

**SPECIAL ORDERS
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
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: Kollath, Barker, Griesbach, Karras, Maehl, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Disch, Green, Madison, Zamzow, Sundquist, Wingren, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Spanbauer, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and Metzsig. Absent: King and Crowley. Excused: Koziczowski and Brennand.

Motion by Supervisor Robl seconded to adopt the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A note from the family of Helen Savas was read thanking the board for the donation they made to Helen's memorial.

Information was read about an upcoming WCA educational seminar entitled, "Highway Liability." It will be held on Monday, February 25 at the Park Inn International in Wausau.

A letter was received from Sen. Michael Ellis acknowledging receipt of the following resolutions: Resolution No. 352-122001: "Oppose Reduction of and/or Limitation on County Shares of Fines and Forfeitures Imposed by the Courts Under Chapters 341 through 347, 349 and 351 of the Wisconsin Statutes"; Resolution No. 358-122001: "Request Legislation to Exempt Employee Health Care Cost Increases from the Operating Levy Rate Calculation"; and Resolution No. 359-122001: "Support Assembly Bill 547 and Senate Bill 271 (Resource Protection Bill)". Senator Ellis said he had noted the Board's position on these issues and will keep them in mind as they go through the legislative process.

A notice of claim was received from George Wysocki for damage to his truck resulting from an incident with a Sheriff's Department vehicle was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

The following resolutions were received and forwarded to the Legislative Committee and other pertinent committees: Brown County - No. 10a, "Authorization to Submit a Multi-County Application for the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Technology Zone" Door County - No. 10-02, "Requesting Reform of NWTC Practices and Funding Policies" Manitowoc County - No. 2001/2002-167, "Resolution Authorizing Application for a Multi-County Technology Zone" Marinette County - No. 076, "Authorization to Submit a Multi-County Application for Wisconsin Department of Commerce Technology Zone" Oconto County - No. 5-2002, "Authorization to Submit a Multi-County Application for the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Technology Zone" Outagamie County - No. 174--2001-2002, regarding a regional technology zone Polk County - 04-02, "To Go On Record Encouraging the State Legislature to Enact Legislation that Would Allow Additional Court Costs to be Used to Establish Court Security Funds Statewide" Shawano County - 161-02, "A Resolution Authorizing Shawano County to Participate in a Multi-County Application for a Wisconsin Technology Zone" Wood County - 02-1-12, "To request that the State of Wisconsin share 60% of the expense of the Collection Deputy position of any county that employs an individual to increase the collection rate, enhancing the revenue at both the State and County level" Wood County - 02-1-13, "To Congratulate Mark O'Connell as newly appointed WCA Executive Director and to encourage renewed efforts in effectiveness on behalf of Wisconsin counties"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Barker announced that she will be sending out the Legislative Committee agenda next

week. If anyone has an item they'd like included on the agenda, they should contact her by Friday, February 15.

Supervisor Finch reported that the Awards Committee scholarship applications have been printed and distributed to the schools. The Post Crescent will be doing an article on the scholarship program.

Supervisor Spanbauer reported that he attended a meeting of the Wisconsin Utility Tax Association in Madison. He explained that the electric generating plant that the Town of Neenah hosts is an excellent source of revenue for the town and Winnebago County. Supervisor Spanbauer noted that this revenue is considered part of the state's shared revenue program and could be eliminated. The Wisconsin Utility Tax Association is working to change this policy so there will be an incentive for municipalities and counties to host electric generating plants.

Supervisor Hert announced that he has scheduled an open forum for his constituents to be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, February 18 at Wittman Field Airport.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl read "thank you" notes he received from Cole Ruby, Nathan LaFayette and Daniel Callan, three of the 2001 county scholarship recipients.

Chairman Maehl expressed his sympathy at the passing of Supervisor Helen Savas on January 21. He also acknowledged receipt of a letter from the sons of former Supervisor John Planalp who passed away recently. In their letter, they stated how proud John was to have served on the Winnebago County Board. Chairman Maehl then extended his sympathies to the Brennand family on their tragic loss.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Supervisor Rengstorf presented the following information in his jail construction report:

- last week 60 prisoners were housed outside the county at a rate of \$52-\$55 per day cost of housing out prisoners in 2001 was over \$900,000 - this figure does not include costs to transport the prisoners
- current populations: county jail -127; work release center - 50 not working & 111 working
- total number of beds in the new jail and the work release center will be 484
- daily population averages - 1994 was 97 prisoners; 2001 was 317 prisoners
- jail specifications were approved by the State of Wisconsin on February 5
- 20% of the pre-cast walls are in place
- all underground water, sanitation and storm pipes are installed
- foundations are in for the jail, Sheriff's Department, storage building and shooting range
- some block walls and steel construction for the Sheriff's Department are in place
- pistons for the two hydraulic elevators are installed
- radio tower has been installed
- the project is still on budget and on time

PROPOSED WITTMAN FIELD FBO - ORION FLIGHT SERVICES

Supervisor Mark Nielsen, Chairman of the Aviation Committee, began the presentation for the "Fixed Base Operation" (FBO) project that Orion Flight Services is proposing. Supervisor Nielsen explained that over the last few years, the Aviation Committee has been diligently trying to find ways to make Wittman Airport more economically efficient. He reminded the Board that in addition to two strategic planning meetings, two marketing plans were also developed for the airport-one by the Kiehl Hendrickson Group in 1999 and the other by the University of Wisconsin Extension in 2000.

Supervisor Nielsen explained the Aviation Committee's recommendations regarding this proposed FBO:

- Winnebago County would build a \$1 Million, 120' X 120' state-of-the-art hangar at Wittman Airport that Orion Flight Services would occupy
- Money to build the hangar would come from a loan the Winnebago County Industrial

Development Board (IDB) to Winnebago County

- The length of the loan would be for five years, with Orion Flight Services paying the interest for each year. After five years, Orion Flight Services would have the option of buying the hangar. If Orion Flight Services didn't buy the building, Winnebago County would bond for the \$1 Million IDB loan for the length of 10 years, and Orion Flight Services would pay the principal and interest on the bond.

Supervisor Nielsen explained that initially Chamco, Inc. was going to be involved with the IDB loan and the amount was going to be \$2 Million. However, it was determined that the IDB could make the loan directly to Winnebago County, thus eliminating the need to have Chamco, Inc. involved. At that time, it was also determined that a \$1 Million loan would be more appropriate.

Gary King, President & CEO of Skyworks, Inc., who was also involved with the 1999 Kiehl Hendrickson Group marketing plan, addressed the Board. He explained that he and his company are involved in the economic development of airports. He stated that a prosperous and progressive airport helps create jobs and stimulate a community's economy.

Mr. King also stated that for an airport to be successful, it doesn't need to provide passenger air service. Air cargo, intermodal activity and general aviation are businesses that an airport should also develop.

Mr. King explained that the FBO being presented by Orion Flight Service is an excellent proposal for Wittman Airport, because it fits with both strategic plans' recommendations to pursue corporate and general aviation for the airport.

Jeff Wanke of Orion Flight Service explained that they feel their FBO would be a good business opportunity for Winnebago County and their company. Mr. Wanke explained Orion Flight Service is an aviation services company that serves the general aviation market. Currently, they have one location at Cherryland Airport in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Mr. Wanke explained that their FBO at Wittman Airport would provide the following services:

- Line service - fueling & support of aircraft
- Airplane maintenance
- Air charter services/air ambulance
- Flight instructions
- Rental & sale of airplanes
- Corporate airplane management
- Airplane storage
- Air travel consultant

Mr. Wanke explained that they came to Winnebago County with this business proposal fully expecting to finance the hangar themselves. Once they presented their FBO proposal, they were offered the IDB loan. Mr. Wanke stated that if the IDB loan is not approved by the Board, Orion Flight Services will still proceed with the plans for their FBO at Wittman Airport.

Chairman Maehl gave a brief presentation on the Industrial Development Board and their revolving loan fund. He explained that the IDB makes low interest rate (1/2 of prime) loans to county municipalities so they can help businesses get started in their communities. In this case, the IDB would be loaning the money to Winnebago County so they could build a hangar for Orion Flight Services to operate their FBO.

Supervisor Nielsen, Mr. King and Mr. Wanke fielded questions from the Board. Some of the concerns raised by the Board were:

- The IDB loan and the affect on county taxpayers if Orion Flight Services' FBO fails
- Is Orion Flight Services duplicating services already at Wittman Airport?
- How does this FBO affect current airport tenants?

Chuck Orenstein, Winnebago County Finance Director, stated that he had gone over Orion Flight Services' finance information and he thought they looked financially sound. Mr. Orenstein further stated that if the county proceeds with this project, he would recommend that Orion Flight Services' financial information be reviewed by a lending institution.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following people spoke in opposition to the Orion Flight Services FBO proposal: Don Mosher, Neenah; Phil Martini, Kimberly-Clark pilot; Steve Meyers, Meyers Aviation; Bruce & Rae Batterman, New View Technologies; Tracy Schoenrock; Paul Poberezny, EAA; Mary Garcia; Pat Basler; Tom Weigt, Basler Turbo Conversions; John & Jerome Monnett, Sonex Ltd.; Kevin Corbett; Jeff Baum, Wisconsin Aviation; Mike Hahn

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until Tuesday, February 19, 2002. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 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, February 12, 2002.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk