

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 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, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Thompson, Steineke, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and O'Brien. Absent: Tierney.

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Notice of claim from Jeffrey J. Schwartz for damage to his vehicle caused by an automated gate at Wittman Regional Airport was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

Notice of claim from Chad Cordle for damage to his vehicle caused by a stone falling off a county Highway Department truck was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

Notice of a WCA educational seminar entitled, "County Budgeting Process" was shared with the Board. The seminar will be held on Monday, July 28 in Eau Claire. Supervisors interested in attending should contact the County Clerk's Office for registration information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Barker reported that Rebecca Power, Basin Educator for the Upper Fox and Wolf Basins, has scheduled two meetings with Heather Mann to discuss urban grants and green space development. The meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, July 17 @ 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve for people living in the Neenah/Menasha area
- Thursday, July 17 @ 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the James P. Coughlin Center for people living in the Oshkosh area

Supervisor Rengstorf reported that the prisoners were transferred to the new jail without incident. He also reported that besides a few minor problems the new facility is up and running.

Supervisor Pech reported that Team Oshkosh is actively promoting new business at the airport. They are in the process of targeting potential businesses and then visiting them and promoting the airport. Supervisor Pech stated that any supervisor who is interested in getting involved in this process should give him a call.

Supervisor Schaidler informed the Board that the following meetings have been scheduled to continue the smart growth planning process between the county and municipalities: Monday, July 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Clayton Town Hall; Wednesday, July 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the James P. Coughlin Center. Supervisor Schaidler encouraged the Board and their respective municipal officials to attend these very important meetings.

Supervisor Madison asked if the Personnel & Finance Committee has any information to report on the potential of Winnebago County participating in an insurance pool of some sort with other government entities. Supervisor Albrecht stated that the Personnel & Finance Committee will have information on this at a future date.

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Chairman Maehl presented a certificate, a Winnebago County history book and a check for \$500.00 to Jonathon Treleven from Omro High School, and Sarah Holub from Lourdes High School. Jonathon and Sarah are two of the recipients of the 2003 Winnebago County Board of Supervisors' Scholarship. The other recipients received their awards at the June 17 County Board meeting.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY PRESENTATION – BRAD MASTERSON

Brad Masterson, Executive Director of the Winnebago County Housing Authority, presented the following information to the Board about the Housing Authority and the services they provide.

- Winnebago County Housing Authority was created in 1974. It was created primarily to purchase Fox View Manor in Omro and Riverside Apartments in Winneconne and to preserve them as affordable elderly housing units in those communities.
- The City of Oshkosh Housing Authority was created in 1970. In 1974, when the Winnebago County Housing Authority was created, an administrative services contract was made with the City of Oshkosh to provide staff and “fiscal arrangements” that would allow the WC Housing Authority to operate.
- Permanent administrative employees at the WC Housing Authority are City of Oshkosh employees. The rest of the staff are employed by the WC Housing Authority. Currently there are 32 full-time employees and 2 full-time contracted employees at the Housing Authority.
- The role of the Housing Authority is to, “assist the community to meet the needs of adequate and affordable housing opportunities for all people with the primary focus on serving low-income individuals.”
- Locally and nationwide only approximately 1/3 of the people eligible for subsidized housing take advantage of this benefit.
- The WC Housing Authority owns and manages over 680 dwelling sites, which include high rises, townhouses, duplexes, single-family and group homes. They also provide rent assistance to another 400 families who rent from private landlords.
- The WC Housing Authorities real estate assets are valued at \$22 Million.
- Rental income and federal grants are the primary financial sources for the WC Housing Authority. Their operations are not funded by local taxpayers. Funds that come from the State of Wisconsin or local municipalities are used as grants for low-income homebuyers. Income for both the Oshkosh and Winnebago County Housing Authorities will exceed \$5 Million in fiscal year 2003.
- The staff at the WC Housing Authority are skilled and dedicated to assisting their clients, residents and the general public
- People with incomes up to \$35,000 annually can qualify for this program if their housing costs exceed 30% of their income.
- Waiting lists for individuals and large families is relatively small. The list of families needing two-bed room accommodations is larger.
- Large family homes were built in the early 1990’s, but now the need for those larger units is not as great. There is a possibility that some of these larger homes will be sold in the near future.
- In an effort to expand the home ownership program, in 2000 the WC Housing Authority applied to the State of Wisconsin for the State Hickory Program and Federal Home Program. Since then, they have received over \$1 Million to assist people in purchasing homes in the Winnebago County area.
- The Housing Authority also uses tax exempt bonds to assist in the private development of housing where a certain number of units are reserved for people with low incomes.
- 1,100 households are assisted by the Housing Authority every month.
- Housing Authority information and plans are available at the public library and through the Planning Department at the City of Oshkosh.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Maehl reminded the Board that the NACo Convention starts on Friday, July 11 in Milwaukee. If anyone is interested in attending, they should contact the County Clerk’s Office.

Supervisor Steineke reported that he received a call from the Boeing Co. in Seattle, Washington complimenting Winnebago County on its wonderful website.

At approximately 6:35 p.m., upon a motion by Supervisor Albrecht, the Board voted to go into Closed Session as permitted by Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy in that competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Ayes: 36 – Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Thompson, Steineke, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and O’Brien. Nays: 0. Absent: 2 – Tierney and Finch. CARRIED.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., Chairman Maehl called for a recess. At approximately 6:55 p.m., the Board reconvened in Closed Session.

At approximately 8:05 p.m., upon a motion by Supervisor Farrey, the Board voted to go out of Closed Session. Ayes: 37 – Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht,

Pech, Thompson, Steineke, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Hert, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and O'Brien. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 – Tierney. CARRIED.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn. Carried by voice vote.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003.

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 special orders meeting held July 1, 2003.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

