

First Publication Date:
Wednesday,
January 21, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WINONA COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
SESSION HELD
December 23, 2025
9:00 AM WINONA
COUNTY BOARD ROOM

These published proceedings are incomplete in that they simply summarize the actions of the Winona County Board. A complete copy of the proceedings is on file in the Office of the Winona County Administrator and online at the Winona County Website (www.co.winona.mn.us) and may be examined by the public.

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room on the above date with Commissioner Dwayne Voegel; Commissioner Josh Elsing; Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; County Administrator Maureen Holte; Human Resources Director Todd Sadler; Finance Director Phil Sonnenberg; County Attorney Karin Sonnenman; Information Technology Director Chad Lang; Health and Human Services Director Jill Chaffee; Auditor-Treasurer Chelsi Wilbright; Planning and Environmental Services Director Ross Dunsmoor; Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson; Feedlot Officer Lew Overhaug; Jail Intake Worker Trish Chandler; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Ward called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

No public comments were heard.

Approved the Closed Session minutes dated December 5, 2025 and the County Board minutes dated December 11, 2025.

Acknowledged receipt of the Parks and Environment Advisory Committee minutes dated October 7, 2025 and the Land Records minutes dated June 4, 2025.

Approved the amended agenda by moving Consent Business items 7.1, 7.8, 7.10, 7.19 and 7.22 to General Business items 8.0, 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, and 8.04, respectively.

Approved the following Consent Business:

Approved 2025 Assessment of Clerical Corrections.

Approved Renewal of Service and Business

Associate Agreements for Day Training and Habilitation with ABC Works - La Crescent.

Approved Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreements with Family and Children's Center for Mental Health Services - Basic Living/Social Skills.

Approved Purchase of Service and Business Associate Addendum Agreements with Family and Children's Center DBA Hiawatha Hall for Intensive Residential Treatment Services.

Approved Purchase of Service Agreement with Prestige Care, LLC for Guardian-Conservator Services.

Approved Contract with Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center to Support Post-Incarceration Care Coordination Services for Substance Abuse Disorders.

Approved Renewal of Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreements with Thomas Allen, Inc. for General Case Management.

Approved Renewal of Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreements with Blue Sky, Inc. for General Case Management Waiver Funded Services.

Approved Updated Rest Periods Policy 5.15.

Approved Elected Official Retirees 2026 Benefits Resolution.

Approved Resolution for 2026 Sheriff's Uniform Allowance.

Approved Memorandum of Agreement with LELS 61 - Shift Commanders and Jail Program Coordinator.

Approved Memorandum of Agreement with LELS 64 - Licensed Officers.

Approved Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME Courthouse.

Approved Memorandum of Agreement with WCHSEA.

Approved 2026 Funding for Aquatic Invasive Species Management by Soil and Water Conservation District and Accept 2026 AIS Prevention Plan.

Accepted Compliance Status Update.

Approved General Wage Increase for County Administrator.

Approved Behavioral Health 360 Program with CredibleMind.

Approved Purchase of Service Agreement with National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeast

Minnesota.

Approved 2026 CEDA Economic Development Professional Services Contract.

Confirmed Payment of Disbursements.

90 for \$90, Military Order of the Purple Heart for \$90, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1287 for \$90, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5630 for \$90.

Approved Outside Agency

12/03/2025 - 12/16/2025		
Fund		
1	Revenue	\$ 445,991.07
2	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$ 99,346.24
3	Road and Bridge	\$ 98,519.01
4	Transportation Sales Tax	\$ 284,901.56
5	Health & Human Services	\$ 424,235.81
7	Road and Bridge State Aid	\$ 309,859.78
26	Opioid Settlement	\$ 9,500.00
27	CLFRF (Coronavirus) #21.027	\$ 11,583.44
76	Employee Benefit	\$ 3,042.35
81	Settlement Fund	\$20,928,934.79
82	Misc Taxes Fund	\$ 14.00
83	State Revenue Fund	\$ 116,851.48
Total		\$22,732,779.53

127 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000
totaling \$78,823.20

Adopted Resolution for 2026 Budget.

Denied adopting Resolution for 2026 Levy at 3.5%.

Adopted Resolution for 2026 Levy at 10.96%.

Took a break from 10:29 a.m. to 10:32 a.m.

Adopted 2026 Fee Schedule.

Approved Resolution Designating Transportation Sales Tax Projects.

Opened the Public Hearing to Amend and Approve the Revised Cannabis Registration Ordinance at 10:36 a.m.

No public comments were heard.

Closed the Public Hearing at 10:37 a.m.

Approved the Revised Cannabis Registration Ordinance.

Received Presentation for Lehnertz Findings of Fact and Petition for Amendment from Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson.

Opened the Public Hearing for Lehnertz Findings of Fact and Petition for Amendment at 10:57 a.m.

No public comments were heard.

Closed the Public Hearing at 10:57 a.m.

Approved Lehnertz Findings of Fact and Petition for Amendment and Zoning map.

Approved Outside Agency Funding Agreements for The American Legion Post 9 for \$90, The American Legion Post 90 for \$90, The American Legion Post 190 for \$90, The Forty and Eight for \$90, The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 9 for \$90, The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron

Funding Agreements for Big Brothers and Big Sisters for Social and Recreational Services for \$15,750, Primary Prevention Project for \$3,000, Project FINE for Information and Referral/ Advocacy and Interpreter Services for \$45,000, SEMCAC for \$6,000, City of Winona Senior Advocacy Center for \$50,000, St. Charles Hometown Resource Center for \$7,560, Winona Volunteer Services for \$26,025, Advocacy Center of Winona for \$15,760, Winona Area Humane Society for \$20,000, Soil and Water Conservation District for \$179,610, Southeastern Libraries Cooperating for \$274,417, Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund for \$6,000, Southern Minnesota Tourism Association for \$1,000.

Added discussion requesting update from Wabasha County Fraud Investigator, to a future County Board meeting.

Added discussion regarding a potential creation of a Finance Advisory Committee to a future Committee of the Board.

Adjourned the County Board meeting at 11:14 a.m.

WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marcia L. Ward
Board Chair

Attest:
Maureen L. Holte, County Administrator

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