

# **SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Called by:** John Butitta, Chairman  
**Members:** Jean Crosby, Joe  
Hoffman, Keith McDonald, Jaime  
Salgado, John F. Sweeney,  
Michael Thompson

**DATE:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** CONFERENCE ROOM 815  
BEHIND COUNTY BOARD ROOM  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
400 WEST STATE STREET  
ROCKFORD, IL 61101

## **AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of August 29, 2024 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.
- E. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Peyton Pitter v. Winnebago County, et al.)
- F. Other Matters
- G. Adjournment

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

Thursday, August 29, 2024  
5:30 pm

**Present:**

John Butitta, **Chairperson**  
Jean Crosby  
Joe Hoffman  
Keith McDonald  
John F. Sweeney  
Michael Thompson

**Others Present:**

Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer  
Lafakeria Vaughn, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office  
John Giliberti, State's Attorney Office  
Jesus Pereira, Superintendent-VAC  
Members of the Veteran Community  
Debbie Hoover, VAC  
Mr. Dave Davis, VAC  
Mr. Nottingham, VAC  
Ms. Nancy Clark, VAC  
Ms. Julie Weis, VAC

**Absent:**

Jaime Salgado, Vice Chairperson

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- E. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2025
- F. Third Quarter FY24 Financial Report
- G. FY25 Budget Update
- H. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- I. Other Matters
- J. Adjournment

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Roll Call**

Chairperson Butitta yes, Ms. Crosby yes, Mr. Hoffman yes (arrived 5:35 pm), Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Mr. Thompson yes.

**Approval of August 15, 2024 Minutes**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Thompson.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.  
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

Chairperson Butitta read the Public Comment Section of the Agenda. Chairperson Butitta thanked the veterans for their service to the country. Speakers from the Veterans' Assistance Commission spoke to the Finance Committee, which includes Mr. Pereira, Mr. Nottingham, Mr. Davis, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Weis. Mr. Pereira is advocating for the reallocation of budget funds to the Veterans' Assistance Commission. The speakers related their roles and experiences with the VAC and advocated for funding. Mr. Hoffman shared his appreciation for veterans and VAC.

### **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2025**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta Second: Mr. Hoffman.

The Appropriation Ordinance was reviewed.

Chairperson Butitta called for discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.

Motion passed by a majority voice vote. Mr. Hoffman was opposed.

### **Third Quarter FY24 Financial Report**

Mr. Schultz reviewed the Third Quarter FY24 Financial Report.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions or discussion.

- Discussion followed.

### **FY25 Budget Update**

A Budget update for FY25 was shared with committee members.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

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

Motion: Chairperson Butitta made the motion to enter a Closed Session.

Second: Motion seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Roll Call**

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

Chairperson Butitta – No action was taken in the Closed Session.

### **Other Matters**

- None reported.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Thompson. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile  
Executive Assistant

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2024 CR \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: JOHN BUTITTA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION  
(Peyton Pitter v. Winnebago County, et al.)**

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**WHEREAS**, *Peyton Pitter v. Winnebago County, et al.*, is a pending civil action against Winnebago County, the County Sheriff and a Corrections Defendant, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, as case number 3:24-cv-50105; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plaintiff therein has agreed to settle all claims he has against the Defendants, for the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee, after having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the aforementioned case and after having conferred with the Winnebago County State's Attorney, through his assistant state's attorney, has determined it is in the best interests of the citizens of Winnebago County to settle this case on the terms set forth above.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that the Winnebago County State's Attorney is hereby authorized to settle the aforementioned lawsuit by paying the Plaintiff therein the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Winnebago County Treasurer, Winnebago County Clerk, and Winnebago County Finance Department are authorized and directed to prepare and deliver to the Winnebago County State's Attorney one or more County Warrants totaling Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00); payable as directed by the State's Attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of  
Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

ATTESTED BY:

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**JOSEPH V. CHIARELLI**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

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**LORI GUMMOW**  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS