# ADJOURNED SESSION WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

Chairman Thomas Egan called the meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 P.M. from the Winnebago County Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and virtually by ZOOM.

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

The following Supervisors were present: 33 – Dowling, Nichols, Eisen, Horan, Defferding, Ellenberger, Wise, Nussbaum, Stafford, Albrecht, Gabert, Binder, Swan, Robinson, Gordon, Ponzer, Belville, Norton, Hinz, Zellmer, Buck, Powers, Hanson, Cox, Gustafson, Youngquist, Farrey, Harrison, Zastera, Egan, Beem, Nelson and Miller; ABSENT: 3 - Borchart, Floam and Schellenger

Chairman Egan announced that "Resolution No. 154-122022: To Name the County Administration Building the David Albrecht Administration Building" was being withdrawn from this agenda.

Supervisor Dowling requested that "Resolution No. 153-122022: Sever the Relationship Between the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission and the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee, and Require the Commission to Report Directly to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors" be withdrawn from the agenda.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Paul Eisen, Supervisor District 4, alerted the board to two issues. He would like to see the Administration Building named after Supervisor David Albrecht. The second item is in regard to the Social Media Policy.

The following people spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 151-122022: "Authorize the Winnebago County Clerk to Publish a Notice of Referendum Regarding the Legalization and Decriminalization of Cannabis in the State of Wisconsin":

- Deborah Allen, Oshkosh
- Ed Demler, Oshkosh
- Shanah Zastera, Supervisor District 32
- Len Kachinsky, Fox Crossing
- Ed Hudak, Neenah
- Michael Robinson, Supervisor District 15

Shanah Zastera, Supervisor District 32, spoke in support of allowing municipal fire departments to benefit from the ARPA funds.

Ellen Allen, Oshkosh, voiced concern regarding the raise in county property taxes this year.

#### COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, ACCOUNTS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Julie Barthels, Deputy County Clerk, presented the following communications:

- Resolutions from Other Counties:
  - ➤ Juneau County Resolution 22-33 " Authorization to Conduct a County-wide Referendum on Clean Water Now for Wisconsin" was referred to the Legislative Committee.
  - Marathon County Resolution R-62-22 "Resolution Requesting the State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise the Entry-Level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys" was referred to the Legislative Committee.
  - Price County Resolution 51-22 "Requesting the State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise the Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys" was referred to the Legislative Committee.
- Commendations:
  - > Commendation for Lori Hella Employed with Winnebago County Human Services Department for 22 years.
  - Commendation for Charles Romberg Employed with Winnebago County Highway Department for 28 years.

# REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Supervisor Powers announced that the Winnebago County 4-H is doing a "Discovery 4-H Series". There are three project boxes and ZOOM activities to pick from for different age groups. If interested, contact Dana Berger at the UW-Extension's 4-H office. <a href="mailto:Dana.berger@wisc.edu">Dana.berger@wisc.edu</a>

Supervisor Powers reported that she is a member of a national board of Affiliated Organizations for Episcopal Churches that awards grants for Biblical materials. The Chaplain at Lincoln Hills Detention Facility applied for this grant and was awarded 36 graphic Bibles for children. Supervisor Horan was able to provide an additional 65 Bibles to the children thru an organization that she is involved with.

Supervisor Binder reported that the "Request for Proposals" for the UW-Fox Valley Campus' capital projects were placed on hold due to the low enrollment at the campus.

Supervisor Binder provided an update on the UWEX Health and Well-Being Coordinator position will be posted early in January. This position will be involved with the Diversity Affairs Commission.

Supervisor Defferding reported that he will be attending the NACo Conference in Washington DC, February 10 – 14, 2023. He is a member of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee and will be speaking to his representatives there.

Supervisor Nichols reported that the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha received the Wisconsin Library Association 2022 Programming Innovation Award for their Smithwork's Makers Space. The "Makers Space" is for teens and adults to study a wide range of topics.

Supervisor Hinz reported that the Flood Plain topic will be brought back in March. He plans on having as many speakers as he can to provide as much information as possible to settle this issue.

Supervisor Horan announced that the Bibles that are being sent to Lincoln Hills will be available for the children to take home and write their names in them. Another party is looking to donate books to this facility that will allow the children to take the books home.

Supervisor Norton noted that the Winnebago County's parks are open during the winter time. Sleds are available to use and return. They hope to provide ice-skating soon.

Supervisor Stafford reported that the JPS Committee has discussed consent calendars. They hope to bring it forward to the board and would like to present this topic at a Special Orders Session.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Cox, to approve the October 31, November 1 & 2, 2022 Budget Sessions and November 15, 2022 Regular Session Board Proceedings for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Executive Doemel reported on the following topics:

- Executive Doemel thanked the County Board Chairman and the County Clerk's office for the nice holiday party that they put together.
- Executive Doemel reported on the American Rescue Plan Act Commission. The ARPA allocations have been claimed as lost revenue. There will be a resolution forthcoming to change the name of the ARPA Commission to the "Spirit Commission". Executive Doemel explained the reasoning for doing this and wants to remain transparent with how the money is spent.
- Executive Doemel expressed his feelings regarding the cannabis referendum. He feels that the ballot is not the place to determine this. It is a State and Federal decision as to whether it should be legalized and/or decriminalized. A referendum question on the ballot would only be advisory. Executive Doemel would like to reform the county code to reduce the forfeiture for possession of marijuana.
- Executive Doemel reported that he would be issuing an Emergency Declaration on December 20, 2022 due to the inclement weather that is expected. He noted that the Day-by-Day Warming Shelter would be closing due to staffing shortages. With the Emergency Declaration, the County is able to aid in finding placements for the homeless individuals. The City of Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Police Department will be assisting in keeping the shelter open. Executive Doemel is reaching out to employees to help, and he is authorizing significant pay differentials to any County staff willing to take a shift voluntarily.

# **COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

#### Aging & Disability Resources Center Committee (ADRC)

Executive Doemel asked for the board's approval of his appointment of Brooke Slick, Fox Crossing; to the Aging & Disability Resource Center Committee. This term will expire August 31, 2025. Motion by Supervisor Farrey seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **Diversity Affairs Commission**

Executive Doemel asked for the board's approval of his appointment of Melissa Stafford, Neenah; to the Diversity Affairs Commission. This term will expire on April 30, 2024. Ms. Stafford is filling a vacant position. Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Ellenberger to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **Human Services Board**

Executive Doemel asked for the board's approval of his re-appointment of Larry Lautenschlager, Oshkosh; to the Human Services Board. This is a three-year term which expires December 31, 2025. Motion by Supervisor Norton, seconded by Supervisor Swan to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

# **COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Egan reported that Supervisor Floam, Supervisor Borchart and Supervisor Schellenger are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Egan noted that a copy of the Excess Committee Dates recorded so far this year were placed on the Supervisors' desks.

Chairman Egan thanked everyone that attended the holiday party held at the Roxy. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT**

#### Winnebago County Clerk

Chairman Egan asked for the board's approval of his appointment of Julie Barthels to the position of Winnebago County Clerk. Ms. Barthels will replace Sue Ertmer who has held this position since 1998. Sue will be retiring on February 24, 2023. Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Norton, to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **ZONING REPORTS AND ORDINANCES**

- Report No. 001 A report from the Town of Black Wolf regarding a requested zoning change from Leon & Ann Luker Revocable Trust, Town of Black Wolf; for a zoning change from A-2 (General Agriculture) to R-1 (Rural Residential District). Motion by Supervisor Zastera, seconded by Supervisor Dowling to accept. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
  - Amendatory Ordinance No. 12/001/22 A request to rezone from A-2 (General Agriculture District) to R-1 (Rural Residential District) for tax parcel no. 004-0124. Motion by Supervisor Zastera, seconded by Supervisor Dowling, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE (Effective Date: January 3, 2023)
- Amendatory Ordinance 12/02/22 A request from the Winnebago County Planning & Zoning Department to Amend Chapter 5 – Chapter 13 Municipal Code for the Town of Nepeuskun. Motion by Supervisor Hinz, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (Effective Date: January 3, 2023)

# **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

#### RESOLUTION NO. 144-122022: Commendation for Lori Hella

WHEREAS, Lori Hella has been employed with the Winnebago County Department of Human Services, for the past twenty-two years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and WHEREAS, Lori Hella has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge her years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is hereby extended to Lori Hella for the fine services she has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Lori Hella.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 145-122022: Commendation for Charles Romberg

WHEREAS, Charles Romberg has been employed with the Winnebago County Highway Department, for the past twenty-eight years, and during that time has been a most conscientious and devoted County employee; and

WHEREAS, Charles Romberg has now retired from those duties, and it is appropriate for the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to acknowledge his years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, that sincere appreciation and commendation is hereby extended to Charles Romberg for the fine services he has rendered to Winnebago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Charles Romberg.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 146-122022:

Amend Winnebago County General Code Sections 19.18 to Allow Fireworks to be utilized on County property with the required local fireworks permits, sufficient insurance coverage and the approval of the County Executive

WHEREAS, annually, the Parks Department hosts on county grounds dozens of events presented by other organizations including the county fair, Lifest, and others; and

WHEREAS, over the years these events have set off fireworks and other similar displays, even though county code restricts the possession and use of fireworks on all county grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Administration recommends amending Section 19.18 of Winnebago County General Code to allow for fireworks displays on county grounds in narrow circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the person or organization interested in utilizing fireworks, shall obtain a permit from town, village, or city in which the County property is located, obtain appropriate insurance, and receive written approval from the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

That Section 19.18 of the General Code of Winnebago County be revised to state as follows:

19.18 FIREWORKS AND ROCKETS: No person shall carry, fire or discharge any torpedo, rocket or other fireworks within any park, County grounds, or recreation trails\_with the exception of model rocket engines. Fireworks may be used when the person or organization:

- 1. Complies with Wis. Stat. § 167.10, Regulation of Fireworks;
- 2. Obtains required permits from the town, village, or city in which the county property is located and submits written proof of the permit to the department which supervises the county grounds related to the permit;
- 3. Provides a certificate of insurance for limits set by the county after consultation with the county's insurance carrier to cover activity permitted by the local jurisdiction; and
- 4. Receives written approval from the appropriate department head and the County Executive.

BE IT FURHTER ORDAINED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said revision to the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by:

MICHAEL NORTON, DISTRICT 20

Motion by Supervisor Norton, seconded by Supervisor Horan, to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Defferding, to refer back to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Dowling, seconded by Supervisor Nichols, to call the question to refer back to the committee. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Vote to Refer Back: FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion by Supervisor Eisen to amend the resolution to add on line 31: "5. Have a Sheriff's Deputy present for crowd control and firework's display security." This motion dies for lack of a second.

Vote on Resolution: AYES: 33; NAYES: 0; ABSTAIN: 0; ABSENT: 3 – Borchart, Floam and Schellenger. PASSED.

# ORDINANCE NO. 147-122022: Amend Winnebago County General Code Section 5.04 (2)(a) pertaining to Cremation Permit Fees

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 59.36 provides in pertinent part that "the board shall set the fees for all services rendered by the coroner or medical examiner"; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2012 the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors established \$150.00 fee for the issuance of a crematory permit; and

WHEREAS, in mid-2015, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors raised the permit fee to \$200.00 but the passage of Wis. Stat. 59.365 prohibited the fee increase. Wis. Stat. 59.365 provided in pertinent part:

- "(1) From July 14, 2015 to April 17, 2017, the board may not charge an amount that exceeds the amount that was actually charged on April 17, 2015 ...
- (2) If on or after April 18, 2017, the board increases the amount of any of the fees specified in sub. (1)(a) to (c), any such increase may not exceed the annual percentage changed in the U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the U.S. department of labor, for the 12 months ending on December 31 of the year before the increase."

WHEREAS, the costs associated with materials and professional supplies for the Coroner's Office have increased but the fees related to the cremation fees have remained the same; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 365 allows a yearly increase and it is the Coroner office's recommendation to implement two increases: the immediate increase based on the 2021 Consumer Price Index and a proposed increase in 2023 based on the 2022 Consumer Price Index.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: that Section 5.04 (2)(a) be amended to allow a \$10.00 increase in the cremation permit fee, raising the permit fee to \$160.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Winnebago that said amendment to the General Code of Winnebago County shall become effective on the date following the date of publication.

Submitted by: JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Horan to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

# RESOLUTION NO. 148-122022: Approve Values on In-Rem (Tax Deeded) Properties

WHEREAS, Section 3.03(1)(a), of the General Code of Winnebago County requires that all tax deeded lands have their appraised values determined by the Winnebago County Personnel and Finance Committee and approved by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the municipality name, parcel number, description, and suggested appraised value of said tax deeded properties are as follows:

TOWN OF ALGOMA TOWN OF UTICA Parcel No. 002-0240-16 Parcel No. 024-0627-02

Vacant lot on Kirkwood Dr, Oshkosh Vacant lot on County Rd M, Pickett

Appraised Value \$100.00 Appraised Value \$100.00

TOWN OF ALGOMA TOWN OF UTICA Parcel No. 002-0243-02 Parcel No. 024-0637-01

Vacant lot on Kirkwood Dr, Oshkosh Vacant lot on County Rd M, Pickett

Appraised Value \$100.00 Appraised Value \$100.00

TOWN OF NEPEUSKUN TOWN OF WINNECONNE Parcel No. 014-0086 Parcel No. 030-0338

Vacant lot on County Rd E, Berlin Vacant lot on State Rd 116, Butte des Morts

Appraised Value \$100.00 Appraised Value \$100.00

TOWN OF NEPEUSKUN CITY OF OMRO Parcel No. 014-0438-01 Parcel No. 265-0181-01

Vacant lot on Grams Rd. Ripon Vacant lot on w Larrabee St. Omro

Appraised Value \$100.00 Appraised Value \$100.00

TOWN OF RUSHFORD CITY OF MENASHA Parcel No. 022-0942 Parcel No. 701-0408

**RESOLUTION NO. 149-122022:** 

Vacant lot on South St, Omro

Appraised Value \$100.00

Vacant lot on Third St, Menasha

Appraised Value \$100.00

WHEREAS, the appraised values of said properties as provided by the Treasurer have been approved by the Personnel and Finance Committee as is required by Section 3.03(1)(a) of the General Code of Winnebago County and are herewith submitted to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves the appraised values of the parcels of property listed above, which were acquired by the Winnebago County Treasurer for tax delinquency pursuant to an *In Rem* judgment.

Submitted by:

PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Ellenberger to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Authorize Transfer of Jurisdiction and Maintenance of One Segment of County Highway to the Town of Clayton, and accepting One Segment of Town Road to Winnebago County

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Highway Department has determined that the public interest is best served by transferring jurisdiction and maintenance of a portion of CTH "T" from Pioneer Road to County Highway "II" for a distance of 8,026 linear feet and accepting the transfer of jurisdiction and maintenance of a portion of Pioneer Road from County Road "II" to County Road "T" for a distance of 4,171 linear feet from the Town of Clayton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clayton must also pass a resolution accepting jurisdiction of the aforementioned roadway segments; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation must record the jurisdictional transfers in the state records; and

WHEREAS, §83.025, Wisconsin Statutes, allows changes to be made in the county trunk system; and WHEREAS, §83.025, Wisconsin Statute enables Winnebago County and the Town of Clayton to enter into a jurisdictional transfer agreement, thereby facilitating the changes in the highway and town system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it approves the removal and acceptance from the County highway system and Town road system of the roadway segments described as follows:

Removal of an existing segment of County Highway "T" beginning at County Highway "II" to Pioneer Road for a total distance of 8,026 linear feet.

Acceptance of an existing segment of Pioneer Road beginning at County Highway "II" to County Road "T" for a distance of 4,171 linear feet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility of an existing segment of County Highway "T" beginning at County Highway "II" to Pioneer Road be transferred to the Town of Clayton pursuant to this Resolution and shall become effective upon the passage of a Resolution by the Town of Clayton accepting jurisdiction and maintenance.

Submitted by: HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

### RESOLUTION NO. 150-122022: Amending the Table of Organization for the Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office has a successful and sought-after Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Unit has vastly expanded and workload has dramatically increased, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a supervisory position that will provide command level oversight and support of a newly created Special Victims Unit (SVU); and

WHEREAS, the SVU requires a supervisory component knowledgeable in the expert level, specialty skillsets required; and

WHEREAS, the current supervisory structure can no longer effectively support members with specialty skillsets required; and

WHEREAS, advocating for crime victims remains a top priority for the Sheriff's Office, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends the table of organization for the Sheriff's Office by eliminating one full-time crime analyst/internet crimes investigator and adding one full-time Detective Lieutenant.

Submitted by: JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 151-122022:**

Authorize the Winnebago County Clerk to Publish a Notice of Referendum Regarding the Legalization and Decriminalization of Cannabis in the State of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing cannabis could significantly increase state and local revenues; and WHEREAS, the amount of time law enforcement spends enforcing existing cannabis laws and ordinances negatively impacts the time available to solve more serious crimes and apprehend more dangerous criminals; and

WHEREAS, cannabis prohibition makes product quality control and sales regulation impossible, leaving cannabis sellers free to target children as potential customers and to peddle potentially adulterated products; and

WHEREAS, there are now 19 states and territories where cannabis is legal in the United States of America, 11 of the 19 since the start of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evers has stated he will put the legalization of marijuana in the next state budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes Winnebago County to conduct a countywide advisory referendum to appear on ballots during the April 2023 general election.

	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the	ie Winnebago	County Board o	f Supervisors	that a concise	statement of	of the
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Question: Cannabis Should:

Please select one of the alternatives	below or your vote will	be invalid)
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(a)	Be legal for recreational use for adults 21 years of age and older, and legal for medical use, taxe	ક્ડ
	and regulated similar to alcohol.	

(b)	Be legal for medical purposes only.
(c)	Remain a criminally illegal drug as provided under current law.
(d)	None of the above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Winnebago County Corporation Counsel to prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Winnebago County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that this Resolution and the Referendum shall be filed with the Winnebago County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Winnebago County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Winnebago County Corporation Counsel and the Winnebago County Executive in accordance with statutory requirements.

Submitted by:
MICHAEL NORTON, District 20
BRIAN DEFFERDING, District 6
STEVEN BINDER, District 13
JULIE GORDON, District 17
DOUG ZELLMER, District 22
RACHAEL DOWLING, District 1

Motion by Supervisor Norton, seconded by Supervisor Defferding to adopt.

Motion by Supervisor Gustafson, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to refer to the Legislative Committee and Judiciary & Public Safety Committee. Ayes: 21. Nays: 12 – Dowling, Nichols, Defferding, Ellenberger, Binder, Gordon, Ponzer, Norton, Buck, Powers, Farrey and Harrison. Absent: 3 – Borchardt, Floam and Schellenger. CARRIED.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 152-122022: Ongoing Commitment of the Oath of the Winnebago County Board

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution is the oldest written national constitution in the world and serves as the fundamental document that establishes the role of government and defines the basic rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution's first three words, "We the People" affirm that the United States government exists to serve the people of this nation and not the other way around; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the United States Constitution provide specific guarantees of personal freedoms, clearly defined limitations on the government's power, and explicit declarations that all rights and powers not granted to the U.S. Congress are reserved for the states or the people; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin was ratified in 1848 and is one of the oldest U.S. state constitutions still in use, ratified the Bill of Rights, and contains a Declaration of Rights which state in Article I:

"All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain

inherent rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of

happiness; to secure these rights, governments are instituted,

deriving their just power from the consent of the governed."

WHEREAS, each member of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors took an Oath of Office swearing to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors reaffirms the oath that each of its members has taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors shall at all times uphold its duty to honor and respect the rights of the citizenry and shall zealously protect the fundamental liberties and freedoms We the People hold dear and sacred and challenge all those who would seek to infringe upon the rights of the people.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Ellenberger to adopt. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 153-122022:**

Sever the relationship between the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission and the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee, and require the Commission to report directly to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Mission Statement of the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission is to embrace "diversity, inclusion, and belonging by bringing the community together to listen to one another, learn together, and

encourage our community to act in ways that help people thrive. We support justice, equity and compassion in human relations. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person"; and

WHEREAS, "The purpose of the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission is to create an equitable and inclusive Winnebago County that fosters thriving communities for all who reside and work in Winnebago County" and "will make every effort to treat all people with the same respect we expect to receive"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 107-122020, the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission is to be accountable to the UW-Education. Extension and Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission bylaws mandate that "the Extension Liaison shall attend meetings and provide connection to University resources, serve as a facilitator when requested, be engaged as a technical advisor and work to coordinate all educational and outreach efforts of the commission. This position is not elected and shall serve as needed in partnership with the steering committee. The Extension Liaison shall be responsible for reporting to the overseeing UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee three times per calendar year"; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission bylaws provide that the steering committee shall be comprised of five members of the public who live in Winnebago County, a Winnebago County Board Supervisor selected at large, and a Winnebago County Board Supervisor who serves on the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, having to choose one supervisor from the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee does not leave room for the best qualified Winnebago County Board Supervisor to serve on the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous for the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission to work with a variety of Committees and Commissions within Winnebago County, and as such, the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission should report directly to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the relationship between the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission and the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee will be severed and the Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission will report directly to the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by: RACHAEL DOWLING, District 1

This resolution was withdrawn.

# RESOLUTION NO. 154-122022: To Name the County Administration Building the David Albrecht Administration Building

WHEREAS, David Albrecht has served Winnebago County as a Board Supervisor for 37 years; and WHEREAS, David Albrecht has served Winnebago County as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 14 years, specifically from 2004 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, David Albrecht fostered the profitable (BOW) Brown County, Outagamie County, Winnebago County landfill and recycling partnership; and

WHEREAS, David Albrecht has led the Winnebago County Board in updating the 911 System; created the Airport Business Park; constructed the UW Oshkosh Fox Valley Performing Arts Center; expanded the Expo Center; built Parkview Health Center, transitioned Family Care Services from the Human Services Department to Lakeland Care, Inc. and lightened the burden of the Tri-County Ice Arena; and

WHEREAS, David Albrecht has led the Winnebago County Board into the digital era with I-Pad initiatives; and WHEREAS, David Albrecht has led the Winnebago County Board in approving the purchase of the Oshkosh B'Gosh Building and transitioned it into the County Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, it is befitting that David Albrecht's name be remembered in the history and business of Winnebago County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Winnebago County Administration Building be named the David Albrecht Administration Building.

Submitted by: PAUL EISEN, District 4

This resolution was withdrawn.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hinz, to adjourn until the January 3, 2023 special orders meeting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: 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 regular meeting held December 20, 2022.

Julie A. Barthels Winnebago County Deputy Clerk