

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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: Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Steineke, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Tierney, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin and Rengstorf. Excused: Thompson, Kline and O'Brien.

A motion was made by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adopt the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

The following resolutions were received and forwarded to pertinent committees:

- Columbia County - Resolution No. 52-02, "Support Increase in Recording Fee Introduced by: Land Information and Records Committee"
- Columbia County - Resolution 48-02, "Support Federal Legislation to Subject Certain Imported Casein and Milk Protein Concentrates to Tariff Rate Quotas Comparable to Those of Other Imported Dairy Products"
- Florence County – Resolution #02-27, "Nonconforming Shoreland Properties", "...any lot, use, or structure lawfully permitted when established shall not be rendered nonconforming by any subsequent ordinance or amendment thereto."
- Langlade County – Resolution No. 110-2002, "Request the Assistance of the Wisconsin Counties Association in Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance"
- Oconto County – Resolution No. 69-02, "Support Legislation to Increase Fees for Register of Deeds Documents"
- Waupaca County – Resolution 16(02-03), "Requesting Wisconsin Counties Association Leadership in Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Barker reported that the Legislative Committee will be meeting on Monday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. She asked that anyone with an item for the agenda, should get that to her by Monday, October 14.

For the benefit of the newer board members, Supervisor Rengstorf gave a brief background report on the new jail project. He explained the reasons why a new jail is needed, the design of the new jail and what some of the staffing procedures will be. Supervisor Rengstorf stated that the jail is on schedule and should be completed in May 2003.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl informed the Board that the federal government has passed an election reform bill with authorized funding of \$3.9 Billion. He stated that a number of years ago, Winnebago County implemented a new and very efficient voting system that has served us well. Chairman Maehl thanked the Board for their foresight in approving such a voting system in Winnebago County.

Chairman Maehl extended "happy birthday" wishes to Supervisors Hotynski, Rengstorf, Pech, Egan and Farrey. He also thanked Supervisors Rengstorf and Farrey for their donations to the Winnebago County Scholarship Fund.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST – SUNNYVIEW EXPOSITION CENTER

Rob Way, Winnebago County Parks Director, and Vicky Redlin, Expo Manager, provided information to the Board on the proposed restroom/shower and wash rack improvements at the Sunnyview Exposition Center. In addition, they provided attendance and revenue figures from this year's events and a schedule of upcoming 2003 events.

Mr. Way explained that the existing number of restrooms/showers will soon become insufficient and could fall below the State of Wisconsin's minimum requirements for a facility that houses crowds of this size. Mr. Way explained that when the covered horse arena opened in 1999, to keep the crowd size within the state's requirements, creative scheduling was used to insure that there would not be more people using the facilities (Expo center, covered horse arena, etc.) than was allowed. Now, because of the success of the covered horse arena and the demand to hold more and larger horse shows, scheduling to meet these minimum requirements is becoming more and more difficult. And, as a result, Winnebago County could start losing bookings and revenue.

This project increases the existing restroom/shower building by 1,500 sq. ft. and adds 8 showers, 9 toilets, 3 urinals and 6 sinks to the facility.

The wash rack, which is where live stock is taken to be washed and cleaned, would be built to the west of the restroom/shower facility. This new wash rack will have an overhead canopy and will contain 10 to 12 wash stalls and will be connected to the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Way reported that the total cost for this project is estimated at \$351,000.

Executive Van De Hey briefly explained the Oshkosh Northwestern's article on the 2003 proposed Executive Budget. She stated that the figures in the article were not correct and that now that they have a copy of the budget in hand, they can see for themselves the proper figures.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY – JUDGE THOMAS GRITTON

Judge Gritton brought the Board up-to-date on the work of the Courthouse Security Committee. He explained that this committee is only looking at security in the courthouse, not at any other county facility. The goal of the committee is to make the courthouse safer for employees and the general public.

Judge Gritton explained that after conducting surveys of each of the departments located in the courthouse, the Courthouse Security Committee developed the following "proposed eleven-year safety plan."

2003

- Panic buttons – Child Support Agency; all Circuit Courts and Court Commissioners' Offices; all Clerk of Courts areas; Conflict Resolution Department; County Clerk's Office; Family Court Counseling Department; all Register of Deeds areas; Probate Office; Tax Lister's Office; Treasurer's Department
- Family Court Commissioner Office – secure counter, limit access
- Register of Deeds – secure counter in basement area, limit access
- General Services – secure office, limit access

*Judge Gritton explained that the approximate cost of \$100,000 for these panic buttons and security cameras is already in the 2003 Budget.

2004

- Register of Deeds – 1st floor office – secure counter, limit access
- Clerk of Courts Office – secure counter, limit access
- Tax Lister – secure counter, limit access

2005

- County Clerk – secure counter, limit access
- Branch 1 – chambers and office area; secure counter, limit access
- Branch 6 – chambers and office area; secure counter, limit access

2006

- Child Support Agency – secure counter, limit access
- Branch 3 and Probate – chambers and office area; secure counter, limit access

- Branch 2 – chambers and office area; secure counter, limit access

2007

- Court Commissioner, Public Safety Building – secure office area
- Branch 4 – chambers and office area; secure counter, limit access
- Branch 5 – chambers and office area; secure counter, limit access
- Information Systems Department – secure main office, limit access

Security in each of the six courtrooms:

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| 2008 – Branch 1 | 2011 – Branch 4 |
| 2009 – Branch 2 | 2012 – Branch 5 |
| 2010 – Branch 3 | 2013 – Branch 6 |

Judge Gritton told the Board that in addition to training employees in basic safety procedures, the Courthouse Security Committee is hoping to find funds to purchase defibrillators and to train interested employees to use the defibrillators and administer CPR.

At approximately 7:37 p.m., Chairman Maehl called for a recess. The Board reconvened at approximately 7:48 p.m.

RULES FOR MEETING IN CLOSED SESSIONS – CORPORATION COUNSEL JOHN BODNAR

John Bodnar, Winnebago County Corporation Counsel, distributed to the Board a handout entitled, “Convening Public Meetings in Closed Session: Section 19.85, Wisconsin Statutes”, and copies of Sec. 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Mr. Bodnar explained that the, “legal presumption exists that meetings of any governmental body shall be preceded by public notice and shall be held in open session.” He then went on to explain that there are, however, exemptions so that a governmental body can meet in closed session. Those exemptions are specific to various types of actions that a governmental body may become involved and are listed in Sec.19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Mr. Bodnar went on to explain the requirements for:

- noticing a closed session
- authorized voting in closed session
- records of motions and votes taken in a closed session meeting
- reconvening in open session

Other items Mr. Bodnar discussed were:

- when it’s not appropriate to meet in closed session
- who should attend closed session meetings
- when is it appropriate to meet in closed session to discuss competitive or bargaining reasons.
- penalties for violating the open meetings law

At approximately 8:20 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion from Supervisor Lauson, seconded by Supervisor Finch, to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations, as permitted by Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Stats., “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session,” specifically discussing pending negotiations of collective bargaining agreements.

Vote on motion: Ayes – 35: Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Steineke, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Tierney, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin and Rengstorf. Nays – 0. Excused – 3: Thompson, Kline and O’Brien. CARRIED.

William Wagner, Winnebago County Personnel Director, addressed the Board regarding upcoming employee contract negotiations and their impact on the 2003 budget.

At approximately 8:54 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Eichman and seconded to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue 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 on October 8, 2002.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk