

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A card was received from the family of Supervisor Paul Sundquist thanking the Board for the floral arrangement they sent for his father's funeral.

A "Notice of Claim" from Jessica Bahr for damage to her vehicle caused by an accident with a county employee was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

Information on the WCA's Education Seminar entitled, "Current Medical Trends and Negotiating Health Insurance Plans" was shared with the Board. It will be held in Wausau on Monday, February 23. Supervisors interested in attending should contact the County Clerk's Office by February 13.

The following resolutions were received from various Wisconsin counties and forwarded to the appropriate committees:

- Eau Claire County – "Supporting Assembly Substitute Amendment 2003 Assembly Bill 616 which changes the criteria for determining indigency for purposes of State Public Defender (SPD) representation" (forwarded to Legislative Committee)
- Racine County – No. 2003-188, "Resolution by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee Supporting AB 433 Concerning Compliance with Certain State Mandates and Recommending that the Bill be Amended to Define Unfunded or Non-funded State Mandates as State Mandates for which the State Does Not Provide 100% Reimbursement" (forwarded to the Legislative Committee)
- Sauk County – Resolution No. 12-04, "Resolution Supporting Municipal Employment Relations Reform Assembly Bills 598 and 599" (forwarded to the Legislative Committee)
- Sauk County – Resolution No. 5-04, "Supporting Federal legislation to Strengthen the Buy American Act" (on file in County Clerk's Office)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Koziczowski reported that the study of the county's Public Health Department and the feasibility of consolidating services with the Cities of Menasha, Neenah and Oshkosh has been completed and forwarded to the cities. Supervisor Koziczowski stated that the only municipality that is potentially interested in the idea is the City of Neenah. A copy of the report can be obtained from John Fink of the County Executive's Office.

Supervisor Nielsen reported that Supervisor Hert, after encountering some mechanical problems with their airplane, has arrived in Iraq and is doing as well as can be expected.

Supervisor Widener reported that after reading some old county board proceedings (circa early 1900's), he learned that at one time the Winnebago County Board had 52 members—one from each of the 16 townships, 1 from the Village of Winneconne, 6 from the City of Menasha, 3 from the City of Omro, 10 from the City of Neenah and 16 from the City of Oshkosh. At that time, their per diem was \$7.00 for half-day meetings and \$14 for full-day meetings.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maehl read a note from Kathlyn Hotynski thanking the Board for awarding her one of the 2003 County Scholarships.

Chairman Maehl asked if the Board would be willing to re-schedule the February 17 County Board meeting to February 18. Motion by Supervisor Rengstorf and seconded to change the February 17 meeting to February 18. After much discussion, Supervisor Rengstorf withdrew his motion. The meeting will be held on February 17 as originally scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

WITTMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY RESULTS

Supervisor Mark Nielsen introduced Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator, who began the “Wittman Regional Airport Economic Impact Analysis” Power Point presentation.

Some of the points made by Ms. Neiswender included:

- UW-Extension was asked to update the 1998 economic impact study that was done on Wittman Regional Airport.
- Information for this study was compiled from a survey distributed to the airport and businesses located at Wittman Field. The data collected included: employment, income (i.e. wages) and non-wage expenditures, taxes and lease payments for the 2002 calendar year.
- The information gathered from the surveys was used to determine two economic indicators—employment and income.
- EAA convention data is not included in this survey.
- The goal of this study is to determine what Wittman Regional Airport’s contributions are to the local economy.
 - Wittman Regional Airport and the businesses located there are, “responsible for 505 jobs, \$32 Million in wage and non-wage income, approximately \$800,000 in direct tax revenues and almost \$600,000 in lease payments.”
 - Multiplier Effect – “based on the idea that employment of one additional person causes ripple effects resulting from this person’s consumption of retail, real estate and other goods in the economy.” Using the multiplier effect on Wittman Regional Airport shows that an additional 222 jobs are created and an additional \$9.2 Million in income is generated.

Jeremy Monnett of Sonex, Ltd. and representing the Oshkosh Chamber Aviation Committee, addressed the Board and stated that the economic survey is also intended to show how valuable Wittman Regional Airport is to the residents of Winnebago County.

There was a large number of people and groups who were involved in this study. They included: Winnebago County Aviation Committee, Oshkosh City Council, the Oshkosh Chamber, UW-Extension, Wittman Airport management and Wittman Airport commercial and private tenants. Mr. Monnett explained that having such a large group of people involved in the study gave them a broad prospective on the airport and its impact on the community.

Mr. Monnett compared figures from the 1998 and 2002 survey:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>2002</u>
Jobs	755	727
Income Paid	\$23.9 Million	\$29.6 Million
Taxes (real estate & personal property)	\$643,037	\$799,259

- Airport revenue is generated from commercial land leases, private land leases, commercial hangar rent, private hangar rent, taxes on personal property, taxes on sales and service and fuel flowage fees.
- Some of the businesses located at the airport include Basler Flight Services, EAA, C.R. Meyer, Basler Turbo Conversions, Myers Aviation, Inc., Fox Valley Technical College, New View Technologies, Sonnex Ltd., Aero Conversions, Hilton Gardens Hotel and Orion Flight Services.
- Future projects at Wittman Regional Airport: new control tower (funded by the federal government), two new private hangars, Dr. Mann’s Office, Oshkosh Corporate Hangar and Mark Aviations.

Mr. Monnett stated that in order to promote an attractive business environment at Wittman Regional Airport the following must be accomplished:

- Develop compatible set of minimum standards
- Develop a master plan focused on general aviation (The master plan has been started.)
- Conduct aggressive outreach marketing
- Winnebago County needs to actively promote Wittman Regional Airport and this study

Supervisor Nielsen presented information on the personal property taxes and real estate taxes that Wittman Regional Airport generates. In 2002, \$800,000 in personal property and real estate taxes were collected and distributed as follows:

City of Oshkosh	33.7%	\$269,600
Oshkosh Schools K-12	31.6%	\$252,800
Winnebago County	21.5%	\$172,000
Fox Valley Technical College	7.9%	\$ 63,200
Three Townships	5.3%	\$ 42,400
	100%	\$800,000

Supervisor Nielsen reiterated the importance of Wittman Regional Airport to the businesses and citizens of Winnebago County. He also stressed the importance of completing a set of the minimum standards and continuing the development of the airport master plan.

Complete copies of the Wittman Regional Airport Economic Impact Analysis—Summary Report and the Wittman Regional Airport Economic Impact Analysis—Detailed Report are available in the County Clerk’s Office.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Egan and seconded to go into Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of conducting public business in relationship to the purchase or sale of county property in that competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Vote on motion to go into Closed Session: Ayes: 34 – Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Scoville, Maehl, Koziczowski, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Pech, Thompson, Madison, Radewan, Sundquist, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Nielsen, Robl, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Rankin, Rengstorf and O’Brien. Excused: 2 - Hert and Steineke. Absent: 2 - Tierney and Finch. CARRIED.

At approximately 8:11 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Eichman and seconded to adjourn. Motion to adjourn CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

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 on February 3, 2004.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

