

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2017**

1. Chairman Frank Haney Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Chairman Haney announced that there were no Agenda Changes.
3. Roll Call: 19 Present, with 1 Absent. (Wescott was absent.)
4. Reverend Dr. Williams gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Awards - None

Proclamations - Reverend Dr. Williams accepted a Proclamation in recognition of Rockford Minister' Fellowship, which has worked toward equality justice, understanding and peace in our community for the past 50 years. Dr. Williams has been asked to join the recently established Chairman's Advisory Council on the Finance Committee.

County Board Member Wilson also thanked Dr. Williams for working with him on the last Job Fair as well as other endeavors over the past couple years.

County Board Member Webster suggested that, that going forward, the Board invite other clergy from the County to give the Invocation at each of the County Board Meetings. Chairman Haney said that Mrs. Goral had made that recommendation earlier and he will get to work on the idea.

Presentations - Nathan Bryant, New Executive Director Rockford Area Economic Development Council gave a brief overview of where we compare economically with neighboring states; as well as advantages of our labor shed.

Board Member Jury questioned the availability of qualified employees for manufacturing jobs in our area. Mr. Bryant explained that we have the potential for a bigger labor shed because of the way people are commuting now, if we focus our attention (sometimes to the East) we have the ability to attract some of that talent coming in, which is already occurring; especially on higher paying jobs.

Board Member Wilson asked about their estimation of the five year job potential for this region. Mr. Bryant explained that their main focus is on primary job creation and retention, focusing particularly on Aerospace where we currently have 90 companies in Winnebago County.

Public - None
Participation

MINUTES

6. Chairman Haney entertained a motion to approve the County Board Minutes from the December 22, 2016 meeting and to layover the Minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting. Board Member Jury made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 22, 2016 meeting, seconded by Board Member Nicolosi. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

7. County Clerk Margie M. Mullins submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence Which Were Placed on File by Chairman Haney:
 - A. County Clerk Mullins submitted from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission the following:
 - B. Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure for Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (CAC Nos. MF8856 and MF8857) (Received 1-23-17)
 - C. County Clerk Mullins submitted from Charter Communications the following:
 1. Pricing Adjustments for the Township of Roscoe
 2. Pricing Adjustments for the Township of Rockton
 3. Pricing Adjustments for the Township of Harlem
 4. Pricing Adjustments for the County of Winnebago
 - D. County Clerk Mullins submitted from Comcast a letter regarding Changes to the Comcast channel line-up in our community.
 - E. County Clerk Mullins submitted from the City of Rockford a letter regarding the passage of Ordinance No. 2016-201-O on December 19, 2016 by the City Council approving the authorization to place an honorary sign designating the following:
“That Elm Street from Church Street to Winnebago Street have an honorary designation of Allen Chapel Way”
 - F. County Clerk Mullins submitted from Winnebago County Treasurer Sue Goral, the monthly Report for December, 2016.

8. County Board member Goral thanked Nathan Bryant for being here to discuss Economic Development and our need to keep in mind the use of host fees; she spoke of the a newspaper article regarding the 262,000 visitors to our Discovery Center (which the County invested in) last year. We need to remember that everything relating to Economic Development is not always brick and mortar, but also other things that bring people into our community. Chairman Haney said that Mr. Dimke will attend a County Board meeting in the next couple weeks with an update and for a discussion of something else that has been funded by the County.
9. Board Member Wilson announced the Celebration of Black History Month on February 18th and 19th. This will include presentations by the Tuskegee Airmen on the 18th and Montford Point Marines on the 19th. The event will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day. Mr. Wilson said the Chairman is invited.
10. Board Member Gerl announced that on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 the Rolling Green Neighborhood Association will be hosting a safety meeting where Rockford Police Chief Dan O'Shea and Winnebago County Sheriff Caruana will be present to give an update to the residents on their initiatives and how they are working together to combat crime, especially on the Southeast side of Rockford. He invited everyone to attend. This meeting will be held at Broadway Covenant Church, Mr. Gerl will provide more information.
11. Chairman Haney announced that the meeting must be closed due to technical difficulty; the meeting closed at 6:30 p.m. and reopened at 6:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

12. Retreat Recap & Emerging Themes - Chairman Haney thanked the Board for a good Retreat, he said it was very good for the administration to hear directly from board members about their expectations going into the new year. There will be a written recap distributed shortly.

Board Communication – Board members request information from the committees in order to be prepared for a vote; “Share with one, share with all”.

40,000 Foot Budget Picture – We have to be able to make some bold moves and some big changes in order to be in a proper position because going forward we will not be able to borrow from reserves. We want to adopt a zero based budget philosophy and create the budget line by line.

Chamber Leadership Program – If any board member wants to be a part of the Chamber Leadership Program they are invited to attend next week (at no cost), February 2, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:00 at the Coronado. There will be additional information distributed.

Legislative Update - One of things the Board has requested is that the Administration is informed of discussions going on in Springfield and that they are communicated to the entire County Board.

Revolving Loan Fund – We have a process in place at this time, but there will be further discussion beginning in Economic Development. This may also be discussed in the Finance Committee meeting.

Host Fee Allocation Process Review – “A hot topic at the retreat”. We need to look at the process before we bring a recommendation to the Board and the budget process, for Host Fee allocation. Each item will be closely reviewed to know exactly what we’re aiming at and then bring it to the Board for discussion and amendment. The Economic Development committee will have a lot of activity in this area. A lot of it will be brought before the full Board but a lot will be done through the committee process as well.

Brief discussion by Board Members Biondo and Goral.

CONSENT AGENDA

13. Chairman Haney entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for January 26, 2017 (Leaves of Absence, Bills and Raffle Report). Board Member Jury moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Board Member Gerl. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Wescott was absent.)

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

14. Board Member Biondo moved for the approval of Budget Amendment 2017-009 (Increase in County Board Personnel for Payment of Unused Vacation and Part Time Hours), seconded by Board Member Jury. Chairman Haney explained that he had asked that this item be “Tabled” because it was not budgeted for this year, so the intention is that they will find the funds to cover the budget item and then pay the employees without needing a Budget Amendment. Board Member Jury made a motion to “Table” the Amendment, seconded by Board Member Kelley. Discussion by Chairman Haney, Webster and Jury. Motion to “Table” was approved by a voice vote. (Wescott was absent.)
15. Board Member Biondo made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Proposal for County Official Vehicles, seconded by Board Member Jury. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Wescott was absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

16. No Report. Board Member Webster gave an update of the Asphalt Batch Plant Case Hearings which concluded on January 18, 2017 after four nights of testimony. The 1,000 +/- pages of written testimony will be considered at the February 8, 2017 ZBA meeting. Assuming the recommendation is made, the case will go before the Zoning Committee on February 22, 2017 and then to the County Board on February 23, 2017 for the first reading, and then Lay Over to the March 9, 2017 County Board meeting for a vote of the full board. The 1,000 +/- pages of testimony will be posted on line. Board Member Tassoni asked if the timeline described here is expected to be firm, Webster said he believes that it will, although there are situations that could change it. Board Member Schultz pled (as a member of the Zoning Committee) for a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the entire testimony and to have access to the minutes from the deliberations of the ZBA. Webster agreed that the appropriate amount of time should be taken

by the ZBA to understand the entire testimony as it is available and if there are questions to Lay Over the item until a good recommendation can be made.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

17. No Report.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

18. Board Member Jury moved for the approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Execute an Easement Grant to Barnes International, Inc., seconded by Board Member Wilson. Chairman Haney thanked Director of Developmental Services Dornbush and his counterpart at the City of Rockford for their work together on this topic. (Nicolosi abstained.) Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Wescott was absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS

19. Board Member Kelley moved for the approval of (17-001) An Ordinance Establishing a Speed Zone on Streets of West Lake Village Subdivision in Pecatonica Township and Burrirt Township, Seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Wescott was absent.)

PUBLIC SAFETY

20. Board Member Fiduccia moved for the approval of a Resolution Awarding Bid for Sheriff's Vehicles Computer Equipment, seconded by Board Member Nicolosi. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Wescott was absent.) Chairman Haney asked Chief Information Office Gentner to give a brief explanation of the 37% reduction in cost achieved with the change of equipment installed in the Sheriff's vehicles.

Fiduccia reported that Animal Services received 678 calls for service and took in 135 dogs, 169, cats, 2 domestic rabbits, 4 Guinea Pigs, 1 hamster, 1 ferret, 1 turtle and 23 assorted wild animals. They returned 46 dogs and 6 cats to owners and adopted out or found homes for 60 dogs, 85 cats, 2 Guinea Pigs, 1 hamster, 1 chicken and 12 domestic rabbits. They also rescue 13 dogs, 39 cats and 6 domestic rabbits.

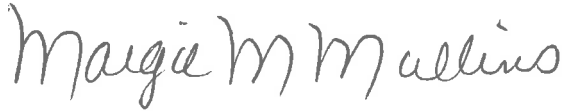
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. Board Member Webster spoke of unfunded mandates that have been imposed upon the County by the State and the unfairness associated with them; specifically the requirement of more people to transport juveniles to the courtroom. Board Member Goral agreed that the expense of mandates are not for the Federal Government or State to pay, but for the County. Chairman Haney said that there is some concern within the County, given the current financial condition, that for every new person hired, one current employee will have to be let go. Board Member Jury called Point of Order.

NEW BUSINESS

22. None
23. Chairman Frank Haney entertained a motion to adjourn. Board Member Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Jury. Motion was approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margie M. Mullins".

Margie M. Mullins
Winnebago County Clerk

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