

**Winnebago County Board**  
**Special Finance Committee Meeting**  
Winnebago County Courthouse  
400 West State Street, Room 815  
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, October 23, 2025  
5:30 PM

**Present:**

John Butitta, Chairperson  
Paul Arena  
Valerie Hanserd  
Joe Hoffman  
John F. Sweeney  
Christina Valdez

**Others Present:**

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator  
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer  
Lafakeria Reuter, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office  
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer  
John Penney, County Board Member

**Absent:**

Keith McDonald

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of October 1, 2025 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 that 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 acknowledgment by the Chairman, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the General Fund
- F. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the IMRF Fund
- G. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the County Highway Fund
- H. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the County Bridge Fund
- I. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Federal Aid Matching Fund
- J. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Health Department Fund
- K. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Tort Judgment and Liability Fund
- L. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Social Security Fund
- M. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Veterans Assistance Fund

- N. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Detention Home Fund
- O. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Historical Museum Fund
- P. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Nursing Home Operations Fund
- Q. Ordinance to Authorize a Levy of Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Children's Advocacy Fund
- R. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Demarious Tyler v. Winnebago County, et al.)
- S. Other Matters
- T. Adjournment

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call**

Chairperson Butitta, yes; Mr. Arena, yes; Ms. Hanserd, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Sweeney, yes; Ms. Valdez, yes.

A quorum is present.

### **Approval of October 1, 2025 Minutes**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the October 1, 2025, minutes.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Chairperson Butitta omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to the absence of anyone present to speak.

### **Ordinance Items E. through Q.**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve Ordinance Items E through Q.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Demarious Tyler v. Winnebago County, et al.)**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Ms. Reuter advised that there is no closed session, as this case was discussed in a closed session on September 18, 2025.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Other Matters**

None reported.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant