

**ANNUAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING - BUDGET SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A memo was received from the Wisconsin Counties Association announcing that their 2004 convention date has been changed from October 3-6 to September 26-29.

The following resolutions were received from various Wisconsin counties:

- Vernon County, No. 2003-55, "Reinstatement of Premium Aid for Wisconsin Fairs" – forwarded to the Legislative Committee
- Washington County, 2003 Resolution 48, "Opposing Modifications to Property Tax Payment System" – forwarded to the Legislative Committee

Registration information for UW-Green Bay's Advanced Education course entitled, "Developing & Using Creativity to Improve Public Management" was received. It will be held on Friday, December 5 at the Regency Suites in Green Bay. Registration information is available from the County Clerk's Office

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Finch reported that the Scholarship Committee is promoting the 2004 scholarship application drive by distributing posters to schools and libraries and sending letters to the parents of all county high school seniors.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl announced that Shelly Grunske of the County Clerk's Office passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 1. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Martin Luther Church in Oshkosh. Shelly will be dearly missed by all who knew and worked with her.

Chairman Maehl extended "happy birthday" wishes to Supervisors Finch, Klitzke, Hotynski and Chuck Orenstein, Finance Director. He also thanked Supervisor Hotynski for his donation to the Scholarship fund.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 285-112003: Adopt 2004 Annual Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the 2004 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 Albrecht and seconded to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Pech and seconded to end debate and call for the question. Ayes: 19. Nays: 17.
LOST – needed 2/3rds of members present.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 286-112003: Authorize the Preparation of the 2004 Application and the County's**
2 **Matching Share Regarding Specialized Transportation Services to the**
3 **Elderly and Disabled**

4 WHEREAS, Section 85.21 of Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to
5 make grants to the counties of Wisconsin for the purpose of assisting them in providing specialized transportation
6 services to the elderly and the disabled; and

7 and
8 WHEREAS, such grant must be matched with a local share of not less than 20% of the amount of grant;

9 and
10 WHEREAS, this body considers that the provision of specialized transportation services would improve and
11 promote the maintenance of human dignity and self-sufficiency of the elderly and the disabled.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
13 authorizes the Winnebago County Department of Human Services to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin
14 Department of Transportation an application for assistance anticipated to be \$216,293 during 2004 under Section
15 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in conformance with the requirements issued by that Department and also
16 authorizes the obligation of county funds in the amount of \$43,259 in order to provide the required local match.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes that
18 funds budgeted for this purpose are included in the 2004 Budget, be and the same are hereby made available to
19 cover Winnebago County's share of this project.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors authorize the Department
21 of Human Services to execute a state aid contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under
22 Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes on behalf of Winnebago County.

23 Submitted by:
24 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

25 Motion by Supervisor Koziczowski and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 36. Nays: 0. Excused: 2 – Barker and
26 Sievert. CARRIED.

27 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT AND 2004 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

28 Executive Van De Hey began her Powerpoint presentation of the 2004 Budget. She explained that
29 although there will be reductions in money the county receives from the state and federal government, Winnebago
30 County is still fiscally sound and able to maintain an \$8 Million undesignated reserve balance and qualify for a
31 Moody AA bond rating.

32 2004 Executive Budget Recap:

- 33 • 2003 valuation growth = 6.78% This results in an additional \$3,288,410 of additional revenue at the
34 2003 tax rate
- 35 • The proposed 2004 budget includes a 16-cent reduction in the tax rate
- 36 • Reasons why balancing the 2004 budget was difficult includes: reduction in general shared revenue
37 from the state; large decrease in intergovernmental transfer payments from the state for Park View
38 Health Center; and increased health insurance costs for employees
- 39 • Proposed 2004 operating tax rate limit is \$4.71 per \$1,000. In 2003 it was \$4.35 per \$1,000.
- 40 • The 2004 \$1.9 Million increase in the tax levy from 2003 will mostly be absorbed by growth in new
41 construction.

42 Motion by Supervisor Madison and seconded to end debate on the 2004 Budget and call for the question.
43 Motion by Supervisor Schaidler and seconded to adjourn. Ayes: 19. Nays: 16 – Griesbach, Pech, Thompson,
44 Steineke, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Hert, Eichman, Kline, Tierney, Brennand, Rengstorf
45 and O'Brien. Excused: 2 – Barker and Sievert. Motion to adjourn CARRIED.

46 The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at
47 approximately 7:30 p.m.

48 **ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003**

49 Chairman Joseph Maehl called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor,
50 Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

51 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, Thompson, Steineke, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Tierney, Kramer, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and O'Brien. Absent: Madison, Schaidler and Finch.

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

The following resolutions were received from other counties:

- Eau Claire County – R147-72, "Supporting 2003 Senate Bill 176 Allowing Municipal Mutuals to Provide Property Insurance" - forwarded to the Personnel & Finance Committee
- Oneida County – Resolution #94-2003, "...opposes the confirmation of Jonathan Ela to the Natural Resources Board." - forwarded to the Legislative Committee

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl reminded the Board that today is Student Government Day and encouraged them to attend the luncheon at the American Legion Post in Oshkosh at noon.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2004 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Executive Van De Hey concluded her presentation of the 2004 Budget.

At approximately 10:36 a.m., Chairman Maehl called for a brief recess. The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION #285-112003 – AMENDED AMENDMENT (1): Increase Tax Levy in 2004 by \$700,000

WHEREAS, the County has no insight as to what the Legislature will do relating to a potential tax rate freeze in 2005, it needs to protect itself for the 2005 budget by minimizing the use of one time funds and maximizing the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, THE County is planning to utilize one time reserve funds to reduce the tax rate in 2004; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the reserve funds at the rate in the proposed budget would severely limit a similar use in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the County is over 40 cents under the present rate cap, and it would be prudent to maintain the rate cap at the highest reasonable level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of reserve funds used to increase the tax levy in 2004 be reduced by \$700,000, which will result in an increase in the tax rate of approximately 8 cents per thousand.

Submitted by:
TOM WIDENER, DISTRICT #9
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Motion by Supervisor Widener and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 4 – Widener, Thompson, Steineke and Sundquist. Nays: 31. Absent: 3 - Madison, Schaidler and Finch. LOST.

RESOLUTION #285-112003 - AMENDMENT (2): Add \$300,000 to Winnebago County Human Services Budget

WHEREAS, there are many citizens of Winnebago County who because of age or disability are in need of help to remain in their homes or residential facilities, and most of the aged have lived in Winnebago County all of their lives, and the disabled are in most part a victim of their birth; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board amended the Human Services Budget for \$1.0 million which was subsequently eliminated by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department is projected to return over \$1.0 million to the General Fund at the end of 2003; and

WHEREAS, a sum of \$300,000 will allow the most needy persons to be serviced at minimal or no additional staff cost, and that this sum will add only about 3 cents per thousand to the tax rate which will still keep the County under the tax rate of 2003; and

WHEREAS, the federal government will match funds resulting in a total amount of \$700,000 to be used to keep residents in their home or residential facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$300,000 be added to the Operating Expense Account of the Human Services budget for the year 2004, as shown on Page 315 of the Winnebago County Budget Book, to be utilized to aid those residents most in need of care.

Submitted by:
STEVE ARNE, DISTRICT #32
TOM WIDENER, DISTRICT #9
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS

Motion by Supervisor Arne and seconded to adopt. Motion by Supervisor O'Brien and seconded that the \$300,000 come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. O'Brien amendment CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote on Amendment as amended – Ayes: 30. Nays: 5 – Scoville, Radewan, Wingren, Hert and Brennand. Absent: 3 - Madison, Schaidler and Finch. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #285-112003 - AMENDMENT (3): Add \$14,000 to Other Per Diem

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2004 Winnebago County General Budget so as to add from Labor (Other Per Diem) Account on Page 220 of the Winnebago County Budget.

Submitted by:
HARVEY RENGSTORF, DISTRICT #37
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Motion by Supervisor Rengstorf and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 17 – Sevenich, Griesbach, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Klitzke, Albrecht, Pech, Steineke, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Tierney, Arne, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and O'Brien. Nays: 18. Absent: 3 - Madison, Schaidler and Finch. LOST.

RESOLUTION #285-112003 - AMENDMENT (4): Delete \$20,000 from Planning & Zoning Department (Professional Services)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the 2004 Winnebago County General Budget so as to delete from Planning and Zoning Department (Professional Services Account) on Page 419 of the Winnebago County Budget.

Submitted by:
CHUCK FARREY, DISTRICT #30
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Farrey WITHDREW this amendment.

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Submitted by;
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Upon previous motion by Supervisor Albrecht and second, the Board voted on the 2004 Budget as amended. Ayes: 28. Nays: 7 – Scoville, Pech, Thompson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen and Rengstorf. Absent: 3 – Madison, Schaidler and Finch. CARRIED.

Chairman Maehl adjourned the budget meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m. He asked that Supervisors return to the Board's room after the Student Government Day luncheon to meet with the Students.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., Chairman Maehl addressed those high school seniors who were attending Winnebago County's Student Government Day. The students discussed and then presented for a vote three resolutions that were important to them.

The first resolution was to increase the school board's budget by \$50,000 to purchase new textbooks. It was defeated by a vote of 9 to 26. The second resolution supported the conceal/carry law in Wisconsin. This was also defeated 6 to 30. Their third resolution would have reduced the drinking age to 18. This was also defeated on a tie vote of 16 to 16.

Chairman Maehl dismissed the students at approximately 1:45 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 budget meetings held on November 3 & 4, 2003.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk