

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004**

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 Rankin.

The following Supervisors were present: Weber, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczowski, Klitzke, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Thompson, Steineke, Lennon, Machotka, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Nielsen, Harris, Kline, Lorenz, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin and Rengstorf. Excused: Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien.

Motion by Supervisor Lauson and seconded to approve the agenda. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A Notice of Claim received from Shafiq Imani for injuries sustained while incarcerated in the Winnebago County jail was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Finch thanked the Board for the flowers they sent for the funerals of his brother and father-in-law.

Supervisor Finch also informed the Board that the Scholarship Committee has distributed applications and letters to the high schools and the parents of graduating seniors informing them of the county's 2005 scholarship program.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht commented on the nice article about Supervisor Joe Maehl in this month's issue of the Wisconsin Counties Association magazine. Supervisor Maehl was sworn in as the President of the Wisconsin Counties Association in September.

Chairman Albrecht announced that the Board will have a Special Orders Session on Tuesday, December 7 to discuss the Park View Health Center facility.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following people spoke against the County Executive's veto of the Horticulturist's position from the 2005 UW-Education, Extension and Agriculture Department's budget:

Marge Bolding, 1138 Evans Street, Oshkosh; Ann Ross, citizen; Audrey Ruedinger, 1537 West 6th Avenue, Oshkosh; Royann Goldin, 1413 Silverwood Lane, Neenah; Robin Knispel, 2937 Omro Road, Oshkosh.

Justin Mitchell, 202A West Parkway Avenue, Oshkosh spoke against the County Executive's veto of \$600,000 from the 2005 Winnebago County Human Services Department's budget.

CAPT. MIKE HERT – REPORT ON IRAQ

Former County Board Supervisor, Capt. Mike Hert, USMC, gave a presentation to the Board on his recent deployment to Iraq. Capt. Hert explained that he was with a civil affairs unit and that the majority of his work in Iraq involved working with local officials. In one example of their work, Capt. Hert reported that he and other soldiers were able to help install a clean drinking water system for the village's citizens. Capt. Hert was proud to share a photo of the village's citizens holding up a sign saying, "Thanks for U.S. Army—thanks for American people."

Capt. Hert gave a slide presentation showing the Board additional photos from his months of service in Iraq. Other projects that he was involved in included setting up schools, getting updated medical books to hospitals and working with local children. One of his favorite projects with the Iraqi children was teaching them the proper method to eat an Oreo cookie—the photo looked like he was successful.

Capt. Hert told the Board that there are many great people in Iraq working hard to make this mission a success.

After his presentation, Capt. Hert took questions from the Board.

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT – TOM DAVIES

Supervisor Barker introduced Tom Davies, Director of Winnebago County's Land & Water Conservation Department. Mr. Davies and Brad Robole gave a Power Point presentation on their department's role and purpose. Mr. Davies stated that their mission is "providing competent, professional services in the planning, design and implementation of programs and projects that protect, restore and sustain the natural resources of Winnebago County." He further explained that this mission statement specifically addresses the county's role in preventing soil erosion and protecting the county's surface and ground water.

The way the LWCD protects the county's natural resources is through numerous services that provide education and technical and financial support to individuals, businesses and local units of government. These services include:

- Land management planning & project design for landowners
- Review of erosion control and stormwater management plans for urban development projects
- Shoreline/streambank protection
- High residue management-control topsoil erosion
- Nutrient management—certified crop advisor is on staff to work with individual farmers
- Livestock waste storage/barnyards
- Wetland restoration
- Erosion and drainage plan review
- Geographic Information System (GIS)—detailed mapping service
- Global Positioning System (GPS)—used in site surveying
- Maps/historical documents
- Workshops, educational events, guest speakers
- Equipment for sale or rent
- Sells various supplies
- Administers county-funded Water Quality Improvement Program

Following his presentation, Mr. Davies entertained questions from the Board.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – DOUGLAS GIERYN, DIRECTOR

Supervisor Stephen Rankin introduced Douglas Gieryn, Public Health Department Director, who gave an overview of his department. Mr. Gieryn explained that the mission of the Public Health Department is to "preserve, promote and protect the public's health." This is done through three Core Functions:

- Assessment
- Policy Development
- Assurance

and 10 Essential Services:

- Monitor health status
- Diagnose and investigate
- Inform, educate and empower
- Mobilize community partnerships
- Develop policies
- Enforce laws
- Link to and provide care
- Assure competent workers
- Evaluate effectiveness
- Research for new insights

Mr. Gieryn explained that the role of public health is to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Promote healthy behaviors
- Prevent injuries
- Respond to disasters
- Mobilize communities to action
- Develop policies to promote good health
- Monitor the health condition of the population

The Winnebago County Public Health Department is one of four such departments in Winnebago County and primarily serves the rural portions of the county. The department has 26 staff members—public health nurses, nutritionists, public & home health aides, a registered sanitarian, a tobacco prevention specialist and support staff.

Mr. Gierny gave a brief explanation of each of his department's program areas. Those areas include:

- General public health – home visits, telephone consultation, communicable disease, immunizations HIV, TB skin testing, public health preparedness and tobacco-free programs
- Maternal child health – prenatal and child health, daycare, well-child program and car seat checks
- Adult health – older adult screening, nail care clinics, long-term needs support assessments, skin cancer and bone density screenings
- Environmental Health – food service establishments licensing and inspection; human health hazard & nuisance assessment; indoor air quality; rabies; water quality; licensure and inspection of campgrounds, swimming pools, hotels/motels, and temporary event food service; lead poisoning
- Medical assistance – prenatal and personal care coordination
- Women, Infant and Child (WIC) Program – provides nutrition education, food supplements and breast feeding support
- Administration

Mr. Gierny stated that issues of immediate concern to his department include pertussis (whooping cough—averages 200 cases per year, but this year over 3,500 cases have been reported in Wisconsin already); influenza (flu) vaccination; public health preparedness; obesity and nutrition; tobacco and alcohol.

After his presentation, Mr. Gierny entertained questions from the Board.

Motion to Reconsider County Executive's Line Item Veto of Amendment #1 to Winnebago County Budget Resolution #105-102004 Adding \$33,038 to the Salary and Fringe Benefits Account of the University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Budget Account and Creation of Horticulturist Position.

Motion by Supervisor Pech and seconded to approve motion to reconsider. Ayes: 27. Nays: 6. Absent: 1. Excused: 4 - Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien. (Vote tally did not print out.) CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Maehl and seconded to layover until the November 16, 2004 County Board meeting. Ayes: 30. Nays: 3 – Hotynski, Lauson and Sundquist. Absent: 1 – Norton. Excused: 4 - Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien. CARRIED.

Motion to Reconsider County Executive's Line Item Veto of Addition of \$600,000 to Winnebago County Human Services Budget Pursuant to Amendment #21 to Winnebago County Budget Resolution #105-102004.

Motion by Supervisor Kline and seconded to approve motion to reconsider. Ayes: 28. Nays: 5 – Hotynski, Scoville, Lauson, Wingren and Brennand. Absent: 1 – Norton. Excused: 4 - Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Koziczowski and seconded to layover until the November 16, 2004 County Board meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

CLOSED SESSION

At approximately 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Kline and seconded that the Board convene in closed session pursuant to exemption provided in Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Ayes: 33. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 – Norton. Excused: 4 - Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien. CARRIED.

Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess. The Board was called back to order at approximately 8:15 p.m. and went into Closed Session.

Supervisors present for Closed Session: 29 – Weber, Barker, Griesbach, Maehl, Koziczowski, Klitzke, Albrecht, Pech, Thompson, Steineke, Lennon, Machotka, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Warnke, Nielsen, Harris, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin and Rengstorf. Absent: 5 – Hotynski, Scoville, Lauson, Norton and Lorenz. Excused: 4 - Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien.

At approximately 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Kline and seconded to reconvene in Open Session. Ayes: 28. Nays: 0. Absent: 6 – Hotynski, Scoville, Lauson, Norton, Lorenz and Finch. Excused: 4 - Widener, Robl, Sievert and O'Brien. CARRIED.

Motion by Supervisor Schaidler and seconded to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 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 Special Orders Session held November 10, 2004.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk