

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006**

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 Lennon.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adopt the second amended agenda for this meeting. CARRIED.

The following Supervisors were present: Weber, Barker, Griesbach, Ramos, Maehl, Koziczowski, Pollnow, Widener, Lauson, Albrecht, Anderson, Thompson, Lohry, Lennon, Farrell, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Warnke, Spanbauer, Robl, Schmuhl, Kline, Locke, Eisen, Schaidler, Finch, Farrey, Sievert, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis, Rengstorf and O'Brien.

Excused: Hotynski.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Barker reported that there will be a Legislative Committee meeting on Monday, May 27. Anyone who has an item for the agenda should get it to her as soon as possible.

Supervisor Lauson reported that this month's County Wavelength has an article about the native prairie habitat project at the Winnebago County Community Park. The Board can refer to that article if they get any questions from their constituents about the project.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht reported that he attended a district WCA meeting today where County Executive Mark Harris was commended for his understanding and interpretation of the state's Tax Payer Protection legislation. Chairman Albrecht and the Board congratulated Executive Harris.

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisor Hotynski is excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht reminded the Board that the County Board's Annual Tour will be held on Monday, May 15. They will tour Wittman Field, Lakeside Packaging, Neenah Human Services, the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-52006: Approve Recommendation of Scholarship Committee as to Award of County Board Scholarships

WHEREAS, the Scholarship Committee of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Dean of the University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley Campus, has nominated the following persons indicated below for the award of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors college scholarships for 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Scholarship Committee recommends that said persons be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby awards to the persons listed below a \$1,000 scholarship contingent upon that student's compliance with all terms of said scholarship award:

- Melanie Stepanek, Lourdes High School, Oshkosh
- Sarah Dexter, Neenah High School
- Ellen Bares, Omro High School
- Cassandra Soda, Oshkosh North High School
- Lindsay Walsh, Oshkosh West High School
- Amanda Skalmoski, St. Mary Central High School, Menasha
- Rachel Schultz, Valley Christian High School, Oshkosh
- Steven Bloede, Winneconne High School

Submitted by:
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded to adopt. Ayes: 37. Nays: 0. Excused: 1 – Hotynski.
CARRIED.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Chairman Albrecht introduced Mark Weisensel, Winnebago County Supervisor of Elderly Services, and Candace Corbett, Winnebago County Elderly Benefit Specialist, who presented information on the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug law. Mr. Weisensel explained that not only is this the biggest change to Medicare since it was implemented in 1965, but it is very confusing. Fortunately, two members of his staff—Candace Corbett & David Fendt—are very familiar with the provisions of this law and are working to make this transition easier for Medicare participants. Mr. Weisensel then introduced Ms. Corbett, who explained this new Medicare program.

Ms. Corbett explained that the Benefit Specialist program was developed because area agencies on aging are legally required to fund legal assistance for the elderly and blind and disabled over age 60. They target low-income individuals who need legal assistance in understanding and participating in public entitlement programs. One of these entitlement programs that they assist people with is Medicare and Medicare's new Part D Plan.

Ms. Corbett explained the various parts of Medicare and supplemental insurance options available to senior citizens. She explained that Part D—the prescription drug benefit—can be purchased as a separate benefit from one of the 45 insurance companies that are contracted with Medicare to provide the coverage; or it can be purchased as part of a Medicare Advantage Policy, which provides supplemental insurance coverage (Part C) and the prescription drug benefit (Part D).

Ms. Corbett explained that the process of signing up for Medicare's various benefits is very confusing to people, so she spends a great deal of time educating people and helping them make the right choices for their situation. And, even though Part D is a very complicated and detailed program, it is working—people are getting the prescription assistance they need.

Ms. Corbett explained the various aspects of Medicare Part D and then took questions from the Board.

FOXCOMM UPDATE

An update on FoxComm was given by Sheriff Michael Brooks; Police Chief Ray Appel, Neenah Police Department; and Karen Carlson, FoxComm Management Information Coordinator. Sheriff Brooks stated that FoxComm is an excellent example of a "cooperative effort of government entities in Winnebago County." He stated that the project started approximately 11 years ago and that for the past 8 years, Chief Ray Appel has been very involved in the project.

Chief Appel began the "FoxComm Initiative Presentation" that was distributed to the Board, by explaining the history of the centralization of information and emergency dispatch (E911 centers). It was in the early 1980's when the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and other computerized systems were introduced to police, sheriff, fire and emergency medical service agencies. In the early 1990's, Enhanced 911, which gives name and location information for each 911 call, was introduced. In the mid-1990's, Winnebago County began researching their long-term computer needs in relationship to emergency dispatch and records.

Chief Appel explained that at about this time, concerns over pending FCC regulations brought Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties together to discuss these issues. The counties then began discussing other things that they could do collectively, such as CAD, records systems and mobile data systems. And, out of those discussions, FoxComm was developed as a "collaborative agreement" to bring centralized dispatch to Calumet, Outagamie & Winnebago Counties.

Chief Appel explained the timeline of various aspects and developments of FoxComm, pointing out that in 1999, Brown County became part of FoxComm. Chief Appel also explained the boards and administrative structure of FoxComm.

Patty Francour, Winnebago County's IS Department Director, discussed FoxComm's governing body, structure and the cost savings that are realized by their collaborative efforts. Ms. Francour stated that the initial cost for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) was approximately \$725,000, of which Winnebago County's share was \$130,000. By collaborating with the other counties for CAD, Winnebago County saved approximately \$595,000. Ms. Francour explained that additional ongoing annual FoxComm costs are \$90,000, of which Winnebago County is responsible for \$25,000. All other costs associated with FoxComm are shared by the four counties at a rate based on their population. Winnebago County is responsible for 26.79% of these costs.

Karen Carlson, FoxComm Management Information Coordinator, went over a map of the four counties that shows the locations and connections of the various components of FoxComm—CAD, police records, jail records, mobile data and fire mobile data. Ms. Carlson explained the functions of these various FoxComm components, the CAD server, the backup CAD server and how these things are linked and serve the various agencies.

Ms. Carlson stated that application support/training & procedures is an ongoing project. Other things they are

working on include wireless E911, CAD upgrades and enhancements, Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing, mobile data computer enhancements, connectivity & encryption issues, and record management interface issues.

The presenters took questions from the Board.

A copy of FoxComm's report is on file with these proceedings in the County Clerk's Office.

At approximately 7:25 p.m., Chairman Albrecht called for a brief recess. The Board reconvened at approximately 7:40.

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO UPGRADE – SHERIFF MICHAEL BROOKS

Sheriff Brooks stated that one of his concerns since he has become Sheriff has been the dispatch center's ability to page fire fighters throughout the county. Paging the fire fighters is a problem because each community's fire fighters can only be paged from one radio tower—either the tower on Highway 21, the tower on Highway 76 or a tower at the City of Menasha Police Department. Another reason for this problem is that the page signals are disrupted by the ever increasing number of cell phones being used. Another problem is that many fire fighters don't work in the communities where they fight fires, so communities are starting to combine their departments.

Sheriff Brooks reported that police officers also have problems with their portable radios in hearing each other's communications.

Sheriff Brooks explained that narrow band radio transmissions, which would have helped with this problem, were suppose to be put in place in 2000, but they never were. Another problem came up when, under certain circumstances, the county became a "secondary user" of state designated mutual aid frequencies.

Sheriff Brooks explained that even though his department has now acquired narrow band frequency repeaters and receivers, the Federal Government is requiring that by 2011 every frequency must be narrow band which means that radio signal distances will be reduced even more. To alleviate this problem, a system called Simulcast is recommended.

Sheriff Brooks introduced Drake Fleege of Motorola who gave a Powerpoint presentation on Simulcast and how it works. Simulcast will compensate for the loss of signal distance in some cases and reduce the need for additional radio towers.

Sheriff Brooks explained that there is a potential for grant money from the Federal government's Homeland Security Department for these types of projects. But, in the mean time, Sheriff Brooks has budgeted to get this project started.

Sheriff Brooks and Mr. Fleege took questions from the Board.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ETHICS HANDBOOK – JOHN BODNAR, WINNEBAGO COUNTY CORPORATION COUNSEL

John Bodnar, Winnebago County Corporation Counsel, went through the "Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Ethics Handbook" with the Board. Mr. Bodnar pointed out and explained some of the more significant points of the handbook, which included:

- Pertinent Statutes, Ordinances and Policies
- Criminal Statutes
- Relevant Civil Statutes
- Ordinance Provisions
- Relevant Personnel Policy Provisions

Mr. Bodnar also explained and gave examples of various "crimes relating to public officers", such as:

- Bribery
- Special Privileges from Public Utilities
- Misconduct in Public Office
- Private Interest in Public Contract Prohibited

Other points in the handbook that Mr. Bodnar went through included definitions and examples of a public official, the acceptance of gifts of less than "substantial value", private benefit issues, what is "immediate family", organizations that officials are associated with, conflicting interests, etc.

Mr. Bodnar explained that typically the forfeiture for violations of the ethics law is \$1,000. He explained that there is also a County Ethics Ordinance that imposes fines from between \$5.00 and \$500 for violations to the ethics law.

Mr. Bodnar also explained the prohibition of discrimination and harassment by elected officials.

Mr. Bodnar informed the Board that they should come to him if they have questions about any ethics situations.

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – MIKE ELDER, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Mike Elder, Director of Facilities and Property Management, explained to the Board the two projects he has in the 2006 capital plan:

- Orrin King Administration Building roof – Because it is simply a rubber roof adhered to concrete, it's exposure to the elements and ultra violet light has caused it to deteriorate quickly. It was installed about 18 years ago with a life expectancy of about 10 years. The cost of the roof will be approximately \$262,000. They hope to get this project completed by this fall.
- Courthouse parking lot – The pavement in this parking lot is starting to fail and is in need of maintenance. The parking lot will not be totally replaced, but will have a 3" overlay applied. This will extend the life of the parking lot by 10 to 15 years. The cost of the parking lot will be between \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Mr. Elder took questions from the Board.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until Tuesday, May 23, 2006. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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 May 2, 2006.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk