

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021**

Chairman Shiloh Ramos called the Virtual ZOOM meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors 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 an invocation by Supervisor Locke.

The following Supervisors were present: 36 - Konezke, 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, Cox, Finch, Youngquist, Farrey, Rasmussen, Keller, Egan, Ellis, Snider and Joas.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Four people spoke in opposition to the Community Diversity Affairs Program; in opposition of Ordinance No. 096-102020 "Amend Section 11.08 of the General Code of Winnebago County: County Health Officer"; and in opposition of the Health Equity Plan:

- Tamar Mathwig – 895 Michigan Street, Omro
- Jenifer Koser – 5872 Harbour South, Winneconne
- Diane Koser – 5872 Harbour South, Winneconne
- Katie Campbell – 614 Waugoo Avenue, Oshkosh

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Farrey requested that the Public Health Department add a report to their website regarding the number of vaccines Winnebago County has received and how they are administered and to whom they are administered.

Supervisor Defferding reported on the Winnebago County Connect Program. The construction is complete. The next step is to connect with a non-profit organization. They have been in contact with REACH Counseling out of Neenah to work with the District Attorney for this program.

Supervisor Gabert reported that Park View Health Center employees and residents were vaccinated last week for the COVID-19 Virus.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ramos reported that the next County Board meeting will be on January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Ramos announced that there would not be a Public Health Committee meeting in January, the next one is scheduled for February.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PRESENTATION

Ray Palonen, Winnebago County Highway Commissioner, presented the 2021 Highway Department capital improvement projects to the board. The total for these projects is \$6,779,780 for 2021. Mr. Palonen has secured over \$8 million in state, federal and outside funding for the years 2021 – 2025.

The projects include:

- County Highway T (Pioneer Road to CTH "II") - \$100,000.00 – Construction will start in 2022. This portion of CTH "T" will be jurisdictionally transferred to the Town of Clayton upon completion and become Pioneer Road.
- Waukau Avenue (Poberezny to Airport) - \$250,000 for design – No plans for construction at this time.
- CTH "CB" (Shady Lane to American Dr.) – \$300,000.00 – Profile milled and an asphalt overlay installed.
- CTH "CB" and CTH "JJ" Roundabout – \$470,000.00 – Outside Funding of \$160,000.00 – The City of Neenah is sharing in the cost of design and construction.
- CTH "I" (Ripple Avenue to Waukau Avenue) - \$400,000.00 – Outside Funding of \$350,000.00 – Project consists of engineering and design, replacing the existing storm sewer, installing bicycle accommodations and reconstructing the roadway to accommodate a two-lane roadway with center turn lane.
- CTH "G" (USH 45 to CTH M) - \$430,000.00 – Pulverizing the existing asphalt and installing a new asphalt surface with minor drainage improvements.
- CTH "II" (CTH "CB" to Clayton Avenue) - \$665,000.00 – Will be profile milled and have an asphalt overlay installed to improve the paved surface.
- CTH "Y" (STH 76 to I 41) and (CTH T to STH 45) - \$700,000.00 – Pulverizing the existing asphalt pavement, ditching and installing a new asphalt surface.
- CTH "V" (CTH E to West County Line) - \$724,000.00 – Pulverizing the existing asphalt pavement, installing a new

asphalt surface and minor drainage improvements.

- CTH "P" (Midway Road – STH 47) - \$780,000.00 – Outside Funding \$681,720 – Designing and constructing the roadway to current standards: a two-lane urban cross section with a two way left turn lane to safely accommodate turning movements. The roadway is also anticipated to incorporate bicycles and pedestrians.
- CTH "Y" (I41 to CTH T) - \$840,000.00 – Outside funding \$840,000.00 – Pulverizing the existing asphalt pavement, improving several vertical curves, ditching, installing new base course and installing a new asphalt surface.
- CTH "CB" (CTH 0 to CTH JJ) - \$950,000.00 – Profile milling the existing roadway and installing an asphalt overlay to provide a new asphalt surface.
- Building Upgrades - \$20,000.00 – No improvements since built in 1995. The Highway Committee recommended have an architect look into upgrades.
- Phase 2 of Parking Lot Improvements – \$350,000.00 – This will complete the parking lot at the Highway Department and pave the parking lot at the Winchester facility.

Mr. Palonen will be requesting the funding for these projects at the January 19, 2021 County Board meeting. Mr. Palonen then took questions from the board. A copy of his presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

PRESENTATION OF PHASE 1 SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER EAST CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Vicky Redlin, Acting Parks Director, introduced Phase 1 of the Sunnyview Expo Center East Campus Infrastructure Improvements plan. Ms. Redlin introduced Rick Helms, Parks Operation Supervisor, to address the issue at hand. He stated that there are many drainage issues at the expo grounds that affect the events held there adversely. The effects are felt downstream at the Community Park as the Community Park takes the bulk of the Expo storm water.

Chase Rettler, Civil Engineer, reported on the plans to improve the Expo Center problems. The plan is to add hard surface parking, provide additional roadway and walkway paving, maximize drainage issues by expanding and adding retention/detention ponds, and looking at electrical issues and site lighting. The main parking lot of the Expo facility needs to be replaced as well.

The cost of this project would be \$1,636,200.00. The Parks Department provided a breakdown of the costs for each section.

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.

PURCHASE OF FIELD AND TRAIL MOWER – PARKS DEPARTMENT

Tom McInnis, Parks Manager, reported that the Parks Department needs a new field and trail mower. The Parks Department would purchase a new 100 horse power tractor and a rear and side flail mower. The cost would be approximately \$180,000.00. Parks has over 20 miles of trails and over 100 acres of prairie and grassland that require mowing on a regular basis. A flail mower is needed to properly and safely mow these areas so that damage to equipment can be minimized and hazards from flying objects can be avoided. Some of the areas that need to be cut have invasive plants and trees that require cutting at specific times. The Parks Department currently borrows equipment from the Highway Department. If the equipment is not available at the specific times for cutting invasive plants and trees, it makes it more difficult to control.

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

UPDATE ON CARES ACT MONIES AND COVID ROUTES TO RECOVERY GRANT

Vicky Fitzgerald, County Finance Director, gave a recap on the Routes to Recovery Grant. The State of Wisconsin received \$200 million for the Routes to Recovery Grant which was funded by the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). \$190 million was allocated proportionately to every County, City, Village and Town in Wisconsin based on their populations. Winnebago County was allocated up to \$2,773,211 for reimbursements of eligible expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 1 and November 6, 2020.

There were nine expenditure categories that money could be claimed for.:

1. Emergency operation activities and services related to public health, emergency services and public safety response
2. Medical and protective services and equipment
3. Cleaning, sanitizing and other costs of COVID-19 mitigation in public areas and facilities
4. Temporary isolation housing for infected or at-risk individuals
5. Testing and contact tracing costs above those covered by existing State programs
6. Paid leave for public health and safety employees to take COVID-19 precautions
7. Increased workers compensation costs due to COVID-19
8. Meeting local match requirements for expenses submitted for reimbursement by FEMA
9. Purchases of services or equipment to facilitate telework by public employees

Changes that were made along the way, the CARES Act imposed four primary limitations on use of the funds in order to be reimbursed. The expenditures needed to be:

1. Government expenditures
2. Unbudgeted
3. Necessary to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
4. Incurred on or after March 1, 2020 through November 6, 2020

These changes were updated by the State:

1. Budgeted payroll expenses for employees that became eligible in certain circumstances
2. The period for eligible expenditures incurred was extended to November 17, 2020

There were three reporting periods. The County submitted \$3,900,170.00 for expenses. The county was reimbursed \$3,067,538.00. The County received an additional \$294,327.00 of unused grant money from other cities, villages and townships. Ms. Fitzgerald then took questions from the board. A copy of her presentation is available in the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Snider to adjourn until the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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 5, 2021.

Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Deputy Clerk