

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SESSION HELD June 27, 2023**  
**6:00 PM WINONA COUNTY BOARD ROOM**

The Winona County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners Room on the above date with Commissioner Dwayne Voegeli; Commissioner Marcia Ward; Commissioner Greg Olson; Commissioner Chris Meyer; Finance Director Pat Moga; County Attorney Karin Sonneman; Assistant County Attorney II Alex Thillman; Auditor-Treasurer Chelsi Wilbright; Sheriff Ron Ganrude; Chief Deputy Jeff Mueller; PSAP Supervisor Jenifer LaValla; Executive Assistant Heidi Hund. Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public comments were heard from Linda Johnson, 32530 Bobcat Rd., regarding Ranked Choice Voting; Bill Spitzer, 925 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St., update on dedication of Altura Memorial Park; Jerry Obieglo, 84 Saratoga Ct., regarding Veteran's services.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to approve County Board minutes dated June 13, 2023. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Voegeli and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to acknowledge the Parks and Environment Advisory Committee minutes dated April 4, 2023. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the amended agenda by moving Consent Business items 6.1, 6.3, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.2 to General Business items 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.04 and 7.2, respectively. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to approve the following Consent Business:

Approve Renewal of Shred-it Contract.

Approve Amendment with State of Minnesota to Provide Additional Funding for Treatment Court.

Approve Renewal of Purchase of Service with Plainview-Elgin-Millville School District #2899 for Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care.

Approve PaintCare Contract.

Approve Solid Waste Collection and Transportation License for Miller Disposal LLC.

Approve Contract with CentralSquare for Public Safety Software Replacement.

Confirm Payment of Disbursements.

<b>06/07/23 - 06/20/23</b>		
<b>Fund</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 523,667.54</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Recycling &amp; Solid Waste Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,130.96</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Road and Bridge</b>	<b>\$ 87,675.19</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Transportation Sales Tax</b>	<b>\$ 308.20</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>\$ 344,817.68</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Road and Bridge State Aid</b>	<b>\$ 17,766.03</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>CLFRF (Coronavirus) #21.027</b>	<b>\$ 31,731.84</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	<b>\$ 5,041.80</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>State Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$ 16,608.02</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,029,747.26</b>
138 Vendors Paid Less Than \$2000 totaling \$79,970.82	

Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve Recommendation to Appoint Assistant County Administrator/Personnel Director Scott E. Sonsalla. Vote: Yes – 4.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to Approve State of Minnesota Income Contract for Sentencing to Service. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 1 (Ward).

On motion by Commissioner Voegeli and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve LELS 536 Labor Agreement for 2023-2024. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 1 (Ward).

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to Approve LELS 61 Labor Agreement for 2023-2024. Vote: Yes – 3; No – 1 (Ward).

On motion by Commissioner Voegeli and seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve Resolution Reaffirming Local Option Sales Tax to Finance Replacement Jail And Move Forward With Voter Referendum. Vote: Yes – 4.

**RESOLUTION #2023-28**

Reaffirming Local Option Sales Tax to Finance Replacement Jail and Move Forward With Voter Referendum

WHEREAS, the Winona County Board of Commissioners (BOARD) passed Resolution #2022-46 State Approval to Impose a Local Option Sales Tax in Winona County, on December 13, 2022, which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-46 requested authorization from the State of Minnesota to impose a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) of 0.25% for up to 25 years or \$28,000,000 plus interest, whichever comes first, to fund the local share of the jail replacement project costs; pursuant to Minn. Stat. 297A.99 which authorizes the imposition of a general sales tax if permitted by special law of the Minnesota Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Minnesota Legislature passed, and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed into law, Winona County’s request for approval to hold a referendum asking voters to approve a Local Option Sales Tax as contained in the 2023 Minnesota Tax Bill in Article 10, Section 49.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH M. S. 297A.99 LOCAL SALES TAXES:

1. The Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby reaffirms its December 13, 2022 Resolution #2022-46, hereto attached; and
2. The Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and accepts the 2023 Minnesota Legislative session’s approval and codification into law of Winona County’s request to impose a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) for the purposes described in Resolution #2022-46; and
3. The Winona County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its decision in Resolution #2022-46 to put a ballot question on a general election ballot for local voter approval of LOST. This will be done in the general election in November 5, 2024, which is within two years of receiving legislative authority for this referendum vote; and

4. The Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Attorney to take the steps necessary to do the following:

- a. Prepare and file all required documents with the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office and the Minnesota Department of Revenue, including, but not limited to this resolution and a local approval certificate with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State before the next legislative biennium begins;
- b. Prepare for the County Board's review and approval, the referendum question language requesting the authorization a LOST of 0.25% and explaining that the revenue from the LOST will be used to finance the capital, interest and administrative costs of constructing and equipping the correctional facility that will replace the current 43-year-old jail in Winona County, MN; and, that the amount of the LOST revenue utilized for this replacement facility will not exceed \$28,000,000 plus interest on the bonds or up to 25 years, whichever comes first; and this replacement correctional facility is the only project requested for a LOST.

Adopted in Winona, Minnesota this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Received Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Update Presentation from President/CEO, Tim Penny.

On motion by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Voegeli, to adjourn the County Board meeting at 6:52 p.m. Vote: Yes – 4.

**WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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*Chris M. Meyer*

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Board Chair

Attest:

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*Maureen L. Holte*

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Maureen L. Holte, County Administrator