

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SESSION HELD May 10, 2022
9:00 AM WINONA COUNTY BOARD ROOM

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room on the above date with Commissioner Marie Kovecsi; Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Steve Jacob; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; County Attorney Karin Sonneman; Interim County Administrator Maureen Holte; Finance Director Pat Moga; Assistant County Attorney II Stephanie Nuttall; Assistant Jail Administrator Dave Glithero; Emergency Management Coordinator Ben Klinger; Planning and Environmental Services Director Kay Qualley; Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson; Warer Resource Planner Sheila Harmes; Feedlot Officer Carly McGinty; Operations Analyst I Steven Dingfelder; Operations Analyst I Joe Gudmundson; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Public comments were heard from Chasity Serocki, 1254 W. 3rd St., Winona, regarding concern on Advocacy Center pamphlet; Ken McClatchey, 270 W. 3rd, regarding concern on Advocacy Center pamphlet; Crystal Hegge, 156 E. 5th St., providing clarification on the Advocacy Center pamphlet; Tim Ahrens, 12969 Cty Rd 31, Altura, supporting continuation of virtual public meetings; Bonnie Hammick, 805 E. 2nd St., speaking in support of Advocacy Center; Darren Engler, 29143 Cty Rd 12, regarding concern on Advocacy Center pamphlet; Kara Eggers, 613 E. 7th St., providing clarification on the Advocacy Center pamphlet; Bill Rowecamp, 130 Oskamp Cr., regarding concern on Advocacy Center pamphlet; Gayle Goetzman-Stolpa, 22036 E. Burns Valley Rd., regarding no increases in dog breeding facilities; Dr. Scott Makstenieks, 156 E. Broadway, speaking in support of Advocacy Center; Russ Marsolek, 1176 W. 5th St., regarding concern on Advocacy Center pamphlet; Ben Klinger, Emergency Management Coordinator, providing an update from the April 12, 2022 storm.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to approve the County Board minutes dated April 26, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to approve the Planning Commission minutes dated March 17, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to approve the Board of Adjustment minutes dated February 17, 2022. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the amended agenda by moving Consent Business items 6.8 and 6.3 to General Business items 7.0 and 7.01, respectively. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Kovecsi, to approve the following Consent Business items:

Approve Conditional Use Permit for Lavern and Judith Fritz and Scott and Lisa Fritz.

Approve LG220 Gambling Application for Exempt Permit-Friends of Country Climbers Snowmobile Club.

Approve Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreement with Blue Sky, Inc. for General Case Management Waiver Funded Services.

Approve Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreement with Family Service Rochester Incorporated for Family Access Center-Supervised Visitation Services and Family Involvement Strategies Services.

Award Bid for Annual Supply of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Consolidated Energy Co.

Award Bid for Aggregate Shouldering to Bruening Rock Products, Inc.

Approve Addendum to Online Subscription Agreement with Lexipol.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

04/20/2022 - 05/03/22		
Fund		
1	Revenue	\$ 333,091.23
2	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,346.37
3	Road and Bridge	\$ 54,220.54
4	Transportation Sales Tax	\$ 26,807.58
5	Health & Human Services	\$ 324,183.97
7	Road and Bridge State Aid	\$ 3,037.65
27	CLFRF (Coronavirus) #21.027	\$ 342.00
76	Employee Benefit	\$ 83,360.62
83	State Revenue Fund	\$ 15,781.74
Total		\$ 843,171.70

325 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000
totaling \$129,680.14

Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Kovcesi and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to open discussion for Root River One Watershed, One Plan Sub-agreement for Watershed Based Implementation Funding with Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Ward).

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to Approve Root River One Watershed, One Plan Sub-agreement for Watershed Based Implementation Funding with Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Jacob).

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to open discussion for Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreement with Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center for Mental Health Services. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Ward, Jacob).

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to table Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreement with Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center for Mental Health Services until contract revisions are completed. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to Receive Presentation and open discussion for Remlinger Findings of Fact and Petition for Amendment. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to open the Public Hearing for Remlinger Findings of Fact and Petition for Amendment at 9:55 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

Public comments were heard from Bill Rowecamp, 130 Oskamp Cr., supporting the Remlinger Petition for Amendment.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to close the Public Hearing for Remlinger Petition for Amendment at 9:57 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve Remlinger Findings of Fact along with revising the scrivener's error, Conditions of Use, and Petition for Amendment. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to open discussion for Resolution Proclaiming May 11, 2022 as Law Enforcement Memorial Day. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Ward, Jacob).

On motion of Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, to approve Resolution Proclaiming May 11, 2022 as Law Enforcement Memorial Day. Vote: Yes – 5.

RESOLUTION# 2022-23

WHEREAS, The 11th of May, 2022, is designated as Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day, and is set aside as a day to honor all fallen law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the well-being of all citizens of Winona County and the United States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, more than 700,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety, presently serve their fellow citizens as guardians of peace; and

WHEREAS, more than 600 peace officers across this Nation were killed in the line of duty during 2021; and

WHEREAS, all Winona area law enforcement agencies use this day to honor our fallen fellow officers who have made the supreme sacrifice for the citizens of Winona County and the City of Winona; and

WHEREAS, this day also serves as a reminder of the dangers faced currently serving Law Enforcement Officers in their day-to-day activities; and

WHEREAS, our officers do not serve in a vacuum but are assisted in many ways by the citizens of Winona and Winona County.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Commissioner Meyer, do hereby call upon all the citizens of Winona County to join area law enforcement agencies in honoring our fallen officers on Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, I, Commissioner Meyer, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 11th, 2022, Winona County Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

On motion of Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Accept Presentation from Feedlot Officer, Carly McGinty and Approve 2021 Year-End Feedlot Program Review and the 2021 Annual Report and Performance Credit Report.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward inquiring of Board interest in discussing animal unit cap.

On motion of Commissioner Kovcesi and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to call the question on discussion of the animal unit cap. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 2 (Ward, Jacob).

On motion of Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Accept Presentation from Feedlot Officer, Carly McGinty and Approve 2021 Year-End Feedlot Program Review and the 2021 Annual Report and Performance Credit Report. Vote: Yes – 5.

Received Monthly Finance and Budget Update for March 2022 from Finance Director, Pat Moga.

Commissioner Meyer passed the gavel to Commissioner Kovcesi.

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to accept all proposed changes in the County Board Ground Rules except for the rotation of Board Chair.

On motion of Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, to amend the motion for the County Board Ground rules to include the rotation of districts for Board Chair, with a chair election to honor that rotation. Vote: Yes – 2; No – 3 (Olson, Kovcesi, Meyer).

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to amend the motion for the County Board Ground rules to revise item A2, under Meeting Decorum to read, "all non-county attendees are expected to exhibit respectful behavior," as well as changing the last paragraph under Policy to read, "these rules apply to elected officials, appointed officials and County employees" and striking the phrase "meeting attendees and others herein mentioned." Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Ward).

On motion of Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, to accept all proposed changes in the County Board Ground rules except for the rotation of the Board Chair, along with revising item A2, under Meeting Decorum to read, "all non-county attendees are expected to exhibit respectful behavior," as well as changing the last paragraph under Policy to read, "these rules apply to elected officials, appointed officials and County employees" and striking the phrase "meeting attendees and others herein mentioned." Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Ward).

Commissioner Kovcesi passed the gavel to Commissioner Meyer.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded to Commissioner Ward, to approve Agenda Item to Discuss Continuation of Public Access Through Virtual Meetings at the May 24, 2022 County Board meeting. Vote: Yes – 5.

On motion of Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Jacob, to re-establish the time of the May 24, 2022 County Board meeting to 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Ward withdrew motion.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to re-establish the time of the May 24, 2022 County Board meeting to 10:00 a.m. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 1 (Olson).

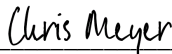
On motion of Commissioner Ward, to add an approve or deny future agenda item to complete further analysis of outside agency funding, prior to budget meetings, for budget requests and what the funding is being used for. Motion failed due to lack of second.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to add an approve or deny future agenda item to seek immediate review of the Advocacy Center funding and outside agency funding.

On motion of Commissioner Jacob and seconded by Commissioner Ward, to add an approve or deny future agenda item to revisit the animal unit cap.

On motion of Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Kovcesi, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 11:20 a.m. Vote: Yes – 5.

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DocuSigned by:

Chris M. Meyer
Board Chair

Attest:

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Maureen L. Holte, Interim County Administrator