

**ANNUAL COUNTY BOARD BUDGET MEETINGS
OCTOBER 26, 27 and 28, 2009**

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: Konezke, Barker, Griesbach, Eisen, Ramos, Roh, Koziczowski, Smith, Widener, Albrecht, Gabert, Riste, Thompson, Gearhart, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Locke, Nelson, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis, Rengstorf and Reinert. Excused: Lennon, Schmuhl and Hamblin.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Jay Schroeder, 1295 North Lake Street, Neenah, voiced his concern about various aspects of the proposed 2010 budget.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Senator Michael Ellis regarding borrow pit regulation language was distributed to the Board.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Barker reported on her attendance at a Glacierland Resources Development meeting where they discussed how to dispose of trees that are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. She stated that they are recommending that counties start making plans now so that they are prepared to dispose of this wood.

Supervisor Finch asked for clarification of the wording that was used to amend Resolution No. 296-102009 at the October 20, 2009 meeting, specifically the term "at arms length". John Bodnar, Corporation Counsel, explained that "at arms length" means the parties are free to negotiate an agreement, but there is not an obligation to come to an agreement.

Supervisor Eisen reported that he attended the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in Appleton, where he attended a meeting with representatives from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in Madison. The DPI representatives stated that in these economic times, a "new increase" in budgets is a "zero increase".

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Lennon, Hamblin and Schmuhl are excused from tonight's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 299-102009: Adopt 2010 Annual Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the 2010 Annual County Budget, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, be and same is hereby adopted.

Submitted by;
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Kline and seconded to adopt. Supervisor Eichman called for the question. No second.

Executive Mark Harris began his presentation of the 2010 budget.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., Supervisor Finch motioned, and it was seconded, to adjourn. Ayes: 15 – Barker, Griesbach, Smith, Albrecht, Riste, Thompson, Hall, Norton, Locke, Nelson, Finch, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand and Ellis. Nays: 17. Excused: 3 – Lennon, Schmuhl and Hamblin. LOST.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2010 budget.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009**

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 Locke. The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Ms. Jody Pinkerton's 4th grade class from Read Elementary School in Oshkosh.

The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Griesbach, Eisen, Ramos, Roh, Koziczkowski, Smith, Widener, Hamblin, Albrecht, Gabert, Riste, Thompson, Gearhart, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Eichman, Schmuhl, Kline, Locke, Nelson, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis, Rengstorf and Reinert. Excused: Lennon.

PUBLIC HEARING

Jay Schroeder, 1295 North Lake Street, Neenah, voiced his concern about various aspects of the proposed 2010 budget.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2010 budget.

Supervisor Lennon arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess at approximately 10:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at approximately 10:15 a.m.

At 11:30 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 1:45 p.m. The Board continued their budget meeting.

The following Supervisors were present: The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Griesbach, Eisen, Ramos, Roh, Koziczkowski, Smith, Widener, Hamblin, Albrecht, Gabert, Riste, Thompson, Lennon, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Eichman, Schmuhl, Kline, Locke, Nelson, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis, Rengstorf and Reinert. Excused: Gearhart.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2010 budget.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., Chairman Albrecht called for a 15 minute recess. The meeting reconvened at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2010 budget.

Chairman Albrecht adjourned the Board at 3:05 p.m. The Board will reconvene tomorrow morning at 8:30 to continue to 2010 budget process.

ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

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: The following Supervisors were present: Konetzke, Barker, Griesbach, Eisen, Ramos, Roh, Koziczkowski, Smith, Widener, Hamblin, Albrecht, Gabert, Riste, Thompson, Lennon, Gearhart, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Eichman, Schmuhl, Kline, Locke, Nelson, Finch, Sievert, Farrey, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis, Rengstorf and Reinert.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Radloff, 2161 James Road, Oshkosh, representing the Oshkosh Holstein Breeders Association, discussed problems they had with management at the fairgrounds.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Widener asked that during this budget session, the Board remember that the county is here to provide services to its citizens and not to just look for the "cheap" way to do things.

Supervisor Jacobson announced that he is passing around photos from yesterday's Student Government Day luncheon. He asked that they be returned to him when everyone is done looking at them.

Executive Harris continued his presentation of the 2010 budget.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess at 9:20 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Executive Harris completed his presentation of the 2010 budget at 9:45 a.m.

AMENDMENT (1): INCREASE AIRPORT'S CAPITAL-LAND ACCOUNT BY \$1.2 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF AIRPORT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$1.2 Million to Airport-Land Account #5800, on Page 263 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that funds to pay for said additional expense are to come from fund balance in Airport Fund.

Submitted by:
DAVID ALBRECHT, DISTRICT #11
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded to adopt. Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded that Line 15 be corrected by changing "Airport Land Account #5800" to "capital account" and changing "Page 263" to "Page 513". Supervisor Albrecht also corrected Line 17 by changing "fund balance in Airport Fund" to "borrowing." After further discussion, it was decided to remove Lines 16 & 17 completely. It was also determined that these changes would be considered corrections, not amendments to the amendment, so no vote was taken on the changes.

Vote on Amendment (1) as corrected: Ayes: 33. Nays: 2 – Wingren and Jacobson. Abstain: 1 – Brennan. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT (2): ELIMINATE NEW COURT ASSISTANT POSITION IN THE CLERK OF COURT'S DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete from \$11,000 Clerk of Court's Labor and Fringe Benefits Accounts #5100 (\$10,563); #5127 (\$5,000) and #5200 (\$5,503), on Page 210 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense reduction shall be offset by an increase in the general contingency fund.

Submitted by:
RONALD EICHMAN, DISTRICT #23
ALFRED JACOBSON, DISTRICT #19
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Eichman and seconded to adopt. Chairman Albrecht stated that Line 13 needs to be corrected by changing "\$11,000" to "\$21,066".

Vote on Amendment (2) as corrected: Ayes: 3 – Albrecht, Jacobson and Eichman. Nays: 33. LOST.

AMENDMENT (3): CHANGE THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BY REMOVING ONE PATROL SERGEANT POSITION AND ADDING ONE LIEUTENANT POSITION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$7,382 to Account #5100, on Page 224 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that funds to pay for said additional expense are to come from savings from a reduction in Overtime Account #5127 of \$7,382. This amendment has no levy impact.

Submitted by:
HARVEY RENGSTORF, DISTRICT #35
DONALD GRIESBACH, DISTRICT #3
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Rengstorf and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 35. Nays: 1 – Norton. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT (4): DELETE SECRETARY II POSITION IN THE VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete from \$16,512 from the Veteran's Services Department Accounts #5100-12533 and 5200-3979, on Page 316 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense reduction shall be offset by an increase in the general contingency fund.

Submitted by:
RONALD EICHMAN, DISTRICT #23
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Motion by Supervisor Eichman and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 4 – Albrecht, Thompson, Norton and Eichman. Nays: 32. LOST.

AMENDMENT (5): REDUCE HEALTH FRINGE BENEFITS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to reduce the Health-Employer share from \$13,193,619 to \$11,742,203 and the Health-Employee share from \$1,979,043 to \$1,780,258 on Page 20 of the Winnebago County Budget and to reduce all department's budgets proportionately. The reduced premium shall be returned to the Interfund Account to reduce the tax levy burden upon the citizens of Winnebago County at this time of recession.

Submitted by:
PAUL EISEN, DISTRICT #4
LAWRENCE SMITH, DISTRICT #8
KENNETH ROBL, DISTRICT #22
BILL ROH, DISTRICT #6
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT #30
MARIBETH GABERT, DISTRICT #12
TENA RISTE, DISTRICT #13
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Eisen and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 8 – Griesbach, Eisen, Smith, Hamblin, Riste, Robl, Finch and Farrey. Nays: 28. LOST.

AMENDMENT (6): REMOVE PART-TIME POSITION IN THE TAX LISTER OFFICE FROM THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete \$16,466 from Accounts #5100 - \$11,706 and #5200 - \$4,760, on Page 433 of the Winnebago County Budget for the purpose of deleting the part-time position in the Tax Lister's Office from the Table of Organization.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that such expense reduction shall be offset by an increase in the general contingency fund.

Submitted by:
JOHN REINERT, DISTRICT #36
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Motion by Supervisor Reinert and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 1 – Reinert. Nays: 35. LOST.

AMENDMENT (7): REDUCE FRINGE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the Fringe Benefits for Winnebago County employees represent a rapidly increasing percentage of total employee compensation, particularly health insurance costs.

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors also recognizes the impact that escalating health care costs have on existing employees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors strongly recommends that the County Executive and Human Resources negotiate that effective January 1, 2010 the cap on the employee contribution for health insurance costs would be eliminated for all new employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2010 budget amount for Health-employer share on Page 20 be reduced by \$45,000 to reflect this recommendation and that this be applied to County Department budgets proportionately.

Submitted by:
SHILOH RAMOS, DISTRICT #5
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT #30
PAUL EISEN, DISTRICT #4
LAWRENCE SMITH, DISTRICT #8
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Ramos and seconded to adopt. Motion by Supervisor Kline and seconded to delete Lines 19-21.

Vote on Supervisor Kline's amendment – Ayes: 1 – Konetzke. Nays: 34. Excused: 1 – Lennon. LOST

Vote on Amendment as presented: Ayes: 11 – Konetzke, Eisen, Ramos, Roh, Smith, Hamblin, Albrecht, Riste, Kline, Finch and Farrey. Nays: 24. Excused: 1 – Lennon. LOST.

AMENDMENT (8): REDUCE FRINGE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the Fringe Benefits for Winnebago County employees represent a rapidly increasing percentage of total employee compensation.

WHEREAS, currently Winnebago County pays both the employer and employee shares of the Wisconsin Retirement System contributions.

WHEREAS, Winnebago County Board of Supervisors recognizes the effect that payment of the employee share would have on existing employees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that effective January 1, 2010 each new employee hire would be responsible for 50% of the employee share contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2010 budget amount for Wisconsin Retirement-employee share be reduced by \$66,000 to reflect this recommendation and that this reduction be applied to County Department Budgets proportionately.

Submitted by:
SHILOH RAMOS, DISTRICT #5
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT #30
PAUL EISEN, DISTRICT #4
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Ramos and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 9 – Konetzke, Eisen, Ramos, Roh, Hamblin, Albrecht, Riste, Finch and Farrey. Nays: 26. Excused: 1 – Lennon. LOST.

AMENDMENT (9): APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE CONCESSION CENTER AT THE COUNTY PARK

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2010 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add \$19,000 from Account #5100 - \$14,776 and #5200 - \$1,224 and #5514 - \$3,000, on Page 409 and 411 of the Winnebago County Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that funds to pay for said additional expense are to come from the tax levy.

Submitted by:
ARLENE SCHMUHL, DISTRICT #24
SUSAN LOCKE, DISTRICT #26
JEROLD FINCH, DISTRICT #28
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Schmuhl and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 13 – Konezke, Barker, Albrecht, Riste, Gearhart, Hall, Wingren, Schmuhl, Locke, Finch, Egan, Ellis and Rengstorf. Nays: 21. Abstain: 1 – Smith. Excused: 1 – Lennon. LOST.

RESOLUTION 299-102009: ADOPT 2010 ANNUAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the 2010 Annual County Budget, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, be and same is hereby adopted.

Submitted by;
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Kline and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 28. Nays: 7 – Eisen, Ramos, Riste, Eichman, Nelson, Farrey and Reinert. Excused: 1 – Lennon. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 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 26, 27 and 28, 2009.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk