

Winnebago County Board
Finance Committee Meeting
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Room 303
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Immediately Following Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

John Butitta, **Chairperson**
Jaime Salgado, **Vice Chairperson**
Jean Crosby (6:11 pm arrival)
Joe Hoffman
Keith McDonald
John F. Sweeney
Michael Thompson

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Lafakeria Vaughn, State's Attorney's Office
Paul Arena, County Board Member
Dr. Sandra Martell, Health Department

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of June 1, 2023 Minutes
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Finance Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the Chairman, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for a Circuit Clerk Project Manager
- F. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Salary of the Winnebago County Public Defender
- G. Resolution Authorizing Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company as Winnebago County's 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan Record Keeper
- H. Ordinance for Approval of a Budget Amendment to Change the County 457(b) Plan Vendor
- I. Resolution Authorizing Use of Winnebago County Health Department Surplus Funds to Pay Off the Bond on 555 N. Court Street
- J. An Ordinance Providing for the Payment of Certain Outstanding Bonds of the County and Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith
- K. Ordinance for Approval of a Budget Amendment to Reimburse the General Fund for 555 Court Street Bond Payments
- L. 2024 Levy First Draft Review/Discussion
- M. Discuss Federal Lobbyist/Consulting Services
- N. Other Matters
- O. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Ms. Crosby yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Salgado yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Mr. Thompson yes.

Approval of June 1, 2023 Minutes

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to approve the June 1, 2023 Minutes.

Motion: Mr. Hoffman. Second: Mr. Thompson.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Butitta omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for a Circuit Clerk Project Manager

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Thompson.

The Ordinance is a Budget Amendment to cover the salary for a Circuit Clerk Project Manager through September 30, 2023. The Project Manager will also help with the State's Attorney and Public Defender Projects.

- Discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Salary of the Winnebago County Public Defender

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Mr. Schultz discussed the Resolution authorizing an increase in the salary of the Winnebago County Public Defender and directed committee members to the attachment in the committee packet.

Chairperson Butitta called for questions or comments.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company as Winnebago County's 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan Record Keeper

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson advised the Resolution is a voluntary program for employees. It is a 457(B) plan that offers employees the ability to make pre-tax contributions into the plan. The State's Attorney's office has extensively reviewed the plan and a Selection committee made the recommendation to accept the Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company's proposal.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance for Approval of a Budget Amendment to Change the County 457(b) Plan Vendor

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Mr. Thompson reported the Ordinance is for approval of a Budget Amendment to change the County 457(b) Plan vendor to Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company.

Chairman Butitta called for questions or comments.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Use of Winnebago County Health Department Surplus Funds to Pay Off the Bond on 555 N. Court Street

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Schultz advised the Resolution authorizes use of surplus funds to pay off the Bond on 555 N. Court Street.

Chairperson Butitta called for questions or comments.

- Discussion followed.

Motion passed with a majority voice vote.

An Ordinance Providing for the Payment of Certain Outstanding Bonds of the County and Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Thompson.

Chairperson Butitta called for questions or comments.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance for Approval of a Budget Amendment to Reimburse the General Fund for 555 Court Street Bond Payments

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Mr. Schultz advised the Ordinance is to approve a budget amendment to reimburse the General Fund for 555 Court Street Bond payments.

Chairperson Butitta called for questions or comments.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2024 Levy First Draft Review/Discussion

Mr. Schultz reviewed the 2024 Property Tax Levy Draft attachment with committee members.

- Discussion followed.

Discuss Federal Lobbyist/Consulting Services

Mr. Schultz discussed funding the Federal Lobbyist consulting services and budgeting for services in 2024.

- Discussion followed.

Other Matters – None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Crosby. Second: Mr. Thompson.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant