

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos 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: 32 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Smith, Nussbaum, Spellman, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Singstock, Buck, Powers, Locke, Wise, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas. Excused: 3 – Lenz, Wojciechowski and Finch. Vacant: 1

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adopt the agenda for this evening's meeting.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following person spoke in support of the Sawyer Creek Floodplain Study:

- Ken Arneson, CEO/President Evergreen Retirement Community, Oshkosh

The following person voiced concern in regard to the Sawyer Creek Floodplain Study:

- Jessica Bradley, 2633 Knott Road, Oshkosh

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Defferding reported that updates regarding the Diversion Concept Program will be brought to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting on January 13, 2020 for updates.

Supervisor Albrecht announced the passing of former Supervisor John Schaidler.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ramos reported that Supervisors Finch, Lenz and Wojciechowski are excused from this meeting. He welcomed Supervisor Smith back following his surgery.

Chairman Ramos announced that the mileage rate for 2020 is \$.575.

Chairman Ramos reported that the "Slate of Candidates for County Board Supervisors" for the April election was placed on their desks. There will not be a primary election for any county board seats.

SAWYER CREEK FLOODPLAIN STUDY PRESENTATION

Cary Rowe, Winnebago County Zoning Administrator, provided a brief history of the Sawyer Creek Floodplain Study. It was brought to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2019 under the zoning reports and ordinances. It was referred back to the committee for reconsideration and outreach. After meeting with the City of Oshkosh, it was decided to conduct additional informational meetings to answer property owners and residents' questions. After these informational meetings, another public hearing will be held, then it will be brought back to the County Board.

Mr. Rowe introduced the following persons:

- Michelle Staff – Association of State Floodplain Managers
- Michelle Hase – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Water Reg/Zoning Engineer
- Steve Goede – City of Oshkosh Utilities General Manager
- Mark Rohloff – City of Oshkosh Manager
- Allen Davis – City of Oshkosh Community Development Director
- Matthew Ents - Strand Associates

Steve Goede provided information on flooding history, background information on the city and county purpose of the floodplain code; city, state and county improvements that have been made; and the mapping process. Mr. Goede provided maps of the areas with existing water basins. He provided information on how many properties would be added to the floodplain with this plan, which includes critical care facilities. He noted roads that would be affected. Mr. Goede provided information on how properties would be impacted if the flood storage areas are approved and if they are not approved. The next step is to have a joint public meeting with the County Planning and Zoning Committee and the City Plan Commission. He ended by summarizing his presentation.

Mr. Goede, Mr. Rowe, Ms. Staff, Ms. Hase, Mr. Rohloff, Mr. Davis and Mr. Ents then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PRESENTATION

Ray Palonen, Winnebago County Highway Commissioner, presented the 2020 Highway Department capital improvement projects to the board. The total for these projects is \$8.9 million, \$5.283 million in bonding and \$3.7 million in state, federal and outside funding.

The projects include:

- County Highway A (Indian Point Road to County Highway GG) - \$4,000,000.00 – Closed to traffic during construction. \$2.8 million in federal funding.
- County Highways CB and JJ Roundabout - \$300,000.00 for design work – Cooperative between Winnebago County and the City of Neenah. Construction 2022. Applied for MLS funding.
- County Highway FF (State Highway 21 – State Highway 91) - \$1,000,000.00 – Asphalt is beyond reasonable maintenance life. Fully funded by the County.
- County Highway G (Woodenshoe Road – County Highway A) - \$1,247,000.00 - \$330,000.00 in State Funding
- County Highway R Beam Guard Upgrade - \$150,000.00 – Beam Guard is buried, safety improvements needed.
- County Highway O (Interstate 41 – State Highway II) - \$1,751,300.00 – Reconstructed to two lanes with center turn and bike lanes. \$360,000.00 in state funding.
- County Highway O Stormwater Detention Pond - \$100,000.00 – This project would allow the County to meet the MSR requirements.
- County Highway II Box Culvert Safety Upgrade - \$100,000.00 – The Village of Fox Crossing and Winnebago County are working together to have this operate more efficiently.
- Future County Highway T (Convert Pioneer Road into County Highway T) - \$275,000.00 – Used as a County Highway but is actually a town road.
- County Highway Y (Interstate 41 – County Highway T) - \$75,500.00 – This project allows the County to apply for CDGB funding to rehabilitate the road.
- Parking Lot Paving for the Highway Department - \$350,000.00 - Phase 1 of this project, from County Road Y to Salt Shed.

Mr. Palonen will be requesting the funding for these projects at the January 21, 2020 County Board meeting. Mr. Palonen then took questions from the board. A copy of his presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

EXPO EAST CAMPUS STORM WATER DRAINAGE, CAMPING AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Rob Way, Winnebago County Parks Director; Vicky Redlin, Winnebago County Parks Program Manager; Rick Helms, Winnebago County Parks Operations Supervisor; and Chase Rettler, Rettler Corporation Civil Engineer presented the plans for improvements at the Sunnyview Expo Center. The cost of phase one of this project is projected to be \$2,273,200.00.

Mr. Way reported that it was decided to divide the whole project into two phases. Phase one involves the east campus of the expo grounds, the camping area, the roads, and parking areas. Mr. Way addressed the problem areas of the Expo Grounds which include the Expo building and surrounding ditches. He feels that the Expo grounds were a good investment and feels that it will continue to grow.

Vicky Redlin, Program Manager, provided photos of the past fairgrounds to events held at the current Expo Grounds. An economic impact study and survey was conducted in 2019. Ms. Redlin reported on new large events that are coming to the Sunnyview Expo.

Rick Helms, Operations Supervisor, reported on the pooling, puddling and flooding of water that can lead to dangerous situations. This happens inside and outside of the buildings and at times, some areas are completely unusable. The effects of the flooding are felt downstream at the Community Park because it takes the bulk of the expo storm water.

Rob Way feels the solution is to expand and add retention and detention ponds, add hard surface parking and provide additional roadway and walkway paving. He provided a map of the proposed improvements.

Chase Rettler, a licensed civil engineer from Rettler Corporation, is assisting the Parks Department for a comprehensive master plan for the Expo Grounds. With a map, he explained what areas would be improved and how they would be improved. Included with the improvements are: three new camping lots, electrical service expansion, a dumpster pad, additional roads and road improvements. Mr. Rettler briefly touched on Phase 2 – Expo West Campus Improvements. This would include a new entrance to this facility, expansion for parking and camping, improved lighting and bringing back the historic arch.

Mr. Way, Ms. Redlin, Mr. Helms and Mr. Rettler then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

FRONT-END LOADER REPLACEMENT – PARKS DEPARTMENT

Rob Way, Winnebago County Parks Director, reported that the Parks Department needs a new front-end loader. The current end loader is twenty years old. It was purchased in 2010, but built in 2005. It is used for cleaning up from horse shows, excavation, moving gravel, moving cement barriers, and used extensively for snow plowing at the Expo Grounds and Coughlin building during the winter months. Mr. Way has safety concerns and maintenance concerns regarding this piece of equipment.

The cost of a new front-end loader would be \$200,000.00. He has been in contact with the Winnebago County Highway Department to see if anything is available from them.

Mr. Way then took questions from the board. A copy of this presentation is available in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Julie A. 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 January 7, 2020.

Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk