

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the ZOOM virtual meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Winnebago County Administration Building at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by Supervisor Locke.

The following Supervisors were present: 36 - Konetzke, Brunn, Borchart, Eisen, Ramos, Defferding, Lenz, Neuhoff, Nussbaum, Spellman, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Konrad, Schorse, Bolante, Gordon, Wingren, Lautenschlager, Norton, Warnke, Zellmer, Schellenger, Buck, Powers, Locke, Wise, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the board.

COMMUNICATIONS and PETITIONS

The following correspondence was presented to the board by Susan Ertmer, County Clerk:

- Notice of Claim:
 - Heather and Steve Ebert – for damage to their dock caused by a Highway Department grader was referred to the Personnel and Finance Committee
- Zoning Petitions:
 - No. 001 – Matthew Potratz, Town of Nekimi; tax parcel no. 012-0399-01; to rezone from A-1 was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee
 - No. 002 – Patrick J. Brennand, Town of Algoma; tax parcel no. 002-0359-01; to rezone from A-2/R-1 was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee
- Resolutions from Other Counties:
 - Eau Claire County – Enrolled No. R163-053 – Supporting the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act was referred to the Legislative Committee
 - Eau Claire County – Enrolled No. R163-055 – Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Act to Protect Refugees Living in the State of Wisconsin was referred to the Legislative Committee

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Supervisor Gabert reported that bids for the new aviation facility were opened on April 23. All five of the bids came in under budget. Supervisor Gabert stated that the Aviation Committee will have more information for the board after further review of the bids.

Supervisor Norton reported that NACo's website has important information pertaining to the Corona virus and the economic impact it is having on counties across the country. He encouraged people to contact their US Senators and encourage them to include additional funding for county governments with populations under 500,000. Supervisor Norton stated that the WCA as contacted Governor Evers and asked that the State of Wisconsin allocate money from the Cares Act to smaller counties in Wisconsin.

Supervisor Ellis reported that the Park View Health Center Committee will be meeting at the Coughlin Center on May 5. The size of the room there will allow for appropriate physically distancing of the committee members and attendees.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Executive Harris discussed and expressed his support of the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 004-042020: Ratification, Alteration, Modification, or Repeal of March 20, 2020, Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency
- Resolution No. 007-042020: Authorize Winnebago County to Enter into a Contract with Double Tree Neenah for Quarantine Purposes
- Resolution No. 008-042020: Authorize Winnebago County to Enter into an Employment Services Lease Agreement with the Oshkosh Area School District to Provide Health Care Services

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ramos reported that there will not be a Special Orders Meeting on May 5 and that the annual County Board Tour scheduled for May 18 is postponed.

Chairman Ramos reported that former County Board Supervisor, Tim Hamblin, passed away recently. Chairman Ramos stated that Mr. Hamblin had an extensive career in public service and leaves a wonderful legacy in Winnebago County and the City of Neenah.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Doug Gieryn, Director of Public Health, gave a PowerPoint presentation that explained the Winnebago County Health Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Gieryn went over the timeline of the progression of the disease, as well as, the steps taken by the State of Wisconsin and Winnebago County to combat the spread and transmission of the disease.

Mr. Gieryn explained that Governor Evers "Safer at Home" order was put in place on March 25. By April 4, the number of flu cases "dropped dramatically" across the state, which indicated that the Safer at Home order and physical distancing was working.

On April 20, Governor Evers announced Wisconsin's "Badger Bounce Back Plan," which is the state's plan to gradually begin reopening the state and loosen restrictions on physical distancing.

Mr. Gieryn explained that except for the WIC Program, all other functions of their office are focused on COVID-19. Their primary areas of work include:

- Case Identification and Contact Investigation
- Surveillance and Data Analysis
- Public Information and Education
- Consultation for Public/Community Partners
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Situational Awareness

Mr. Gieryn showed the board the Public Health Department's website and explained all the various kinds of information on COVID-19 that is available to the public on a daily basis.

Going forward, Mr. Gieryn stated that more testing will happen as more tests and testing equipment becomes available. He also stated that because more people are going to be tested, we will see an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19. An increase in COVID-19 cases will require more contact tracers to follow-up with these people.

Mr. Gieryn explained that "data goals/thresholds" have to be established before area businesses can gradually re-open. Then after things open up, they will need to carefully monitor the number of cases and be able to quickly respond to a crisis.

Mr. Gieryn stated that adequate hospital and isolation center capacity is critical as the state re-opens. He also believes that physical distancing and PPE will be needed for months. People need to be flexible so they can respond to a crisis, should it occur.

REVIEW PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR DOUBLE TREE NEENAH FOR QUARANTINE PURPOSES

Mr. Gieryn explained that this hotel is located in the City of Neenah and would be used for people who need to be isolated and quarantined, but don't require hospitalization. People can only stay here if they are referred by a health care provider or by the Public Health Department.

The facility will only open when and if there is sufficient need for the facility. The costs for this facility will be covered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services through the duration of Governor Evers state of emergency order of May 11. Mr. Gieryn stated that it is likely that the state will be extending the deadline for the reimbursement of costs associated with this facility sometime later this week.

**REVIEW PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR SCHOOL NURSING STAFF SUPPORT**

Mr. Gieryn explained that a contract with the Oshkosh Area School District for nursing staff support will allow the Public Health Department to do contact tracing, which is vital to controlling the spread of COVID-19. He explained that the county has already hired additional nurses on a temporary basis, but that more are still needed because the other work the Public Health Department does continues as well.

Mr. Gieryn explained that the 10-12 school nurses that would be available, are a perfect option since school is not in session and they are available. He stated that these nurses have the required skills and can be available very quickly if the county's COVID-19 numbers rapidly increase.

Mr. Gieryn then took questions from the Board on all three of these topics.

ZONING REPORTS AND ORDINANCES

No zoning reports or ordinances this month.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

**RESOLUTION NO. 004-042020: Ratification, Alteration, Modification, or Repeal of March 20, 2020,
Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris, by proclamation, declared that a state of emergency exists in Winnebago County because of the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with §323.14(4)(a), Wis. Stats; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §323.14(4)(a) (b), Wis. Stats., the proclamation is “. . .subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as the Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation. . .”; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris proclaimed, pursuant to the powers granted under §323.14(4)(b), Wis. Stats., that he would do “. . .whatever is necessary and expedient to protect the health and well-being of Winnebago County. . .”; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate and necessary to provide Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris the general authority to order, subject to ratification if practicable, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Winnebago County in the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby ratifies the March 20, 2020, Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a County Emergency in Winnebago County (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) issued by Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby vests Winnebago County Executive Mark L. Harris with the general authority to order, subject to ratification if practicable, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within Winnebago County in the emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that, by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic and related public health concerns, the Winnebago County Board Chairman or his designee has the

authority to declare the need for and hold a virtual meeting of the County Board that is reasonably accessible (accessible remotely only) and otherwise consistent with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Laws.

Submitted by:
PAUL EISEN, District 4
BILL WINGREN, District 18
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5

Motion by Supervisor Eisen and seconded by Supervisor Locke to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
(Supervisor Defferding voted "no".)

RESOLUTION NO. 005-042020: Authorize the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to Accept a Department of Military Affairs Grant in the Amount of \$125,537 to Reimburse for Upgrades to the NextGen9-1-1 System, and Appropriate the Funds to Related Expenditures

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Department of Military Affairs grant to reimburse for upgrades to the NextGen9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used to upgrade the existing AT&T – VIPER 911 call handling system that is reaching end of life, and will add Next Generation capabilities to the system to support text and data communications to callers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to accept a Department of Military Affairs grant in the amount of \$125,537 to reimburse for upgrades to the NextGen9-1-1 system, and appropriate the funds to related expenditures.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen and seconded by Supervisor Brunn to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-042020: Authorize the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to Accept a Coronavirus Emergency Response Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Amount of \$58,008 and Appropriate the Funds to Related Expenditures

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Coronavirus Emergency Response grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used to purchase a decontamination system and a disinfection robot for the jail to help prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to accept a Coronavirus Emergency Response grant in the amount of \$58,008 and appropriate the funds to related expenditures.

Submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Rasmussen and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 007-042020: Authorize Winnebago County to Enter into a Contract with DoubleTree Neenah for Quarantine Purposes

WHEREAS, Winnebago County wishes to enter into a contract with DoubleTree Neenah to make rooms available to rent to the County for quarantine purposes; and

WHEREAS, the contract and its particulars are attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes Winnebago County to enter into a contract with DoubleTree Neenah for quarantine purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the attached contract is made a part of this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

Submitted by:
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Lautenschlager to adopt. Ayes: 34. Nays: 1 – Defferding. Abstain: 1 – Farrey. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-042020: Authorize Winnebago County to Enter into an Employment Services Lease Agreement with the Oshkosh Area School District to Provide Health Care Services

WHEREAS, Winnebago County wishes to enter into an Employment Services Lease Agreement with the Oshkosh Area School District to provide telephonic and virtual nurse support during the COVID-19 pandemic and aftermath; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement and its particulars are attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes Winnebago County to enter into an Employment Services Lease Agreement with the Oshkosh Area School District to provide health services as indicated in the attached contract, which is made a part of this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

Submitted by:
SHILOH RAMOS, District 5

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Binder to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Konetzke to adjourn until the May 19, 2020 business meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by:
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 regular meeting held April 28, 2020.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk