

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

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 Locke.

The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Brunn, Harpt, Eisen, Roh, Smith, Long, Scherck, Albrecht, Binder, Thompson, Wojciechowski, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Brooks, Powers, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Youngquist, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Kriescher. Excused: Ramos, Powell, Gabert and Farrey.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one from the public addressed the board.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Roh reported that the agenda for the Facilities and Property Management Committee meeting to be held on September 13, 2017, was placed on Committee Members' desks.

Supervisor Locke reported on her attendance at the 2017 Winnebago County Fair. She enjoyed the pig, duck and goat races and hopes they will return next year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Powell, Gabert and Farrey asked to be excused from this evening's meeting. Supervisor Ramos was deployed to Houston, so he is excused from tonight's meeting, too. Supervisor Olson has resigned from the board and an advertisement will be placed in the paper requesting applicants for this position.

PRESENTATION ON PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE)

Jason Stringer, Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation, introduced himself and informed the board that his company provides assistance to home owners and businesses regarding energy efficiency improvements to their homes and businesses. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing is an extension of their business mission for commercial properties. They assist local businesses with financing by helping with renewable energy, energy efficiency and water conservation. The loan payments are covered by utility bill savings. Financing is secured by a special charge of which PACE is directly involved. Mr. Stringer commended the partners that have contributed to this effort.

Twenty-three counties in Wisconsin have joined PACE and are members of this partnership. They have adopted a Model PACE Ordinance and are members of the Joint Powers Authority.

Mr. Stringer discussed the eligible PACE projects that would be able to utilize this program. Eligible improvements that are included are boiler and chillers; pumps and motors; automated building controls; building envelope improvements; efficient lighting systems; heating and cooling system upgrades; renewable energy systems and hot water heating systems. He discussed the benefits to communities that would arise from people getting involved with PACE. Benefits to property owners would include financing for 100% of PACE project cost; exchange equity with low cost debt; long repayment periods (up to 20 years); positive cash flow; increase net operating income and property value; energy savings performance guarantees; transfers to new owner upon sale of property; and tenants share cost and savings.

PACE is a gap financing tool that boosts the profitability for the business. It is not mandatory, it is a 100% voluntary program. It is totally applied to the property. PACE Commission Features: no cost, statewide approach, single point of access, open market and lender consent. There would be no cost to Winnebago County.

Mr. Stringer touched on the points involved before a PACE transaction can be completed. Mr. Stringer provided names and phone numbers of parties that can be contacted regarding the PACE program. He thanked the board for allowing him to present this program and then took questions from the board.

A copy of his presentation is available in the County Clerk's office with the proceedings from this meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD PROJECTS

Ray Palonen, Winnebago County Highway Commissioner, presented his evaluation of the roads in Winnebago County. Some of the safety needs that he feels need to be addressed:

- Severe geometric deficiencies were identified
- Horizontal curves below standards
- Vertical curves below standards

- Ditch slopes below standards
- Right of way obstructions
- Poor drainage
- Pavement and shoulder width minimal
- Ditches are deep and steep
 - Rollover hazard
 - Difficult to maintain effectively

Historically the County has been re-paving roadways and not addressing the safety or capacity issues. If these projects are allowed to move forward, the intent is to pursue state and federal funding. State and Federal funds are limited, so most projects would likely be funded by the County.

Proposed Projects for 2018:

- County Highway T – between Pioneer Road and County Highway II
- Pioneer Road – County Highway T Alternative
- County Highway N – between County Highway FF and State Highway 44
- County Highway O – between Interstate 41 and County Highway II
- County Highway P – between Memorial Drive and Midway Road

Mr. Palonen provided videos and described his intentions for the projects that are listed above. With some of these projects, it may involve purchasing right of ways from property owners to make the curves safer; cutting ditch lines back at the top to allow better vision; working with the surrounding townships to benefit the Stormwater Program (MS4) to repair drainage problems; and make the county roads safer in urban areas.

Mr. Palonen then took questions from the board. A copy of his presentation is available in the County Clerk’s office with the proceedings from this meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Julie A. Barthels
 Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
 County of Winnebago) ss

I, Julie A. Barthels, 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 September 5, 2017.

Julie A. Barthels
 Winnebago County Deputy Clerk