

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

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, Barker, Harpt, Eisen, Ramos, Kiel, Roh, Smith, Widener, Scherck, Albrecht, Gabert, Schellenger, Thompson, Olson, Brewer, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Turner, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Kriescher.
Excused: Hardy and Neubauer.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

No one from the public addressed the board.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The County Clerk read the following zoning petitions:

- No. 1 – Petition for Zoning Change from Chris Schmid, Town of Nekimi, tax parcel no. 012-0250(p), to change from A2 to I1 for light industrial/commercial use was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.
- No. 2 – Petition for Zoning Change for David J. Sweet, Town of Algoma, tax parcel no. 002-0041-06, to change from R3 to R1 for a garage was referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Eisen reported on his attendance at a Winnebago County Emergency Management Department sponsored "Disaster Assessment Class" on Monday, May 11. At this class, municipal officials learned proper administrative duties in cases of disaster and to qualify for state and federal assistance. If you need more information, you are welcome to contact Supervisor Eisen.

Supervisor Widener reported on the county's scholarship program. High school seniors in Winnebago County are encouraged to write an essay on, "If I were to be an officer or elected official in Winnebago County, what would it be and why". Once the essays are received, they are sent to UW-Fox Valley where three professors review the essays. This year they chose the top ten essays, instead of the top nine. Forty-three students submitted essays this year, so the UWEX Committee voted to award ten seniors with scholarships. Supervisor Widener reported on the number of scholarship winners awarded to each school.

Supervisor Norton reported on pamphlets for Winnebago County Senior Friendly Activity Locations that were handed out to all Supervisors. He stated that Wednesday, May 27th is National Senior Health and Fitness Day. Both locations of the Oshkosh YMCA are offering special activities for persons 55 and older, including breakfast and lunch, motivational speakers and free massages.

Supervisor Snider announced that he had been chosen as a delegate from Wisconsin for the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference held in Washington DC. Two hundred people from all around the United States met with the representatives in Washington DC. Supervisor Snider met with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin in support of the Smith- Lieber Act on the federal farm bill. He also met with Congressman Reid Ribble regarding shared sponsorship for glucose monitors for Type 1 Diabetes.

Supervisor Warnke reminded all supervisors of an Aviation Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, May 20 at the Coughlin Center from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. regarding the new airport terminal.

Supervisor Lautenschlager reported on his attendance at a Human Services Conference in Stevens Point. He felt the workshops were beneficial. He announced that Supervisor Widener received an award for his dedication and work on the WCA Human Services Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve the April 21, 2015 proceedings.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

County Executive Mark Harris described the accomplishments that he and the County Board have made to benefit the municipalities and citizens of Winnebago County. Some of those accomplishments include:

- Annual distribution to each of the county's municipalities of \$1 per capita in economic development funds. Each municipality is allowed to designate where those funds will be applied.
- The county purchased federally- mandated 800 MHz emergency radios for each of the county's municipalities at a cost of approximately \$11,000,000.

- The merging of various city health departments with the county's health department. Executive Harris recommended the Board's approval of the following resolutions:
 - Resolution No. 168-52015 – Oppose bill eliminating Personal Property Tax and the Elimination of Computer Aid Payments to Local Governments
 - Resolution No. 169-52015 – Urge the Wisconsin Legislature to Seek Rate Increase Funding Sources in Order to Avoid Further Medicaid Rate Cuts to Most Nursing Homes as Proposed in Senate/Assembly Bill 21,2015 – 17 State Biennial Budget Bill
 - Resolution No. 171-52015 – Adopt Winnebago County Merit Pay Plan
 - Resolution No. 173-52015 – Amend Section 5.04(2) of the General Code of Winnebago County (Coroner's Cremation Permit Fee)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENTS

Lakeland Long Term Care District

County Executive Mark Harris asked for approval of his re-appointment of Jim Koziczowski, 104 Lexington Street, Neenah, to the Lakeland Long Term Care District. His term will expire on April 30, 2018. Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Winnebago County Housing Authority

County Executive Mark Harris asked for approval of his appointments of Tina Beahm, 3413 Logan Drive, #15, Oshkosh and Supervisor Robert Keller to the Winnebago County Housing Authority. Ms. Beahm will have a five year term which will expire April 21, 2020. Supervisor Keller is replacing Frank Frassetto who resigned. His term will expire on April 16, 2019. Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Winneconne Library Board

County Executive Mark Harris asked for approval of his re-appointment of Supervisor Tom Snider to the Winneconne Library Board. His term will expire on June 30, 2018. Motion by Supervisor Ellis and seconded by Supervisor Olson to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisor Neubauer and Hardy were excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht reported that 13 iPads were distributed to the first group of supervisors tonight. Tentative training sessions are scheduled for: May 27, 9:00 am to 10:30 am; June 1, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm; and June 9, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Upon request, other training sessions can be scheduled. Chairman Albrecht stated that paper copies of the board's packet will be provided until the iPad user is comfortable with an electronic version.

PUBLIC HEALTH NORTH-END OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

Doug Gieryn, Public Health Director, updated the Board on the status of the Public Health Department's consolidation and the status of the offices in the Neenah area. He explained that prior to the consolidation, Winnebago County Public Health had two locations—Oshkosh and Neenah. In July 2012, the county consolidated with the City of Neenah's Health Department creating a third location at Neenah City Hall. Because those two Neenah offices are only a half mile apart, steps are being taken to combine these two offices.

Mr. Gieryn explained the efficiencies of combining these two offices—they won't need as much support staff with one location; provides a single location for services to the public; county will have a reduction in rent costs; and better oversight of staff. He explained that he has spoken with Mayor Kaufert about discontinuing the lease at the Neenah City Hall and they discussed other possible locations for the combined public health offices. Ultimately, it was determined that the best option was to move into the existing Public Health Office in the Neenah Human Services Building. The move date has been tentatively set for June 26.

Mr. Gieryn took questions from the Board.

WAUKAU AVENUE PULVERIZING AND REPAVING PROJECT

Ernest Winters, Winnebago County Highway Commissioner, presented information to the Board on the Waukau Avenue pulverizing and repaving project. He explained that the condition of the road has severely deteriorated in the last couple of years and is in need of "full depth pulverizing of the existing road with the addition of 4" plus of additional granular material in certain locations."

Mr. Winters explained that Waukau Avenue is a county roadway, not a county highway, so only a small amount of General Transportation Aids will be available for this project. And even though the road runs through the City of Oshkosh and various townships, they have no jurisdiction over this road.

The approximate cost for the project is \$350,000. Mr. Winters explained that they won't know the full scope of necessary repairs until they begin the project, so the cost could go up. He also stated that if the project is approved at the Board's June meeting, it's possible that work will be done before AirVenture begins in July.

Mr. Winters then took questions from the Board.

ZONING REPORTS AND ORDINANCES

REPORT NO. 001. A report from the Planning & Zoning Committee regarding a requested zoning change from property owners, Douglas & Julie Dobberstein and Cynthia & Edward Sypek, Town of Vinland, for a zoning change to R-2 for tax parcel nos. 026-0661-0205 and 026-0061-08. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDATORY ORDINANCE NO. 05/01/15. A requested zoning change from R-1 to R-2. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective date: June 8, 2015)

REPORT NO. 002. A report from the Planning & Zoning Committee regarding a requested zoning change from property owners, Blanche M. Glatz, Trustee; Glatz Joint Trust; and John W. Glatz, Trustee; Town of Nekimi, for a zoning change to A-2 for tax parcel nos. 012-0213 and 012-0212. Motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDATORY ORDINANCE NO. 05/02/15. A requested zoning change from A-1 to A-2. Motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective date: June 8, 2015)

REPORT NO. 003. A report from the Planning & Zoning Committee regarding requested zoning changes from various property owners in the Towns of Clayton, Neenah, Nekimi, Nepeuskun, Utica, Vinland and Winchester, for a zoning change to A-2 for tax parcel nos.: 006-0563-04, 010-0130-05, 010-0134-01, 010-0146-03, 010-0156-01, 010-0351-01, 010-0367-02, 012-0063-02, 012-0086-01, 012-0113-01, 012-0114-01, 012-0124-01, 012-0126-02, 012-0185-01-01, 012-0185-02, 012-0186-01, 012-0189-01, 012-0287-09, 012-0291-03, 012-0295-02, 012-0296-02-03, 012-0296-04, 012-0346-02, 012-0360-01, 012-0377-02, 012-0398-01, 012-0457-01, 012-0519-01, 012-0573-01, 012-0580-01, 012-0584-02, 014-0019-01, 014-0099-01, 014-0099-02, 014-0126, 014-0126-01, 014-0128-01, 014-0128-02, 014-0154, 014-0154-01, 014-0177-02, 014-0347-03, 024-0607-02, 024-0683, 024-0686, 026-0201-01, 026-0505-02, 028-0344-02, 028-0520-02, 028-0734-02, 028-0948-01, 028-0949-01, 012-0213; three "no tag" properties in the Town of Nepeuskun; eight "no tag" properties in the Town of Nekimi; and Parcel V980P115 in the Town of Nekimi. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDATORY ORDINANCE NO. 05/03/15. A requested zoning change from A-1 to A-2. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective date: June 8, 2015)

REPORT NO. 004. A report from the Planning & Zoning Committee regarding a request for a text amendment to Chapter 23 of the Winnebago County Zoning Code from the Towns of Neenah, Nekimi, Omro, Algoma, Black Wolf, Menasha, Nepeuskun, Oshkosh, Utica, Poygan and Winneconne. Motion by Supervisor Egan and seconded to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDATORY ORDINANCE NO. 05/04/15. A requested text amendment to Chapter 23 of the Winnebago County Zoning Code, a copy of which is on file in the Winnebago County Zoning Office. Motion by Supervisor Egan and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective date: June 8, 2015)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 161-52015: Commendation for Elizabeth Zwicky

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Zwicky has been employed with the Winnebago County Department of Human Services for the past thirty (30) years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Zwicky has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that sincere appreciation and commendation be and is hereby extended to Elizabeth Zwicky for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Elizabeth Zwicky.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 162-52015: Commendation for Sandra Hartmann

WHEREAS, Sandra Hartmann has been employed with the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office for the past thirty-two (32) years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Hartmann has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that sincere appreciation and commendation be and is hereby extended to Sandra Hartmann for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Sandra Hartmann.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 163-52015: Commendation for Hazel Kaiser

WHEREAS, Hazel Kaiser has been employed with Park View Health Center for the past thirty-four (34) years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Hazel Kaiser has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that sincere appreciation and commendation be and is hereby extended to Hazel Kaiser for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Hazel Kaiser.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-52015: Approve Lease Extension with SBA Communications Corporation at Wittman Regional Airport

WHEREAS, SBA Communications Corporation (f/k/a SBA Towers Inc and SBA Structures Inc) entered into a Ground Lease Agreement with Winnebago County in November 2000 for the purpose of leasing property on Wittman Regional Airport for the construction and operation of cell phone towers; and

WHEREAS, SBA Communications Corporation desires to amend the Ground Lease by extending the term of the Lease, including a lease assignment section and including a lease right of first refusal/exclusive use section; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Committee has reviewed the attached Ground Lease Agreement Extension and believes that its execution would be in the best interests of the citizens of Winnebago County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk to approve a Ground Lease Agreement Extension between Winnebago County and SBA Communications Corporation for the purpose of continuing cell phone tower operations on Wittman Regional Airport property.

Submitted by:
AVIATION COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Warnke and seconded by Supervisor Gabert to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-52015: Approve the Appropriation of \$100,000 in Funding to Begin the Design Process for an Intersection Improvement at CTH CB and Oakridge Road

WHEREAS, the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection in the Town Neenah is not at an acceptable level of performance in terms of safety; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 a study of the intersection for geometrics and safety history was completed, and was updated in 2013, and the study indicated that the traffic safety and volume warrants for signals were not met and revealed that there is an increasing accident history resulting in numerous injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Highway Department receives complaints and improvement requests regarding this intersection on a regular basis, but especially after accidents. Not only is the intersection quite wide, but traffic volumes, multiple turning movements, and speeds all add up to more accident opportunities. Numerous residents and the Town of Neenah all support a safety improvement at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, to complete this project with Federal or State funding, a proper Intersection Control Evaluation, or "ICE," will need to be conducted prior to undertaking an improvement design; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors is committed to maintaining Winnebago County's system of highways and supports safe and efficient transportation system improvement efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves the appropriation of \$100,000 to begin the design process for an intersection improvement project at the intersection of CTH CB and Oakridge Road in the Town of Neenah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the funds to pay for this project be transferred from the CTH I and CTH N Intersection Capital Project, which has available surplus funds.

Submitted by:
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adopt. Motion by Supervisor Ramos and seconded to refer back to committee. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-52015: Authorize the Winnebago County Public Health Department to Accept Additional Grant Funding Totaling \$34,842 and Appropriate the Funds to Grant Program Costs

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Public Health Department has been awarded additional grant funds to be applied to the following Programs: Heroin Task Force, Performance Management, Maternal Child Health (MCH), and Radon; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the residents of Winnebago County for the Public Health Department to accept and utilize the funds as intended; and

WHEREAS, these Programs are fully funded by the grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Public Health Department to accept additional grant funds totaling \$34,842, and authorizes the Department to utilize the funds in accordance with the grant programs.

Submitted by:
BOARD OF HEALTH
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Ramos and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-52015: Authorize the Winnebago County Public Health Department to Accept Additional Grant Funds in the Amount of \$78,140 and Apply the Funds to Program Costs

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Public Health Department annually includes estimates of grant funds and expenditures in its annual budget; and

WHEREAS, often the amounts of these grant funds change after the budget has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, additional grant funds totaling \$78,140 will be received above what was budgeted for the following Programs: Hospital Preparedness, Prevention Activities, and Community Health Initiative; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the residents of Winnebago County for the Public Health Department to accept these additional funds and apply them to their intended programs; and

WHEREAS, there are no County funds required to receive these additional funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Public Health Department to accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$78,140, and utilize them to cover expenses related to the grant programs.

Submitted by:
BOARD OF HEALTH
PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Ramos and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-52015: Oppose Bill Eliminating Personal Property Tax and the Elimination of Computer Aid Payments to Local Governments

WHEREAS, Representative Kulp and Senator Tiffany are seeking cosponsors to Bills for a plan on introducing (Legislative Reference Bureau—1183/Legislative Reference Bureau—2009) that would eliminate both the personal property tax and the computer aid payments local governments receive for tax exempt computer and related equipment; and

WHEREAS, the passage of such Bills would have a huge negative impact on homeowners and local government services; and

WHEREAS, said Bills, at a minimum, would result in the loss of local tax revenue and a huge tax shift to local homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the total statewide personal property tax levy collected in 2014 was \$290 Million; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the state has been making computer aid payments to local governments to offset the personal property tax exemption for computer equipment that was created in 2001. The total payment made by the state in 2015 was approximately \$83.8 Million; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau has estimated that the share of net property taxes bourn by property owners would increase on an average by two percentage points statewide if personal property taxes were eliminated; and

WHEREAS, this increase will have a greater impact on cities and villages where most of the personal property tax base is located. For example, in the City of Fond du Lac, this would result in a loss of approximately \$128 Million in the City's property tax, representing 4.9% of the City's taxable property tax base; and

WHEREAS, fully exempting all personal property from the property tax base will likely result in a reduction in the incremental levy for many tax incremental finance districts; and

WHEREAS, when the Legislature has exempted large amounts of personal property from taxation in the past, it has typically offset the reduction in the property tax base and avoided a tax shift by reimbursing local governments for the lost tax revenue. The Bills presently proposed would not do this; and

WHEREAS, passage of these Bills would have a devastating effect on local government finances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby opposes the elimination of the state personal property tax and the elimination of computer aid payments to local governments which is received for tax exempt computer and related equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Wisconsin Counties Association, to the Office of Governor Scott Walker, to all representatives representing constituents within Winnebago County, and to the Office of Representative Kulp and Senator Tiffany in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Submitted by:
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded to adopt. Motion by Supervisor Hegg and seconded to table indefinitely. Ayes: 15 – Konetzke, Barker, Ramos, Kiel, Roh, Smith, Albrecht, Gabert, Olson, Brewer, Hegg, Finch, Youngquist, Rasmussen and Kriescher. Nays: 19. Excused: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. LOST.

Vote on Resolution as presented – Ayes: 20. Nays: 9 – Konetzke, Widener, Albrecht, Gabert, Olson, Brewer, Warnke, Youngquist and Kriescher. Abstain: 5 – Ramos, Kiel, Roh, Hegg and Rasmussen. Excused: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-52015: Urge the Wisconsin Legislature to Seek Rate Increase Funding Sources in Order to Avoid Further Medicaid Rate Cuts to Most Nursing Homes As Proposed in Senate/Assembly Bill 21, 2015 – 17 State Biennial Budget Bill

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has introduced his proposed Wisconsin State Budget for fiscal years 2016/2017; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature, more specifically the Joint Finance Committee, has and will be undertaking the task of debating the Governors Budget and making tough fiscal decisions for the State for the next two-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed Budget fails to provide rate increases for nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed Budget fails to provide nursing homes with acuity adjustments to recognize the residents they are caring for have greater service needs than they have in the past; and

WHEREAS, without additional Medicaid funding for nursing homes, approximately 80% of the state's 376 nursing facilities will receive a cut in their July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Medicaid rate; and

WHEREAS, the most recent comprehensive analysis of the nation's Medicaid nursing home payment systems ranked the Wisconsin system the 3rd worst in the country ("Report on Shortfalls in Medicaid Funding for Nursing Care Center"; Eljay, LLP, January 2014).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature to seek alternative revenue sources in order to reduce the borrowing component of the Governors proposed FY 2016/2017 State Transportation budget.

Submitted by:
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded to adopt. Supervisor Wingren stated that the wording of the last paragraph of the resolution needs to be corrected.

Motion by Supervisor Snider and seconded to refer the resolution back to committee. After discussion on the proper way to correct the wording, Supervisor Snider withdrew his motion to refer back to committee.

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded to amend Lines 23 & 24 of the resolution by deleting, "alternative revenue sources in order to reduce the borrowing component of the Governors proposed FY 2016/2017 State Transportation Budget" and inserting "a 2% increase in Medicaid rates and a 1.2% acuity adjustment."

Vote on amendment – Ayes: 28. Nays: 1 – Eisen. Abstain: 5 – Ramos, Kiel, Brewer, Hegg and Rasmussen. Absent: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. CARRIED.

Vote on Resolution as amended: Ayes: 26. Nays: 4 – Eisen, Schellenger, Olson and Kriescher. Abstain: 4 – Ramos, Kiel, Brewer and Hegg. Excused: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-52015: Request Sheriff to Read Declaration of Independence on Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2015

WHEREAS, the Continental Congress, by a Declaration of Independence, dated July 4, 1776, clearly declared the inhabitants of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, were no longer colonial subjects to be exploited arbitrarily by servants of the King and Parliament of Great Britain, but now were free citizens of their own territories, and that free citizens should constitute the governments for those territories; and

WHEREAS, the Continental Congress provided that same day, by orders of their House, that their Declaration should be proclaimed aloud and published to the free citizens of the territories represented in their Congress; and

WHEREAS, the notification of the Declaration to responsible citizens was then done by sheriffs who proclaimed it at the courthouse steps, by clergymen who read it from their pulpits, and by printers who printed it in their gazettes; and

WHEREAS, the Continental Congress thus initiated a process that has created the Constitutions and state governments of our Union including the Constitution and government of the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby requests Sheriff John Matz to read the Declaration of Independence from the steps of the Courthouse at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of July 4, 2015, as this was the custom in the early history of our country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that we ask Sheriff Matz to read the document without further comment or speech. This event is intended for those present to hear the words of the Declaration as we begin to celebrate our Day of Independence.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 171-52015: Adopt Winnebago County Merit Pay Plan

WHEREAS, by Resolution 94-102014, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors directed the “Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Human Resources Director to develop a proposed merit pay plan for Winnebago County’s non-represented employees and to present such proposed plan to the Winnebago County Board’s Personnel and Finance Committee within a suitable time period so as to allow such plan to be reviewed and adopted prior to preparation of the 2016 Budget”; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Human Resources Director, with the valuable assistance of other management personnel, did develop such a merit pay plan and presented it to the Personnel and Finance Committee at its May 7, 2015, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Merit Pay Plan in the form attached is designed to motivate employees to develop and contribute to the best of their ability, to identify those aspects of employee performance most needed to achieve department and County goals, and to provide for pay increases within the range tied to employee performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby adopts the Winnebago County Merit Pay Plan, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago County Merit Pay Plan shall be effective immediately.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen and seconded to adopt the resolution with an amendment to substitute “Winnebago County Merit Pay Plan Alternate 1, (ALTERNATE PLAN WITH NO ACROSS-THE-BOARD RAISES)” for the “WINNEBAGO COUNTY MERIT PAY PLAN” that is attached to the resolution the Board received in their packet.

Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded to refer back to committee. Ayes: 6 – Konetzke, Barker, Eisen, Ramos, Finch and Farrey. Nays: 26. Abstain: 1 – Turner. Excused: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. LOST.

Vote on Supervisor Rasmussen’s motion to adopt resolution substituting Pay Plan Alternate 1. Ayes: 22. Nays: 10 – Konetzke, Eisen, Ramos, Schellenger, Thompson, Lautenschlager, Norton, Finch, Farrey and Keller. Abstain: 1 – Turner. Excused: 2 – Hardy & Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Widener and seconded to amend the Resolution by adding: “Be it further resolved, that employees who are at the maximum of their pay range, shall receive merit pay in the form of a bonus.” Ayes: 17. Nays: 15 – Barker, Kiel, Roh, Scherck, Gabert, Olson, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Hegg, Youngquist, Rasmussen, Egan, Snider and Kriescher. Abstain: 1 – Turner. Excused: 2 – Hardy & Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. CARRIED.

Vote on Resolution as amended – Ayes: 22. Nays: 10 – Kiel, Roh, Gabert, Schellenger, Thompson, Norton, Robl, Singstock, Farrey and Kriescher. Abstain: 1 – Turner. Excused: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 172-52015: Create Section 4.6 of the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, your undersigned believes that any votes on the County Board Budget Resolution or amendments thereto should take place between 6:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. during any County Board Budget Sessions so as to facilitate the presence of most board members and to allow them to vote on important issues; and

WHEREAS, many Board members are gainfully employed during the day and are unable to appear at County Board Meetings held during normal work hours (8 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends Section 4.6 of the Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors as follows:

4.0 Budget Session . . .

4.6 All proposed changes to the Annual Budget as well as final consideration of the Budget Resolution shall be voted upon by the Board at a Budget Session that shall be held no earlier than 6:00 p.m. and no later than 11:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

MICHAEL NORTON, District 20

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 16 – Konetzke, Harpt, Ramos, Kiel, Scherck, Schellenger, Brewer, Norton, Singstock, Turner, Hegg, Finch, Youngquist, Rasmussen, Keller and Kriescher. Nays: 17. Excused: 2 – Hardy and Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. LOST.

ORDINANCE NO. 173-52015: Amend Section 5.04(2) of the General Code of Winnebago County (Coroner's Cremation Permit Fee)

WHEREAS, the State Budget Bill, which is presently upon the Governor's desk for signature, contains a provision which would prohibit counties from increasing fees for services rendered by a coroner under §§ 59.36 and 69.18(4), Wis Stats, for two years after the Bill's general effective date; and

WHEREAS, said Bill has not been signed by the Governor, and it is unlikely that said Bill will be effective prior to June 2015; and

WHEREAS, said Bill also discontinues state grants to coroners for payment to the coroner for indigent burial; and

WHEREAS, failure to increase Cremation Permit Fees at this time may limit Winnebago County from increasing said Cremation Permit Fees within the next two years and possibly forever into the future; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned Committee believes that it would be in the best interests of Winnebago County to increase said Fee to \$250.00 at the present time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends Section 5.04(2) of the General Code of Winnebago County to read as follows:

5.04 CORONER'S FEES

(2) Cremation Permit Fee

(a) A fee of ~~\$450~~ \$250 is hereby established for the viewing of a body by a coroner and the issuance of a permit as a precedence to cremation, pursuant to that procedure outlined by § 979.10, Wis Stats. The estate of the deceased shall be liable for payment of said fee, unless another party agrees in advance, in writing, to be responsible for the payment of said fee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said ordinance amendment shall take effect on the date following the date of its publication.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded to adopt. Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to amend the amount on Line 25 from "\$250" to "\$170". Ayes: 23. Nays: 10 – Eisen, Kiel, Roh, Smith, Wingren, Warnke, Turner, Keller, Ellis and Snider. Excused: 2 – Hardy & Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. CARRIED.

Vote on Resolution as amended. Ayes: 30. Nays: 3 – Roh, Ellis and Snider. Excused: 2 – Hardy & Neubauer. Absent: 1 – Locke. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until the June 16, 2015 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

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 regular meeting held May 19, 2015.

Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk