park land owned by the State to Winnebago County for the purpose of providing a boating and fishing access site to Lake Winnebago; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Parks Department also maintains and provides access to the Asylum Point Island and Lighthouse area that is utilized by many residents throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Asylum Point Park is a very important property for Winnebago County residents. The road had an estimated 94,218 cars visit this park in 2024; and

WHEREAS, said lease would be for the period of five (5) years for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) by Winnebago County to the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Clerk and the Winnebago County Executive to enter into a lease between Winnebago County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the term of said lease to be for a period of five (5) years, for and in consideration of the payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) by Winnebago County to the State of Wisconsin.

Submitted by:

Parks & Recreation Committee

5. RESOLUTION 074-122024: Authorize Winnebago County to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with Local Governments for the Purposes Coordinating Emergency Management and other Response Activities.

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Winnebago County has entered into an agreement with the City of Oshkosh to provide HazMat support to all of the municipalities within Winnebago County.; and

WHEREAS, state law requires intergovernmental agreement to receive governing body authorization for execution; and

WHEREAS, this agreement ensures quick response to Level II Hazmat incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee reviewed the policy matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the County Executive and County Clerk to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Oshkosh for the purposes of Level II Hazmat responses.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6. RESOLUTION 075-122024: Authorize Winnebago County to enter into an Intergovernmental Government Agreement (or in the alternative, a Memorandum of Agreement) and Conservation Easement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of managing an off-shore breakwall project on Lake Winneconne

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has been a partner in the construction of approximately two dozen offshore breakwalls since 1998; and WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

administrative rule requires offshore breakwalls to be under public ownership or control; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Department have applied for a permit for an offshore breakwall on Lake Winneconne as a co-applicant with the landowner; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has requested to enter into an agreement and conservation easement with the county for the long term monitoring and maintenance of the offshore breakwall; and

WHEREAS, the county and DNR agree the offshore breakwall is a necessary conservation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and County Clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement under Wisconsin State Statute 66.0301 (or in the alternative, a Memorandum of Agreement) and conservation easement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of monitoring an offshore breakwall on Lake Winneconne.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Winnebago County shall not take ownership of the offshore breakwall or incur financial responsibility for the maintenance of the offshore breakwall beyond any of the terms mutually agreed to by the parties in the Intergovernmental Agreement (or in the alternative, in the Memorandum of Agreement).

Submitted by:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

7. RESOLUTION 076-122024: Authorize \$28,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Purposes of Contracting with Solutions Recovery for the Peer Response Team members.

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has been funding the Sobriety Assisted Treatment Recovery (S.T.A.R.) Program through a variety of state and federal grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the significant federal grant from the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSAP) funding period ended on September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has been awarded the State of Wisconsin FY24 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant for program funding; and WHEREAS, the grant prohibits the disbursement of payments for services that occurred prior to the formal acceptance of the award; and

WHEREAS, the award and acceptance timelines were such that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors approved the grant acceptance in November; and WHEREAS, the timeline created a 7-week gap in funding for Solutions Recovery Inc for the Solutions Peer Response Team members; and

WHEREAS, using \$28,000 of Opioid Settlement Funds will bridge the funding gap between grant approval cycles to allow the continuance of providing valuable services to the inmate population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes use of \$28,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the purposes of contracting with Solutions Recovery for the Solutions Peer Response Team members, to cover a funding gap for October and a portion of November 2024.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Paterson to adopt the consent calendar excluding:

- 2. Amend 3.03 of the Winnebago County General Code Regarding Administration and Management of Tax Deeded Lands*

VOTE ON CONSENT CALENDAR: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

2. ORDINANCE 071-122024: Amend 3.03 of the Winnebago County General Code Regarding Administration and Management of Tax Deeded Lands

WHEREAS, the current 3.03 ordinance will become obsolete in the coming year with the passage of 2023 Act 207 stemming from the Tyler v. Hennepin court ruling; and

WHEREAS, a revision to ordinance 3.03 would bring Winnebago County into compliance with 2023 Act 207, an amendment to the original 2021 Act 216; and

WHEREAS, counties in Wisconsin are now barred from retaining surplus funds from tax sales; and

WHEREAS, funds are now to be issued to the former owner and if not claimed in one year, are to be added to unclaimed funds and governed under §59.66(2), any funds not claimed within 11 years would then be eligible to become county revenue; and

WHEREAS, in the current ordinance, the county is able to sell properties without consideration which is now in conflict with state law; and

WHEREAS, counties are now able to retain a greater share of the value from administrative time; and

WHEREAS, a model template ordinance outlining the changes to current practices was received from the Wisconsin Counties Association and fit to Winnebago County's current practices by the Treasurer's Office and Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the complete repeal of the current 3.03 ordinance, replaced by the proposed ordinance is the best course of action for the county to adhere to newly passed state legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends ordinance 3.03 of the Winnebago County General Code

through the adoption of the attached exhibit which adheres to new guidelines and procedures as outlined in 2024 Act 207.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Dowling to adopt.
Motion by Supervisor Swan, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to make an amendment to the Ordinance Proposal documentation. Under (2) Administration and Management of Tax-Deeded Lands, item no. e., in the last sentence, add "(s)" after "appraisal", and add "(s)" after "appraiser". The last sentence should read, "The appraisal(s) may be made by a certified appraiser(s) as defined in Wis. Stat. 458.01(7)".

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Lutz, to call the question.
Vote on Call the Question: AYES: 31; NAYES: 3 - Hancock-Cooke, Wise and Bureau; ABSTAIN: 1 - Schellenger; ABSENT: 1 - Stafford. MOTION PASSED.

Vote on the Amendment: AYES: 17 - Ulbricht, Reinke, Hancock-Cooke, Paterson, Gabert, Swan, Gilbertson, Mueller, Hinz, Zellmer, Buck, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Frassetto and O'Brien; NAYES: 18; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 1 - Stafford. MOTION FAILED.

Back to the original resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Lutz, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to call the question.

Vote on Call the Question: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on Original Resolution: AYES: 34; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 1 - Harrison; ABSENT: 1 - Stafford. MOTION PASSED.

Supervisor Dowling stated that Supervisor Swan was allowed to speak three times and requested that this be on record and written in the proceedings.

N. Business Items, Resolutions, and Ordinances

O. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Farrey wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum, to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 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 Business Meeting held December 17, 2024.

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

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