

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD  
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

1. Chairman Haney Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6:01 p.m.
2. Chairman Haney announced the following Agenda Changes:  
  
The Zoning Agenda may be moved down due to the Community Items on the Agenda.  
  
Chairman Haney asked the audience to not react in a negative or positive way.
3. Roll Call: 19 Present. 1 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Bilich, Booker, Boomer, Butitta, Crosby, Fellars, Fiduccia, Gerl, Goral, Hoffman, Kelley, McDonald, Nabors, Redd, Schultz, Tassoni, Webster, and Wescott were present) (Board Member Salgado was absent.)
4. County Board Member Fiduccia gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND/OR PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

5. Awards - None  
  
Proclamations - None  
  
Presentations - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. David Deblauw from a neighborhood watch spoke against the landfill.  
  
Judge Kathryn Zenoff shared information regarding untreated and undertreated mental illness in the community and how it affects the justice system.  
  
Paul Logli, Dick Kunnert, Daniel Angileri, Jeanette Towns, and Mary Ann Abate spoke in favor of the Resolution regarding the sales tax referendum for Mental Health.

**BOARD MEMBER CORRESPONDENCE**

7. Board Member McDonald announced his son is going into the marines January 6, 2020.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

8. A. Letter Regarding Refugee Settlement – Chairman Haney reported there is a copy of the letter online and in the Board Member's packet.

- B. Appointment Process for Newly Established Mental Health Board – The item before the Board is the ballot question for the March primary related to the tax increase for mental health funding. The appointment recommendation will come from Chairman Haney and the Board would approve each appointment. At this point, a County Board Member will be recommended to sit and be a voting member of the Mental Health Board.
- C. Host Fees Update – Chairman Haney, Director of Economic Development Dornbush, and Board Member Bilich will review host fee commitments. More discussion will come in 2020.
- D. Landfill Update – Chairman Haney encourages individuals to report issues with the landfill. Board Member Kelley spoke of a system to reduce odor at the landfill.

Chairman Haney spoke of the Resolution regarding Placing a Binding Question on the Public Ballot to Adopt the County Executive Form of Government and a Resolution regarding Mental Health Tax and looks forward to more discussion on the Resolutions.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

- 9. County Clerk Gummow submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were “Placed on File” by Chairman Haney:
  - A. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission the following:
    - a. Byron Generating Station – Emergency Preparedness Biennial Exercise Inspection Report 05000454/2019501 and 05000455/201905
    - b. Federal Register / Vol. 84, No. 232 / Tuesday, December 3, 2019 / Notices
    - c. Notice of Revised format for Biweekly Notices of Applications and Amendments to Licenses Involving no Significant Hazards Considerations
    - d. Summary of November 20, 2019, Meeting with Exelon Generation Company, LLC Regarding a Planned Request to Revise the Quality Assurance Program (EPID L-2019-LRM-0086)
    - e. Letter regarding Operator Licensing Examination Approval.
    - f. Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2; Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2; Clinton Power Station, Unit No. 1; Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3; James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant; LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2; Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2; Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3; Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant; and Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 –Request for Withholding Information Regarding Guarantees of Payment of Deferred Premiums.

- B. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Charter Communication, locally known as Spectrum, letters regarding changes in channel lineup on or around December 30, 2019 for the following:
  - a. County of Winnebago
  - b. Township of Harlem
  - c. Township of Rockton
  - d. Township of Roscoe
  
- C. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Charter Communications a letter regarding the Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment for the following:
  - a. Harlem, IL, Township
  - b. Town of Rockton, IL
  - c. Town of Roscoe, IL
  
- D. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Comcast the most up-to-date information for Comcast and its local personnel.
  
- E. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Eagle Creek Renewable Energy a notification of joint meeting and site visits; Rockton Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2373-012) Dixon Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2446-051)
  
- F. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Nancy McPherson, Winnebago County Recorder, the Monthly Report for November, 2019.
  
- G. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency the following:
  - a. Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste (LPC-PA 16) Description of Project: Application providing second quarter 2019 alternate source demonstration in accordance with Condition VIII.15 of Permit Modification No. 77 for the North Expansion Unit.
  - b. Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste (LPC-PA16) Description of Project: Request of operating authorization of Cell E3 of the East Expansion Unit at the Winnebago Landfill.
  
- H. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the Illinois Department of Transportation the following:
  - a. A letter informing that Mr. Molina has meet the requirements to take the examination for the County Engineer position.
  - b. A letter informing Mr. Molina of the examination date to full the office of County Engineer in Winnebago County.
  
- I. County Clerk Gummow submitted from Sue Goral, Winnebago County Treasurer the Monthly Report for October, 2019 Bank Balances.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

10. Chairman Haney entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for December 19, 2019 (Raffle Report, Bills, and County Board Minutes of November 14, 2019 and to layover the County Board Minutes of November 26, 2019). Board Member Hoffman moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Board Member Bilich. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Salgado was absent.)

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

11. Interim County Administrator Chapman announced the County offices will be closed December 24, 25, and January 1, 2020.

The County is involved with the 2020 Census Project that is being funded through a grant received through the State of Illinois to the Region 1 Planning Council. There will be a grant agreement and a Budget Amendment to be presented to the Board in January for the amount of \$39,700.

Interim County Administrator Chapman announced County Engineer Joe Vanderwerff's last day will be January 24, 2020. There will be an open house at the Highway Department from 1-4p.m. Discussion by Chairman Haney.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

12. None

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

13. Board Member Gerl read in for the first reading of Budget Amendment 2020-005 Axon Network Enhancements to be Laid Over.
14. Board Member Gerl read in for the first reading of Budget Amendment 2020-006 ToughBooks Replacements to be Laid Over.
15. Board Member Gerl read in for the first reading of Budget Amendment 2020-007 Electronic Health Care to be Laid Over. Board Member Gerl made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Goral. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member Salgado was absent.) Board Member Gerl made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2020-007, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member Schultz voted no.) (Board Member Salgado was absent.)
16. Board Member Gerl read in for the first reading of Budget Amendment 2020-008 Animal Donation to be Laid Over. Board Member Gerl made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by

Board Member Fiduccia. Motion to suspend the rules was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member Salgado was absent.) Board Member Gerl made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2020-008, seconded by Board Member Wescott. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member Salgado was absent.)

17. Board Member Gerl made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of Pending Litigation (Laverne Huggins \$62,500), seconded by Board Member Nabors. Discussion by State's Attorney Hite-Ross, Deputy State's Attorney Carpenter, Board Members Arena and Goral. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member Booker and Crosby voted no.) (Board Member Salgado was absent.)

Board Member Schultz departed at 6:48 p.m.

18. Board Member Gerl made a motion to approve a Resolution Submitting to the Electors by Referendum the Question of Imposing a ½% Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax (Sales Tax) for Mental Health Purposes for a Period not to Exceed Six Years for the County of Winnebago, Illinois, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Discussion by Board Members Tassoni and Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to send back to committee, seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Discussion by Interim County Administrator and Board Members Nabors, Booker, Goral, Fellars, Crosby, Butitta, Tassoni, and Gerl. Motion to send back to committee failed by a roll call vote of 10 no and 8 yes votes. (Board Members Crosby, Fellars, Fiduccia, Gerl, Goral, Hoffman, Kelley, Nabors, Redd, and Wescott voted no.) (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.) Further discussion by Board Member Arena. Motion to approve the Resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 16 yes and 2 no votes. (Board Members Boomer and Tassoni voted no.) (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

19. Board Member Bilich made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority Regarding Initiating Petitions to Have Properties Declared Abandoned Laid Over from the November 26, 2019 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Crosby. Discussion by Board Member Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to amend paragraph 8. Contracts: In the IGA to include the County Board Member, whose district the property is in. Discussion by Chairman Haney, State's Attorney Hite-Ross, Executive Director of Rockford Metropolitan Agency of Planning Mike Dunn Jr., and Board Members Arena, Webster, Fellars, and Tassoni. Board Member Arena retracted his prior motion. Board Member Arena made a motion to send back to the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Board Member Webster. Further discussion by Board Members Bilich and Fellars. Board Member Boomer made a motion to call the question, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion to call the question was approved by a roll call vote of 12 yes and 6 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Crosby, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, and Nabors voted no.) (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.) Motion to send back to the Economic Development Committee was approved by a roll call vote of 13 yes and 5 no votes. (Board Members Bilich, Crosby, Fellars, Goral, and Kelley voted no.) (Board Member Salgado and Schultz were absent.)
20. Board Member Bilich made a motion to approve a Resolution of the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois Approving Participation in the 2021-2026 Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy (CEDS) for Northern Illinois Region, seconded by Board Member Gerl. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)

21. Board Member Bilich made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Fifty-Thousand Dollars to the Village of Pecatonica for the Replacement of Street Lights and Light Poles, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Members Booker, Goral, Webster, and Bilich. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)

### **OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

22. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Display Cabinets for Veterans Memorial Hall, seconded by Board Member Wescott. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)
23. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Urging the Winnebago Landfill to Come into Compliance with IEPA Regulations, seconded by Board Member Booker. Board Member McDonald made a motion to amend the Resolution by replacing “Urging to Demanding,” seconded by Board Member Fellars. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.) Discussion by Board Member Kelley.
24. Board Member McDonald made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Communication with the Illinois General Assembly Regarding Proposed Changes to the County Code Allowing Counties to Create and Enforce a Nuisance Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Gerl. Discussion by Board Members Fellars, McDonald, Goral, Arena, and Kelley. Board Member Arena made a motion to amend the language of the Resolution to specify “Nuisance Related to Litter Caused by Waste Hauler Vehicles,” seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Motion to approve the amendment to the Resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.) Further discussion by Board Members Goral, Fellars, and Kelley. Motion to approve the amended Resolution was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)

### **ZONING COMMITTEE**

25. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of agenda items 1. and 2. (as listed below). Board Member Webster made a motion to suspend the rules on both agenda items, seconded by Board Member Wescott. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.) Board Member Webster made a motion to approve items 1. and 2., seconded by Board Member Wescott. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)
  1. Z-08-19 A map amendment to rezone +/-2.5 acres from the RA, Rural Agricultural Residential District (a sub-district of the RA District) to the RR, Rural Residential District (a sub-district of the RA District) for the property that is commonly known as 5500 Woodview Way, Rockford, IL 61109 in Cherry Valley Township, District 11 to be laid over.

2. Z-13-19 A map amendment to rezone +/- 13.29 acres from the RR, Rural Residential District (a sub-district of the RA District) for the property that is commonly known as 7007 and 7117 Flora Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Winnebago Township, District 1 to be laid over.

26. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of Z-14-19 A map amendment to rezone +/- 7.32 acres from the RE, Rural Estate District (a sub-district of the RA District) to the RA, Agricultural District (a sub-district of the RA District) for the properties that are commonly known as 7908 and 7966 Manchester Road and 14640 and 14668 White School Road, South Beloit, IL 61080 in Roscoe Township, District 4 to be laid over. Discussion by Board Member Boomer and Webster.

Board Member Webster thanked everyone for the sock donations for Carpenters Place.

### **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

27. Board Member Fiduccia made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Execute an Agreement with WellSky Corporation, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.)

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

28. No Report.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

29. Board Member Booker wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

30. Board Member Boomer wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Discussion by County Board Members Fellars and Booker regarding the Cannabis Act.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

31. Resolution Authorizing Placing a Binding Question on the Public Ballot Before the Electors of Winnebago County to Adopt the County Executive Form of Government in the County of Winnebago, Illinois. Chairman Haney reported that the Resolution will be referred to Committee and the information will be in the Board Member's packet.
32. Chairman Haney entertained a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Opioid Litigation. Board Member Hoffman made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to the provisions of

Section 2C-11 of the Illinois Open Meeting Act 5ILCS 20/2C-11, seconded by Board Member Crosby. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Meeting closed at 8:02 p.m.

33. Chairman Haney entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Butitta moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Goral. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Salgado and Schultz were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow  
County Clerk

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