

**Winnebago County Board  
Finance Committee Meeting**  
County Administration Building  
404 Elm Street, Room 510  
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, January 6, 2022  
Immediately Following Operations and Administrative Committee

**Present:**

Jaime Salgado, **Chairman**  
Steve Schultz  
John Butitta  
Paul Arena  
Joe Hoffman  
Jean Crosby  
Keith McDonald

**Others Present:**

Pat Thompson, County Administrator  
Dave Rickert, Chief Financial Officer  
Lafakeria Vaughn, State's Attorney's Office  
Ann Johns, Purchasing Director  
Shawn Franks, Facilities  
Chris Petrus, IT Department

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of September 23, 2021 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 chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- F. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation (Radiance Parker et al V. Bradley Kaiser et al)
- G. Review of Finance Committee Closed Session Minutes
- H. Other Matters
- I. Adjournment

Chairman Salgado called the meeting to order at 4:49 PM.

**Motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2021**

Moved: Mr. Hoffman, Seconded: Mr. Schultz.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Salgado omitted reading the Public Comment section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

### **Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

Motion by Mr. Hoffman and Seconded by Mr. Schultz.

Roll call: Mr. Salgado yes, Mr. Schultz yes, Mr. Butitta yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Ms. Crosby yes and Mr. McDonald yes.

Mr. Salgado – No action was taken in closed session.

### **Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation (Radiance Parker et al V. Bradley Kaiser et al)**

Motion by Mr. Hoffman and Seconded by Mr. Schultz.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Review of Finance Committee Closed Session Minutes**

- At the December 16<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting, six sets of minutes were reviewed but not approved in open session. Ms. Vaughn recommends that the closed minutes be opened and released to the public for the meetings of July 18, 2019, October 24, 2019, November 21, 2019, December 12, 2019, February 20, 2020 and January 7, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Salgado to release the closed session minutes as indicated by Ms. Vaughn.

Seconded by Mr. Schultz.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Other Matters**

- Mr. Rickert gave an overview of where Winnebago County stands with the American Rescue Plan. He also provided an activity report on River Bluff Nursing Home regarding actual spending versus the budget.
- Mr. Arena spoke about ARP budgets and host fees.
- Ms. Crosby spoke about host fees.
- Mr. Arena, Ms. Crosby and Mr. McDonald spoke about a Resolution to opt out of the State's tax abatement for low income housing.

**Motion to adjourn.** Moved: Mr. Schultz, Seconded: Ms. Crosby.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ferling  
Administrative Assistant