

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Called by: John Butitta, Chairman
Members: Paul Arena, Joe Hoffman,
Keith McDonald, Jaime Salgado,
John F. Sweeney, Christina Valdez

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024
TIME: 5:30 PM
LOCATION: WINNEBAGO COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
ROOM 815
400 WEST STATE STREET
ROCKFORD, IL 61101

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of December 5, 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. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- F. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Jermaine Landry v. Gary Caruana, et al.)
- G. Other Matters
- H. Adjournment

**Winnebago County Board
Finance Committee Meeting**
Winnebago County Courthouse
400 West State Street
County Board Room, 8th Floor
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
Keith McDonald
Jaime Salgado
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Lafakeria Vaughn, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer
John Giliberti, State's Attorney Office

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of November 21, 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 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. Resolution Authorizing County Contribution for State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Program
- F. Ordinance for Approval of Budget Amendment for Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Award
- G. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Illinois Council 31, Local 473 (AFSCME)
- H. An Ordinance Amending the Predictable Fee Schedule for the Winnebago County Recorder's Office
- I. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- J. Other Matters
- K. Adjournment

Call to Order

The Finance Committee meeting was moved to County Board Room 815. Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. Salgado yes, Ms. Valdez yes.

Ms. Valdez was welcomed to the committee and Mr. Arena was welcomed back to the committee.

Approval of November 21, 2024 Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

The motion passed by a majority voice vote. Mr. Arena and Ms. Valdez abstained.

Public Comment

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

Resolution Authorizing County Contribution for State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Program

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. McDonald.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance for Approval of Budget Amendment for Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Award

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. McDonald.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Illinois Council 31, Local 473 (AFSCME)

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Predictable Fee Schedule for the Winnebago County Recorder's Office

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to enter a Closed Session.

Motion: Mr. Sweeney. Second: Mr. McDonald.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Mr. Hoffman yes,

Mr. Salgado yes, Ms. Valdez 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. Sweeney. Second: Mr. Salgado.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant

**Closed Session
To Discuss
Pending
Litigation**

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

2024 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: JOHN BUTITTA

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION
(Jermaine Landry v. Gary Caruana, et al.)**

WHEREAS, *Jermaine Landry v. Gary Caruana, 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 3:20-cv-50344; and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff therein has agreed to settle all claims he has against the Defendants, for the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00); 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

JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIRMAN

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JAIME SALGADO, VICE CHAIRMAN

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PAUL ARENA

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JOE HOFFMAN

JOE HOFFMAN

KEITH McDONALD

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JOHN F. SWEENEY

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CHRISTINA VALDEZ

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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:

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

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