

# Police-fire

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police-sheriff station in 2025. City Council members were apprehensive about the cost but agreed to move forward in a split vote to get a better estimate on the project costs after years of discussion. “I think that price tag gave everyone pause,” City Council member Sam Zierden Shortridge said. “That’s a lot of money we’re talking about.” She added that everyone would like to see the cost come down, but that there is still a long process ahead to figure out what those reductions will look like.

City Council member George Borzyskowski emphasized that the architect’s latest figure is an estimate and that they don’t yet know the actual cost of the potential station. “Is it \$60 million? Is it \$70 [million]? Is it \$50 [million]? We don’t know, but this [design agreement] will give us an actual number that we can say, ‘All right, public, here’s our concrete number for those two facilities going there.’ And then we’ll decide from there ...” Borzyskowski said. He compared the process of whittling down the price tag of the police-fire station project to remodeling one’s kitchen. “You’re going to remodel your kitchen, take the high number. I want everything, boom, boom, boom ... \$40,000 to redo your kitchen,” Borzyskowski said. From there, certain things are taken out, such as a garbage disposal, until you reach a lower price tag, such as \$10,000.

While the city will get more accurate figures for the costs of the project and its

amenities as design progresses, some City Council members agreed an indoor gun range won’t likely make the final cut. The police department currently shares an outdoor range with the county; an indoor range is part of the new station’s current draft design. Zierden Shortridge and City Council member Jason Dicus said they weren’t supportive of including a gun range, and Borzyskowski and City Council member Jeff Hyma also agreed that a gun range won’t likely make the final cut. “They have a [gun range] right now. We allocated some funding to it to modernize it and share it with the county,” Borzyskowski said. On other items, City Council members said they will need more information. “Right now, the pricing still feels a little too up in the air to feel confident saying, ‘Oh, yeah, we got to take out this line item because it costs too much,’” Zierden Shortridge said. “I’m not really sure what things cost yet. That’s part of the process we’re going through.”

The new increased cost estimate from city architects have also made some City Council members rethink other sites for the station and other partnerships. “I don’t want to fully commit to something until I’ve seen all the data and been able to sort through it a little bit better,” Hyma said. He added that he feels there is still some desire from the community for a standalone fire station and to keep the WPD and WCSO together. “I want to make sure that we are getting the absolute best bang for the buck for taxpayers, and that we’re going to meet the needs, you know, for the next 50 years, but we’re also going to do it the most economical way and reasonable way that we can,” Hyma

said. He added, “I don’t want to leave any stone unturned in pursuing that. And I still think there’s a couple of stones to turn over, plain and simple.”

Dicus said he feels partnering with the county on a new joint station is still an option, but added that he would not support remodeling the LEC. “I think that building is too far gone and way too small for a police department of our size,” Dicus said. Zierden Shortridge said she is also open to exploring other options as the city moves forward.

Borzyskowski said he wants to move forward at the Central School site but said that once the city gets the final number for a police-fire station there, it could consider other options.

No matter where the station is located, funding it will be another challenge for the city. Previously, the city won \$7.5 million from the state for land acquisition and design. For multiple years, the city has also been unsuccessfully requesting construction dollars from the state for the project. City Council members said the city will have to be creative and use multiple funding sources. Hyma said that would likely entail state dollars. Dicus agreed and said the city should look for federal money as well. Borzyskowski emphasized that the city cannot fund the entire project locally and will need outside funding in some form. “We have to find a way outside of just taxing the property owner. We have to find a way to generate revenue to help pay for this project,” Borzyskowski said. Dicus added, “We’re going to have to look at other options. I’m not going to double everyone’s taxes just so we can get this done.” While

Dicus is hopeful for the city’s chances at winning state money, Hyma feels those chances are slim to none.

On Monday, the City Council met with its financial advisors to go over various types of bonds and other funding sources. According to the financial advisors, Winona’s debt limit is \$105 million. With two equipment certificates totaling \$4.9 million, Winona’s remaining debt capacity is \$100 million. The advisors estimated that a 25-year general obligation bond of \$65 million for the police-fire station would incur \$43.9 million in interest, equating to a \$4.3 million average annual debt service payment.

Hyma questioned how taking out that much debt would impact the city’s credit and added, “The most important thing is what taxpayers are going to have to pay.” He added, “But, any estimates as to the impact of this on taxpayers using these various options would also be greatly appreciated because ultimately, that’s going to be the most important thing. We’ve got to pay for this, meaning the community has to pay for this. And so it would be nice to know how these different options are going to affect individual people’s pocketbooks.”

Ubl said estimating how locally bonding \$65 million would impact local taxpayers’ property tax bills would be premature and was not calculated because \$65 million is not an accurate cost for the project. He added that putting off projects, such as a new fire station, creates greater impacts and costs to taxpayers as needs become greater and costs increase.

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see everybody working together, just being an actual unit,” she said.

Senior Kara Palmquist chose books about snowmen and cats to read to the elementary students. She hoped they helped students learn their numbers and learn how to take a deep breath when frustrated and reconsider the situation. “I thought it would be a really good experience to just, first of all, give back,” she said. “When I was a kid, I liked when people would come read. So I wanted to be on the other side of that, understand what it felt like for those readers to come read to kids and have them be excited to hear what you are reading.”

The high school students benefit from reading to the elementary students, Burroughs said. “We’ve had students here who have been really shy and reserved and quiet and maybe will speak to a couple of teachers they know or trust or a couple of friends they know and trust. But overall, they’re kind of reserved,” he said. “But when they get over there and the kids start laughing ... they get really animated and they laugh and have a great time. So that’s great to see.”

The high school students went to the Winona Public Library to pick out the books they wanted to read to the elementary students, Burroughs continued. “A lot of students walk by the library every day but

maybe have never gotten a library card, maybe have never gone inside,” he said. “It’s great to expose them to the library and just to all the resources they have there.”

Other students made pet treats and animal care packages for places such as the Humane Society, and another group of students visited residents at an assisted living facility and played games with them, Carr said.

“I think it’s just kind of nice to get into the community, just get a sense of camaraderie, really,” Palmquist said. She continued, “I think it’s just kind of nice for the community to know the high school students are trying their best to give back, that we still care.”

Carr said she hoped students learned about “just the experience and feeling of doing something for somebody else.” She added, “I enjoy that they’re into it. It’s not pulling teeth like sometimes it can be to do school work that we’re not necessarily wanting to do. But they consider it more of a fun thing to do, and you get to see them in a different way when you’re engaged with them in a different type of task, rather than just an academic task.” Burroughs similarly said he hoped students took away how valuable it is to help others. “Even if it’s small — even though it might seem insignificant — it can make a huge impact,” he said. “Just going over to Jefferson to read books to students, the students love it; it brightens their day.”

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# legals

**First Publication Date:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SESSION HELD December 11, 2025 6:00 PM 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](http://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 Voegeli; 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 Sonneman; Health and Human Services Director Jill Chaffee; Auditor-Treasurer Chelsi Wilbright; Planning and Environmental Services Director Ross Dunsmoor; Zoning Administrator Eric Johnson; Water Resource Planner Sheila Hammes; Planner-Natural Resource Olivia Stroinski; Sheriff Ron Granrude; Chief Deputy Jeff Mueller; Emergency Management Director Ben Klinger; Accounting Support Assistant Colleen Werlein; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Ward called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Public comments were heard from Chelsi Wilbright, Auditor-Treasurer, Wiscoy

township, regarding valuation and proposed tax bills; Jacqueline Venibole, Winona County resident, regarding Ripple Program; Jessie King, Winona County resident; regarding Ripple Program; Amanda, Winona resident, regarding Ripple Program; Linda Johnson, 27476 Farmview Rd, regarding outside agency funding; Sam Schultz, Winona County resident; regarding Ripple Program; Ted Hazelton, 1073 W. 5th St., regarding advisory committees.  
Approved the County Board minutes dated November 25, 2025.  
Acknowledged the Planning Commission minutes dated October 16, 2025 and the Board of Adjustment minutes dated October 16, 2025.  
Approved the agenda as presented.  
Approved the following Consent Business:  
Approved Conditional Use Permit for James F Allen and Sharlene L Allen.  
Approved Conditional Use Permit for Arnold Hoffs.  
Approved Extension of Interim Assessor and Professional Services Agreement with Mower County.  
Approved LG220 Gambling Application for Exempt Permit-SE MN Quail Forever 3060.  
Approved Resolution to Adopt 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
Approved Amendment #2 for Minnesota Department of Human Services Adult Mental Health Grant Award for 2025-2026.  
Approved Renewal of Purchase of Service and Business Associate Agreements with Frederick Guardianship Services.  
Approved Renewal of Purchase of Service Agreement with Catholic

Charities Diocese of Winona-Rochester for Guardian-Conservator Services.  
Approved Renewal of State of MN Joint Powers Agreement with Career Force to Provide MN Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program Employment and Training Services.  
Accepted Certificate of Performance and Authorize Final Payment to Scott Construction, Inc for 2025 Chip Seal Project.  
Approved Updated Insurance Policy 3.05.  
Approved Memorandum of Agreement with Department Head Association.  
Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Supervisors Association.  
Approved Memorandum of Understanding with LELS 536 Detention Deputies.  
Approve Memorandum of Understanding with LELS 537 Dispatchers.  
Approved First Amendment to Sub-Agreement with Root River Soil and Water Conservation District.  
Approved 2026/2027 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement.  
Approved Purchase of Dive/Rescue Equipment.  
Confirmed Payment of Disbursements.

Opened the Public Hearing on 2026 Budget, 2026 Fee Schedule and Transportation Sales Tax Projects at 6:29 p.m.  
Public comments were heard from Pat Moga; Ted Hazelton; 1073 W. 5th; Kelley Oneill, 29182 Hartford Dr.; Becky Clark 18635 CR 114; Chelsi Wilbright, Wiscoy Township; David Unruh, 24163 CR 110; Mark Clark, 22199 Hwy 248; Dr. Patti Bartsch, CR 1; Tom Hall, business owner.  
Closed the Public Hearing on 2026 Budget, 2026 Fee Schedule and Transportation Sales Tax Projects at 7:00 p.m.  
Received Jail Update from Chief Deputy Jeff Mueller.  
Approved SEMMCHRA Special Benefit Tax Levy Resolution and Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 at \$130,000.  
Denied Adopting Resolution B for Commissioners 2026 Salaries.  
Adopted Resolution A for Commissioners 2026 Salaries.  
Adjourned the County Board meeting at 7:46 p.m.  
**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Marcia L Ward] Board Chair  
Attest: Maureen L. Holte, County Administrator hlh

11/19/2025 - 12/02/2025			
Fund	Revenue		
1	Recycling & Solid Waste Fund	\$	253,723.60
2	Road and Bridge	\$	2,399.15
3	Health & Human Services	\$	35,675.86
5	CLRRF (Coronavirus) #21.027	\$	399,338.43
7	Employee Benefit	\$	8,999.80
27	Settlement Fund	\$	144.94
76	State Revenue Fund	\$	101,363.04
81		\$	1,004.00
83		\$	12,227.88
Total			\$ 814,876.70
276 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000 totaling \$97,948.60			

**Based Operator for the Winona Municipal Airport**  
Release Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
Submission Date: 4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
The City of Winona is seeking proposals from qualified businesses or individuals to operate as a fixed based operator and take responsibility for the day-to-day operations at the Winona Municipal Airport beginning on May 1, 2027. General services anticipated to be provided by the FBO include, but are not limited to, regular on-site presence and availability, hospitality towards all visitors, ground/tie-down, aircraft repairs, maintenance, and fueling. The RFP timeline is as follows:  
**First Publication Date:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
**Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
**City of Winona – Fixed**

follows:  
RFP Posting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
Optional Walk-Thru at Airport, 10:00 AM, Thursday, January 13, 2026.  
RFP Questions Due: Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
RFP Question Responses Posted: 4:00 PM, Tuesday, January 27, 2026.  
Proposals Due: 4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 10, 2026.  
Council Selection of Contractor: Anticipated March 2, 2026.  
Council Approval of FBO Contract: Anticipated April 20, 2026.  
To learn more or access the full RFP, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 507-457-8200 or visit the City of Winona website at [www.winonamn.gov](http://www.winonamn.gov).  
Dated this 6th day of January, 2026.  
Monica Hennessy Mohan, City Clerk

**First Publication Date:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
**CITY OF WINONA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
The following applications have been made for variations from the requirements of the Winona City Code, as listed below:  
a) Andy Loos - City Code Section 43.02.24 Table 43-4 which requires a 25' front yard, a 12' side yard, and a 40' rear yard for a two-story triplex in a Mixed-Use Neighborhood (MU-N) zoning district adjacent to a R-2 zoning district. Applicant wishes to convert a long vacant building from a single-family structure to a triplex certified for a maximum of 6 people. Building has an 11' front yard, a 3' side yard, and a 20' rear yard setback. Property is described as MU-N zoning, SECT-25 TWP-107 RANGE-007 HAMILTON ADDITION LOT-012 BLOCK-037 EX: WLY 57.74' BLOCK-037 EX: WLY 57.74' or located at 177 Mankato Avenue.  
**Notice is sent to the applicants and to the owners of the property affected by the application.**  
A hearing on these petitions will be given in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Winona, Minnesota at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026**, at which time interested persons may appear either in person, in writing, or by agent, and present any reasons which they may

have to the granting or denying of these petitions. Comments will be accepted prior to the public hearing in person or by dropping off at City Hall, 2nd Floor, Community Development, or mailing to 207 Lafayette Street, by Noon Friday January 16, 2026. Any questions regarding the petitioner’s request can be directed to the Community Development Department; Inspections Division at (507) 457-8231.  
**APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE THEIR CASE IN DETAIL AND PRESENT ALL EVIDENCE RELATING TO THIS PETITION AT THE TIME OF THE SCHEDULED HEARING.**  
Chris Sanchez, Chairman  
Board of Adjustment

**First Publication Date:** Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:  
**DATE OF MORTGAGE:** November 8, 2021  
**MORTGAGOR:** Zackary W Ford, a single person.  
**MORTGAGEE:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Wells Fargo Bank N.A., its successors and assigns.  
**DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:** Recorded November 10, 2021 Winona County Recorder, Document No. A638513.  
**ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:** Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, Dated October 6, 2025  
Recorded October 6, 2025, as Document No. A663065.  
**TRANSACTION AGENT:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
**TRANSACTION AGENT’S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 100011300266590446  
**LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE:** Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
**RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER:** U.S. Bank National Association  
**MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1127 Sugar Loaf Road, Winona, MN 55987

**TAX PARCEL I.D. #:** 32002020  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  
That portion of Lots Two (2) and Three (3), Block One (1), Aakre’s Sugar Loaf Addition, lying East of the following described line: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township One Hundred Seven (107) North, of Range Seven (7), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Winona County, Minnesota, described as follows to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4; thence on an assumed bearing of North 1° 39’ 42” West along the West line of said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, 7.35 feet; thence North 82° 38’ 09” East, 40.18 feet to a one-half inch iron pipe monument; thence South 1° 45’ 16” East, 250 feet, more or less, to the North line of the West Burns Valley Road; thence North 69° 32’ 19” East along the North line of the West Burns Valley Road, 322.80 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 1° 9’ 43” West to the North line of Lot Two (2), Block One (1), Aakre’s Sugar Loaf Addition. Now known as Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 1, AAKRE’S SUGAR LOAF ADDITION, according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the County Recorder, Winona County, Minnesota, EXCEPT that part of said Lot 2 which lies west of the northerly extension of the east line of said Lot 1.  
**COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:** Winona  
**ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:** \$157,102.00  
**AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:** \$149,060.85  
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
**PURSUANT** to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
**DATE AND TIME OF SALE:** February 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM

**PLACE OF SALE:** Sheriff’s Office, Lobby of Law Enforcement Center, 3rd and Washington Street, Winona, MN 55987 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys’ fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.  
**TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:**  
If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 5, 2026, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Sec. 580.07 or 582.032.  
**MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:** None  
“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”  
Dated: December 1, 2025  
U.S. Bank National Association  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.