

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

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 Locke.

The following Supervisors were present: Konezke, Barker, Harpt, Eisen, Ramos, Kiel, Roh, Smith, Scherck, Albrecht, Gabert, Egner, Thompson, Olson, Brewer, Hardy, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Robl, Singstock, Brooks, Locke, Hegg, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Kriescher.

Excused: Widener and Turner.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No one from the public addressed the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Finch commended the Winnebago County Fair Association for their dedication and devotion to the Winnebago County Fair.

Supervisor Norton announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting on September 3, 2015 at 3:45 in the Coughlin Building Volunteer Room to discuss Emerald Ash Borer and how it affects the Parks Department. He urges Supervisors that are concerned with this matter to attend this meeting.

Supervisor Singstock recommended that we recognize the Menasha Mack Baseball Team. They are the Northeast Wisconsin Baseball League Champions three years in a row. Supervisor Tom Konezke is the vice-president and general manager and is a major key to the team's success.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Turner and Widener are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht announced that if any supervisors still need training for their iPads, they should contact Patty Francour in the Information Systems Department.

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Land Conservation Committee**

Chairman Albrecht asked for the Board's approval of his appointment of Supervisor Guy Hegg, District 27, to the Land Conservation Committee to fill the vacancy left by Kenneth Neubauer's retirement from the board. Motion by Supervisor Ellis and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE,

**UW-Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee**

Chairman Albrecht asked for the Board's approval of his appointment of Supervisor George Scherck, District 10, to the UW-Education, Extension & Agriculture Committee to fill the vacancy left by Koby Schellenger's retirement from the board. Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

**INTRODUCTION AND DEMONSTRATION OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT K-9S**

John Matz, Winnebago County Sheriff, proudly introduced his K-9 units as well as their handlers. He commended them for the amount of time and effort that they commit to training and working with the dogs. Sheriff Matz explained what happened to the K-9 unit in Brown County and informed the board what his proposal will be to prevent this from happening in Winnebago County. Winnebago County currently has three K-9 handler teams. The three teams are: Deputy Geschrei works with K-9 Ky; Deputy Schoonover works with K-9 Tim; Deputy Zill works with K-9 Franz. The dogs are trained for narcotic detection and criminal apprehension. Each team demonstrated to the board different scenarios that they respond to. These teams have gone to great lengths to assist neighboring counties. Sheriff Matz then took questions from the board.

## **RECOGNITION OF THE 2015 4-H KEY AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Sarah Thompson, Winnebago County 4-H Youth and Science Educator, introduced our new 4-H Youth Development Educator, Kayla Oberstadt. Sarah recognized the 2015 4-H Key Award recipients – Madeline Egan, Hannah Krueger and Wanda Kunde. The Key Award is the highest award that a member can receive. Sarah introduced each of the recipients and reported on their accomplishments thru 4-H. Madeline and Hannah were present to accept their awards, Wanda was not able to attend due to work. Sarah expressed that the girls were very deserving of this award.

## **2015 WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR REPORT**

Tom Egan, Winnebago County Fair Association President, gave a brief report on the 2015 County Fair. He felt that the fair was very successful. Friday was a total rainout--the carnival never started. Mr. Egan thanked all the County Board Supervisors that attended the fair and participated in judging activities. He noted that the Fair Association has seven board member positions that will be up for election in December if anyone is interested or knows of someone that might be interested. Mr. Egan stated that the annual financial report will be placed on the website after completion.

## **UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

John Rabe, Solid Waste Director, introduced Kurt Pernsteiner, the Facility Manager, and Jennifer Semrau, the Recycling Coordinator. The operations of this department are fully funded by tipping fees. In 2002, Winnebago County joined forces with Outagamie County and Brown County pooling solid waste and recycling resources. A key item that the Counties are discussing is future air space landfill planning. Mr. Rabe reported on the number of employees and the operations of Solid Waste. The 2015 standard tipping fee is \$40.00 per ton for Winnebago County; the state tipping fee is \$59.00 per ton. Recycling and Solid Waste are still brought to the Winnebago County facility; from there it is loaded and trucked to Outagamie County. Solid Waste is looking into ways to save on transportation costs by designing a waste compactor to increase the tonnage per truck transported to Outagamie County. Mr. Rabe stated that they are looking into diversion of waste materials that could be recycled such as asphalt shingles, construction waste and yard waste.

For recycling, Outagamie County is the facility for Tri-County Single Stream Recycling. Winnebago County and Brown County are transfer stations. They are looking for compactors to increase the tonnage that is transferred and to save on transportation costs. Mr. Rabe presented statistics of tonnages brought in to the facility.

Mr. Rabe discussed industrial waste disposal and provided tonnages that have been transported and used instead of being placed in the landfill.

Landfill gas needs to be monitored and collected. Gases from the landfill are used to heat and cool the Sheriff's Department and save on electricity costs.

Solid Waste holds a Household Hazardous Waste Day yearly. This provides a clean sweep of household and agricultural products.

Mr. Rabe commended Kathy Hutter for managing the Solid Waste website, publishing newsletters and displaying educational booths at different locations.

Mr. Rabe then took questions from the board. A copy of Mr. Rabe's presentation is available in the County Clerk's office with the proceedings of this meeting.

## **RE-DESIGNATION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS A LEVEL 3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Doug Gieryn, Director of Public Health, introduced Chris Cullotta from the State Division of Public Health in Green Bay. It is required by state statute that every five years a compliance check needs to be done to local public health departments. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Cullotta spent three hours on site going over policies and procedures of the Winnebago County Health Department. He stated that the Health Department is doing a fantastic job and was impressed with the number of board members and the County Executive for attended the meeting. The Health Department received their certificate from the State Health Officer that was signed on July 15, 2015. This certifies that they are a Level 3 Health Department. Doug Gieryn thanked his committee members and his staff for assembling data and answering questions that the state was looking for.

## **WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION UPDATE**

Doug Gieryn, Director of Public Health, presented a handout to the board covering an update for the consolidation of city and county Public Health offices.

2010:

- Oshkosh and County Health Departments consider consolidation
- Neenah Health Officer retires; Neenah and Menasha consider consolidation with Winnebago County and Oshkosh
- Staff Vacancies put on hold

- RFP to hire consultant
- Baker Tilly hired as consultant

2011:

- Health Department consolidation study conducted

2012-13:

- Oshkosh, Neenah and Winnebago all approve consolidation agreement
- Oshkosh and the county merge in May; Neenah merges in July
- Neenah staff remains at Public Health in Neenah
- 21% staff reduction over three fully operational health departments
- New strategic plan developed

2014:

- Budgeted for new staff positions to help with gaps utilizing vacancies and funding adjustments
- Held new staff positions open to avoid a potential layoff later in the year
- Started a reorganization plan to help bring the department more up to date

2015:

- Finished reorganization plan and began implementation
- Consolidated two Neenah offices into one at Neenah Human Services Building
- Actual levy costs to operate new department combined with new reserve fund are over \$1.3 million less than projected from 2012-2015 compared with the Neenah, Oshkosh and county health departments remaining separate.

Mr. Gieryn then took questions from the board. A copy of Mr. Gieryn's presentation is available in the County Clerk's office with the proceedings from this meeting.

### **PROCESS OF SUBMITTING IDEAS FOR COUNTY BOARD RULE CHANGES**

Supervisor Wingren reported that any proposed County Board rule changes should be submitted to him by Monday, September 7, 2015. Each change needs to be submitted on a single piece of paper. The Judiciary and Public Safety (JPS) Committee will look at the submitted changes at their September 14, 2015 meeting. In February 2016, the JPS Committee will vote on the rule changes that will be submitted to the whole board for approval or disapproval. The rule changes will take effect with the April 2016 election.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)  
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Julie Barthels, 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 September 1, 2015.

Julie Barthels  
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk