

**ANNUAL COUNTY BOARD BUDGET MEETINGS
OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2011**

Chairman David Albrecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Supervisor Lennon.

The following Supervisors were present: Konezke, Barker, Englebert, Eisen, Ramos, Miller, Roh, Smith, Albrecht, Gabert, Thompson, Lennon, Reynolds, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Neubauer, Kline, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis and Kriescher. Excused: Widener and Hamblin. **(There are two vacancies on the Board at this time.)**

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adopt tonight's agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

Jean Krings, 1822 Hazel Street, Oshkosh, thanked the Board for their continued support of the Hope & Care Center in Oshkosh. Ms. Krings explained how important the center is to the county's mentally ill residents.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution from Lincoln County, No. 2011-10-60, "Resolution Supporting H.R. 1496 in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate Bill 202 to Amend Title 31 United States Code to Audit the Federal Reserve System of the United States was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution from Outagamie County, No. 41-2011-12 supports LRB 2647/2, which will criminalize violations of the 72 hour no-contact condition for domestic abuse offenders, was referred to the Legislative Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Hegg thanked the Board for their approval of the reconstruction of the aprons on County Road P overpasses in the Town of Menasha. It is much quieter in those neighborhoods now that they have been reconstructed.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Widener and Hamblin are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht reminded the Board that tomorrow is Student Government Day. The tickets for the luncheon are \$6.00 and are available from the County Clerk.

Chairman Albrecht explained the budget amendment forms that were placed on the Supervisors' desks. If anyone wishes to make an amendment to the budget, they need to fill out the form and give it to either Doug Petraszak or Teri Bolssen of the Finance Department.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 299-102011: Adopt 2012 Annual Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the 2012 Annual County Budget, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Submitted by;
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Kline and seconded to adopt.

Executive Mark Harris began his presentation of the 2012 budget.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, November 1. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

Chairman David Albrecht called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Supervisor Lennon.

The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Englebert, Eisen, Ramos, Miller, Roh, Smith, Hamblin, Albrecht, Gabert, Thompson, Lennon, Reynolds, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Neubauer, Kline, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis and Kriescher. Excused: Widener.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2012 budget.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess at 9:35 a.m. The meeting reconvened at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2010 budget.

At 11:50 a.m., Chairman Albrecht adjourned for lunch.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., Chairman Albrecht called the Board meeting to order to meet with the students who were in attendance as part of Student Government Day at Winnebago County. Chairman Albrecht explained the county's budget process to the students and then had them participate by presenting mock resolutions and voting on them.

Chairman Albrecht dismissed the students at approximately 1:50 p.m. The Board continued their budget meeting.

The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Eisen, Ramos, Miller, Roh, Smith, Hamblin, Albrecht, Thompson, Lennon, Reynolds, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Neubauer, Kline, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis and Kriescher. Excused: Englebert, Widener and Gabert.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2012 budget.

At approximately 2:45 p.m., Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m. Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2012 budget.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

Chairman David Albrecht called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by Supervisor Lennon.

The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Englebert, Eisen, Ramos, Miller, Roh, Smith, Hamblin, Albrecht, Gabert, Thompson, Lennon, Reynolds, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Kline, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis and Kriescher. Excused: Widener and Neubauer.

County Executive Harris completed his presentation of the Budget.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess at 9:15 a.m. The Board reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION NO. 299-102011

AMENDMENT (1): Increase Grant to Scholarship Fund by \$2,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$2,000 from the Regional Planning Commission's Budget, Account Number 5632, on Page 479 of the Winnebago County Budget and add \$2,000 to the Scholarship Fund on Page 479 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense shall have a neutral effect upon the budget.

Submitted by:

JERRY FINCH, DISTRICT 28
SHILOH RAMOS, DISTRICT 5
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT 30
GUY HEGG, DISTRICT 27
TOM KONETZKE, DISTRICT 1
TOM ELLIS, DISTRICT 34
JIM ENGLEBERT, DISTRICT 3
WILLIAM ROH, DISTRICT 7
JOANNE SIEVERT, DISTRICT 29
SUSAN LOCKE, DISTRICT 26
MARISSA REYNOLDS, DISTRICT 16
LAWRENCE KRIESCHER, DISTRICT 36
MARIBETH GABERT, DISTRICT 12
DONALD E MILLER, DISTRICT 6
ALFRED JACOBSON, DISTRICT 19
HAROLD SINGSTOCK, DISTRICT 23

Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Hall and seconded to amend the amendment by eliminating East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission from the amendment and to put the \$2,000 on the tax levy.

Vote on Supervisor Hall's amendment – Ayes: 23. Nays: 8 – Ramos, Smith, Gabert, Thompson, Lennon, Wingren, Hegg and Farrey. Abstain: 1 – Eisen. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. CARRIED.

Vote on amendment as amended – Ayes: 25. Nays: 5 – Ramos, Smith, Thompson, Lennon and Wingren. Abstained: 2 – Eisen and Hegg. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT (2): Increase the Information Systems Department's Capital Equipment Fund by \$12,000 (Purchase of a New Van)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$12,000 to the Capital Equipment Fund of the Information Systems Department's Budget, Account Number 5804, on Page 175 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense increase shall be offset by an increase in the General Tax Levy.

Submitted by:
JEF HALL, DISTRICT 17
LAWRENCE SMITH, DISTRICT 8
MARISSA REYNOLDS, DISTRICT 16
PATRICK BRENNAND, DISTRICT 32
ALFRED JACOBSON, DISTRICT 19

Motion by Supervisor Hall and seconded to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to amend Line 18 of the amendment by changing, "expense increase shall be offset by an increase in the General Tax Levy" to "expense increase shall be offset by a decrease in the General Fund". Ayes: 10 – Englebert, Ramos, Miller, Roh, Singstock, Hegg, Finch, Sievert, Farrey and Kriescher. Nays: 22. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. LOST.

Vote on Amendment as presented – Ayes: 23. Nays: 9 – Ramos, Miller, Gabert, Thompson, Lennon, Norton, Hegg, Farrey and Kriescher. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT (3): Add \$1,900 to the County Board Budget for Membership Dues

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$1,900 to the Membership Dues Fund of the County Board's Budget, Account Number 5311, on Page 472 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense increase shall be offset by a reduction in the Reserve Contingency Fund.

Submitted by:
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT 30
NANCY BARKER, DISTRICT 2
JERRY FINCH, DISTRICT 28
JIM ENGLEBERT, DISTRICT 3
PAUL EISEN, DISTRICT 4
KENNETH W NEUBAUER, DISTRICT 24

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Hall and seconded to amend the amendment by adding the necessary funds for these membership dues to the Membership Dues Fund of the Land & Water Conservation Department's budget.

Supervisor Farrey asked that the name of the organization—Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association—be added to Amendment No. 3.

Supervisor Hall added an additional amendment to his motion--Line 15 be amended by changing "reduction in the Reserve Contingency Fund" to "reduction on the tax levy". Vote on Supervisor Hall amendment – Ayes: 28. Nays: 4 – Ramos, Thompson, Hegg and Farrey. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. CARRIED.

Vote on Amendment as amended – Ayes: 28. Nays: 4 – Ramos, Miller, Thompson and Hegg. Excused: 2 –

Widener and Neubauer. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT (4): Eliminate \$100,00 from the Building Rental Fund of the Clerk of Court's Budget

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete \$100,000 from the Building Rental Fund of the Clerk of Courts Department's Budget, Account Number 5601, on Page 211 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense reduction shall be offset by a reduction to the tax levy.

Submitted by:
ROBERT WARNKE, DISTRICT 21

Motion by Supervisor Warnke and seconded to adopt. Supervisor Warnke corrected the amount in the title of the amendment to from "\$100,00 to "\$100,000". Supervisor Warnke reduced the amount in the amendment to \$50,000. After further discussion, Supervisor Warnke WITHDREW the amendment.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess at 10:45 a.m. The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

AMENDMENT (5): Transfer \$100,000 from the Clerk of Courts Department's Building Rental Account to the Facilities and Property Management Department's Rental Expenses Account

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete \$100,000 from the Building Rental Account of the Clerk of Courts Department's Budget, Account Number 5601, on Page 211 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense reduction shall be offset by an increase of \$100,000 to the Facilities and Property Management Department's Rental Expenses Account.

Submitted by:
MIKE NORTON, DISTRICT 20
THOMAS EGAN, DISTRICT 33
ROBERT WARNKE, DISTRICT 21

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 28. Nays: 3 – Lennon, Wingren and Robl. Abstain: 1 – Brennand. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT (6): Reduce Airport Tax Levy by \$232,420 and Apply \$232,420 from the Airport Undesignated Balance Funds to the Airport Operating Budget

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to reduce the Airport's tax levy by \$232,420, and substitute \$232,420 into the Airport Budget from the Airport Undesignated Balance Fund.

Submitted by:
PAUL EISEN, DISTRICT 4
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT 30
GUY HEGG, DISTRICT 27

Motion by Supervisor Eisen and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 8 – Eisen, Miller, Roh, Hegg, Finch, Sievert, Farrey and Kriescher. Nays: 24. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer. LOST.

AMENDMENT (7): Add \$410,000 to Airport Land Capital Outlay Account from the Airport Undesignated Balance Fund

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2012 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$410,000 to the Airport Land Capital Outlay Account by reducing the Airport Undesignated Balance Fund by \$410,000.

Submitted by:
DAVID ALBRECHT, DISTRICT 11

Chairman Albrecht turned the chair over to Vice Chairman Brennand. Vice Chairman Brennand stated that

because this amendment could potentially impact his family, he would not be participating in discussion or action on it.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded to adopt. Supervisor Albrecht corrected the amount in the Amendment from \$410,000 to \$400,000.

Supervisor Roh expressed his concern that because this Amendment does not specify which page or account number(s) in the budget the \$400,000 should be added to, it is in violation of the Wisconsin open meetings law and should not be addressed at this time. Corporation Counsel Bodnar explained that these budget meetings have been properly noticed for the public and that amendments to the budget can be made during these meetings. Mr. Bodnar stated that the Board is not in violation of the open meetings law if they act on Amendment 7.

Motion by Supervisor Eisen to postpone action on this Amendment indefinitely. No second to this motion.

Vice Chairman Brennand turned the chair back to Chairman Albrecht.

Vote on Amendment – Ayes: 16. Nays: 15. Abstain: 1 – Brennand. Excused: 2 – Widener and Neubauer.

CARRIED.

Various Supervisors challenged whether this Amendment passed because they felt that an abstention should be counted as a “no” vote, in which case the amendment would lose. After consulting the Board’s rules, Corporation Counsel Bodnar stated that he believes this motion lost. However, after the close of this meeting he will look into it further and if he discovers that his opinion is not correct, he will notify the County Clerk, the County Board Chairman and County Executive. Chairman Albrecht stated that he accepts Mr. Bodnar’s decision that this Amendment failed and will not pursue the matter any further.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess so that Supervisor Hegg’s amendment could be distributed to the Board.

The Board reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

In reference to Amendment No. 7, Corporation Counsel Bodnar reversed his earlier decision that the amendment lost. Citing a 1984 Wisconsin Court of Appeals decision, he explained that because Supervisor Brennand believed he had a legal obligation to abstain from voting on Amendment 7 and did abstain he is not considered present when, “calculating a majority number required for passage of legislation”. Based on this, Amendment 7 passed with 16 aye votes and 15 nay votes. Chairman Albrecht ruled that Amendment No. 7 passed.

AMENDMENT (8): Recognize the Sustainability Project with the UW-Extension Budget and Track Using a Separate Project Number with the UW-Extension Department

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby recognizes the Sustainability Project in the UW-Extension Department in the amount of \$1,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such project be tracked using a separate project number so the Sustainability Project revenues and expenses are separately tracked within the County’s accounting system.

Submitted by:
GUY HEGG, DISTRICT 27
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT 30
JERRY FINCH, DISTRICT 29
MARIBETH GABERT, DISTRICT 12
JOANNE SIEVERT, DISTRICT 29
BILL ROH, DISTRICT 7
TOM KONETZKE, DISTRICT 1
TOM ELLIS, DISTRICT 34
THOMAS EGAN, DISTRICT 33

Motion by Supervisor Hegg and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 28. Nays: 2 – Englebert and Albrecht. Excused: 4 – Widener, Lennon, Neubauer and Finch. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION NO. 299-102011: Adopt 2012 Annual Budget

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the 2012 Annual County Budget, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, be and same is hereby adopted.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Kline and seconded to adopt as amended. Supervisor Roh stated that he still feels that Amendment No. 7 was acted on in violation of Wisconsin’s Open Meeting laws, so he will be voting “no” on this Resolution.

Vote on Resolution – Ayes: 25. Nays: 5 – Ramos, Roh, Gabert, Hegg and Farrey. Excused: 4 – Widener, Lennon, Neubauer and Finch. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until November 15, 2011. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Susan T. Ertmer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their budget hearings held October 31 and November 1 & 2, 2011.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

A video of the complete budget session is available for viewing from the Winnebago County Clerk's Office at 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The video of the budget session can also be viewed at Oshkosh Community Media Services video streaming website at:

http://www.oshkoshcommunitymedia.org/videostreaming_archive.htm