



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

A. Call to Order

John Hinz called the meeting to order at 12:00PM. Committee members include: Lucas Reinke, Tom Swan, Andy Buck, with Jim Wise joining later on in the meeting. Other attendees include: Mike Elder - Facilities Director, Conley Hanson - District 26 Supervisor, John Matz - Winnebago County Sheriff, Bill Topel - Human Services Director, Lu Scheer - County Executive Department, Miracle Mills-Wheeler - ESTHER, Katie Olson - ESTHER, Lynnsey Erickson - Public Health, Katie Campbell, Stefanie Holt - District 5 Supervisor, Andy Last - Facilities, Jennifer Verderami, Doug Gieryn - Public Health Director, Ethan Hollenberger - County Executive Department, Kristl Laux, Cheryl Brehmer - Medical Examiner, Ralph Harrison Sr. - District 31 Supervisor, Natalie Strohmeyer - Register of Deeds, Lisa Stanberg, Tom Egan - District 33 Supervisor, Bryan Stafford - District 10 Supervisor, Becky Heltd, Dustin Nighbor.

B. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

Public attendees took the opportunity to voice their concerns. Resident Katie Campbell spoke of how they no longer feel safe in the downtown area anymore. Members of ESTHER (Katie Olson, Miracle Mills-Wheeler) and Supervisor Stephanie Holt spoke out in concern over criminalizing homelessness, that this would provide a false sense of security and make it harder to find them to provide necessary services. Supervisor Holt spoke of the need for a state wide task force concerning this issue.

C. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Tom Swan spoke briefly about the work he is doing with Corporation Counsel to prepare for legal concerns when potentially parceling out the Menasha campus.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. August 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Lucas Reinke, seconded by Tom Swan; the motion passed 4-0.

E. Committee Chair's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discussion of UWO-Fox Cities Status

Tom Swan updated the committee on the previous meeting of the Board of Trustees for the UW Fox Cities Menasha campus. It was voted on to seek an appraisal of the facilities, with Outagamie County in agreement. Tom Swan made a motion to recommend to the County Board that they seek an appraisal, seconded by Andy Buck; the motion passed 4-0.

2. Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 9 to Create Section 9.42 Governing Loitering in Winnebago County
This item and item F3 came to the committee after passing the Judiciary and Public Safety committee and concerns the congregating of homeless individuals around certain County buildings. Jim Wise joined the meeting during this discussion. Supervisor Conley Hanson spoke of his research in designing the code changes, and Neenah's similar, recently passed ordinance. John Matz and Bill Topel answered questions. Sheriff Matz spoke of the video evidence of concerning behavior, the refusal of services, and that currently the Sheriff's jurisdiction only concerns calls from within County buildings, with the Oshkosh Police Department responding to calls outside. Bill Topel shed some light on the role of Human Services providing mental health and substance abuse counseling but not housing. The area no longer has an emergency shelter and there is a waiting list for available shelters. Mike Elder spoke of the buildings and the damage they have received. John Hinz made a motion to pass the amendment, seconded by Tom Swan; the motion failed 2-3 with Jim Wise, Andy Buck, and Lucas Reinke against the motion.
3. Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 9 to Create Section 9.43 Governing Camping on Winnebago County Property
A motion to approve the amendment was made by John Hinz. The motion passed 3-2 with Andy Buck and Lucas Reinke in dissent.

G. Director's Report

1. Update of 980 Housing Project
A possible new release is pending, with a court hearing on September 19th. More information to follow.
2. Update of Highway Office Project
Construction is in its final stages with an expected end date around the end of October for the Highway department to move back into their offices.
3. Update of Evidence Garage /Morgue Building Project
The exterior of the building is up, roof trusses are in progress, with an estimated completion around the middle of February.
4. Update of 2024 Year-to-Date Budget
Mike Elder updated the committee. The budget is on track if slightly behind as bills for projects come in.
5. Update of Current and Upcoming Maintenance Projects
Mike Elder updated the committee. The 980 housing units are done. Wittman Airport's fire station boiler project is almost finished after using a surplus boiler. Bid documents for the 112 Otter Street building come out at the end of October. The County Courthouse's Branch 3 remodel plans are awaiting approval from the City of Oshkosh. The bids for the boiler projects for the Neenah Human Services and J.P. Coughlin Center buildings came in high. The Neenah Human Services chiller project is done. The Neenah Human Services roof project is necessary to preserve the building for whatever the County plans to do with it in the future and will move forward. The Neenah Human Services roof project is necessary to maintain the building, as whatever future plans the County has for it, it would still be necessary if it was sold. The generator for the Expo Center has components that have been delayed an additional twenty-five weeks. The Harrison Street shelter repairs are almost entirely complete; the Silver Crest shelter repairs are also nearing completion.

H. Items for Next Agenda

Suggestions from committee members for items to be addressed on a future agenda

At the next meeting the committee would like to discuss the work on responsible bidders criteria, an update on the Fox Cities campus, an update on the 980 release, the evidence garage project progress. The committee would like to see a presentation of the building assessment study for newer members.

I. Next Meeting Date

The next committee meeting will take place at noon on October 16. John Hinz proposed on behalf of Supervisor Morris Cox that the meeting date be moved up to address a naming proposal; the committee declined.

J. Adjourn

Andy Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lucas Reinke; the motion passed 5-0.