

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2002**

Chairman Joseph Maehl 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 Rankin.

The following Supervisors were present: Barker, Griesbach, Savas, Maehl, Koziczowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Leschke, Green, Sundquist, Wingren, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Spanbauer, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and Metzsig. Excused: 2 – O'Brien and King. Absent: 3 - Madison, Kollath and Crowley.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A letter was received from Senator Ellis thanking the Board for sending him their resolution supporting the formation of a State of Wisconsin agricultural steering committee. Senator Ellis will keep the Board's position in mind as the state budget is debated.

WCA Educational Seminar entitled, "County Budgeting Process", Monday, June 25, in Eau Claire

Notice of Claim from Harleysville Mutual Insurance regarding Leonard Palmeri's car accident with a Winnebago County Highway Department vehicle.

Copy of Resolution No. 01-9 from Dodge County, "A Resolution in Support of Complete Funding of Probation and Parole Violation Inmates and Assembly Bill AB197"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Nielsen asked that the supervisors note the invitation that he placed on their desks, inviting them to one of the EAA's Education Programs tours. There will be two 90-minute tours—10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, June 26 and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27.

Motion by Supervisor Lauson and seconded to approve the proceedings of the April 17, 2001 County Board meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl read a "thank you" note from Dan Callan, a St. Mary Central High School Senior who was presented with a Winnebago County Awards Committee scholarship and county history book at the May County Board meeting.

Chairman Maehl acknowledged and congratulated Supervisor Metzsig's designation as a Master Cheese Maker.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT

County Board Supervisor District No. 16

Chairman Maehl asked for the Board's approval of his appointment of Gregory J. Zamzow to County Board Supervisor District No. 16. Mr. Zamzow will fill the unexpired term of Ryan Reilly, who resigned from the Board. Mr. Zamzow's term would begin immediately and end April 16, 2002.

Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - DISPATCH CENTER & CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Sheriff Brooks distributed an outline and information on the Winnebago County Public Safety System. He stated that although this system falls under the direction of the Sheriff's Department, the Information Systems Department is very involved in its operation.

Sheriff Brooks described how the enhanced 911 system, the computer aided dispatch/records management systems (CAD/RMS) and the radios/transmitters are tied together and operate.

He explained that when a 911 call comes into the dispatch center, the enhanced 911 phone system automatically identifies the name and location of the caller. The dispatcher then enters this information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The CAD system then tells the dispatcher where the nearest road intersection is and what police, fire or emergency medical service should be dispatched there. The dispatcher, using a single keystroke, then sends that information to the appropriate dispatch station or stations. That dispatcher then radios the information to the appropriate officer; as well as, via the CAD system, sends the message electronically to a computer in the squad car.

Sheriff Brooks explained that the current CAD/RMS has been in place since the early 1990's and is in need of upgrades. The radios and radio consoles in the dispatch center were purchased in 1987; and, in the mid 1990's, the manufacturer discontinued this system. Sheriff Brooks explained that support and replacement parts were only guaranteed for seven years and those seven years are now up.

Sheriff Brooks stated that the proposed new system would be purchased and installed in the new facility. He further explained that this proposed system would enable us to link with other municipalities and counties for support and to share information.

Sheriff Brooks introduced Drake Fleege from Motorola and Don Solberg from Printrak, who gave individual, technical presentations on the project.

Mr. Fleege stated that the proposed central link (dispatch) system would provide nine dispatch positions – 8 for dispatch and 1 for the Emergency Government Director. Mr. Fleege presented a diagram showing the layout for the proposed dispatch center containing these nine positions. Mr. Fleege explained that the new dispatch system would be operated with PC's and he showed examples of the program screens that the dispatchers would use.

Mr. Fleege explained that the current mobile data system that Winnebago County has is outdated, and that when the new CAD system is installed, it will become obsolete. Mr. Fleege presented information and examples of the program screens the officers would be using on the proposed mobile data system.

Mr. Solberg reiterated that Winnebago County's current CAD system is outdated and obsolete and cannot handle the changes and upgrades that have been developed in telephone systems. Mr. Solberg explained that the county's current CAD system has a "tabular data base" and all the new CAD systems are "map based" and utilize geographic information systems (GIS) information. The current system also will not allow for the use of PC's and Windows-based programs. In addition, the current data base does not allow other agencies to easily access information.

Mr. Solberg explained that the counties of Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet and Brown participated in a project called "FoxComm", in which they studied a regional CAD system. After various products and vendors were evaluated, they selected Printrak as their provider.

Mr. Solberg explained that Brown County has already signed a contract with Printrak for a variety of systems, including a CAD system.

Mr. Solberg stated that counties participating in a regional CAD system would benefit from reduced costs, information sharing and backup in case one county's system would go down. He also stated that once the infrastructure is in place, other counties could participate in the system.

Estimated costs over a 5-year period for the enhanced 911 system, radios/transmitters and CAD/RMS upgrades are \$6,462,319. If other counties participate in a regional system, Winnebago County's costs could be reduced to \$5,722,319.

CHANGE OF JULY COUNTY BOARD DATE

Motion by Supervisor Maehl and seconded to change the date for the July County Board meeting from the 24th to the 31st. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESIGNATION – SUPERVISOR PATRICK O’BRIEN

Chairman Maehl read a letter from Supervisor O’Brien announcing his resignation from the Winnebago County Board. Supervisor O’Brien’s resignation is effective June 20, 2001.

Chairman Maehl extended “happy birthday” wishes to Supervisors Lauson and Norton and thanked Supervisor Lauson for his donation to the Winnebago County Scholarship Fund.

Chairman Maehl called for a 15-minute recess at 7:50 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 244-62001: Support Supreme Court Initiative to Improve Interpreter Services in Wisconsin Courts

WHEREAS, Section 885.37, Wisconsin Statutes, establishes the criteria for court appointment of a language interpreter at public expense; and

WHEREAS, state statutes require that the court must provide an interpreter for indigent parties and witnesses in criminal, juvenile, mental health and child protective services cases when a language barrier exists; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin reimburses counties at the rate of \$35.00 per half day, plus mileage, for interpreter services but only if the party provided with the interpreter is indigent, with counties paying for interpreters appointed by judges for non-indigent parties; and

WHEREAS, the current average cost for interpreter services is \$40.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Wisconsin counties reported spending approximately \$565,000 on interpreter services while receiving state reimbursements of approximately \$189,000; and

WHEREAS, the use of unqualified interpreter services can not only delay court proceedings but also seriously jeopardizes the rights of the parties to the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, because of the increasing diversity in Wisconsin’s population, the need for state interpreters is expected to increase for at least the next twenty-five (25) years; and

WHEREAS, the report of a committee appointed by the Director of State Courts issued in October, 2000 recommended that interpreters be appointed for all court proceedings to increase the integrity and effectiveness of the courts and to assure basic right to court access, when needed by a party; and that the Legislature increase the state appropriation for interpreter services and increase the reimbursement rate paid to counties for interpreter services; and recommended the development of court rules, interpreter training and certification standards for court interpreters; and

WHEREAS, the Director of State Courts has requested \$1.8 million dollars to cover these services for the 2001-2003 biennium; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott McCallum’s budget increased funding for interpreter services by only \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it supports the initiative of the Director of State Courts to improve interpretation services in courts in the State of Wisconsin and supports the recommendations of the committee appointed by the Director of State Courts as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes and directs the Winnebago County Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to all legislators representing constituents within Winnebago County; to the Office of Governor Scott McCallum; to the Office of DOA Secretary George Lightbourn, to the Director of State Courts J. Denis Moran and to the

Submitted by:
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Maehl and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. Supervisor Spanbauer voting nay.

UW-FOX VALLEY CLASSROOM WING IMPROVEMENTS – JAMES EGAN

James Egan, UW-Fox Valley Director of Business Services, addressed the Board about \$70,000 in funding that is needed to complete a project that is in progress at the UW Fox Valley campus.

Mr. Egan explained that in 1999, the County Board approved bonding for heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) for the 1962 classroom wing. In addition to the HVAC, the existing ceiling and lighting system would also be replaced. The money for this project was to be allocated in 2002. However, Mr. Egan explained that because of the Weis Earth Science Museum project that is underway, it was felt it might be financially prudent to bid the 1962 wing classroom project along with the Weis project. Mr. Egan stated that bids were taken earlier this year for both projects and they came in within the budgeted amount.

Mr. Egan stated that a resolution requesting this funding will be presented to the Board on June 19th.

SPACE STUDY UPDATE – MIKE ELDER

Mike Elder, Facilities and Property Management Director, went over the space study conducted by Stubenrauch Architects, Inc. last year. He explained that other than space studies done on specific departments, such as the Sheriff's or Human Services Departments, there is no recent space study on all county departments. This study will be used as a tool for planning future capital projects.

Mr. Elder explained that each department head was surveyed about their current personnel and space needs, as well as, their projected needs through 2010. How departments interact with each other was also taken into account.

Mr. Elder reported that the study concludes that although the actual square footage available in the Orrin King Administration Building, the Courthouse and the Public Safety Building indicates that there should be more than adequate space to meet the county's needs, unfortunately because of certain circumstances, that's not the case. He explained that departments don't fit easily into available contiguous blocks of space and that past practice to make departments fit spaces vs. spaces fitting departments is not efficient.

The Stubenrauch Architects study has three options:

1. Move all court-related offices to the courthouse. All non court-related departments currently at the Courthouse and various departments in the Orrin King Administration Building would be moved to the Public Safety Building. A 12,000 sq. ft. addition would be needed at the Courthouse to accommodate all court-related departments
2. Move all court-related offices to the courthouse. A 40,000 sq. ft. addition would be added to the Courthouse to house all non court-related departments currently at the Courthouse, as well as, various departments in the Orrin King Administration Building.
3. Construct a new secured building to house the Circuit Courts, Clerk of Courts, Child Support and District Attorney. Second and third floors of the current Courthouse would be secured and house the Family Court Commissioner, Family Court Counseling Services, Register in Probate, Conflict Resolution Center, the law library and the Court Commissioner. The fourth floor courtroom/County Board room would be used just as the County Board room. The Courthouse basement would house the General Services and Property Lister departments. The first floor would maintain its central lobby area and the offices of the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Register of Deeds to be located there. The fifth floor would be utilized

by the Information Systems Department.

Option 3 is recommended because:

- A. Historic nature of the courthouse will be maintained
- B. Court-related expansion, security, remodeling and meeting current standards within the confines of the present Courthouse would be very difficult and expensive.
- C. The age of the Courthouse's electrical and mechanical systems would prohibit required changes and updates.

Mr. Elder also reported that:

1. Options are being studied for Park View Health Center and the Public Health Department's space needs.
2. Maintenance Department's space needs are adequate.
3. With some possible reconfigurations, the Oshkosh and Neenah Human Services Departments and their internal agencies have sufficient space for some time.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until the June 19 meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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 Special Orders Session held on June 5, 2001.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk