

# FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025  
**TIME:** **5:30 PM**  
**LOCATION:** ROOM 303  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG  
404 ELM STREET  
ROCKFORD, IL 61101

## AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of December 12, 2024 Special Meeting 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 Affixing Compensation and Other Benefits for the Clerk of the Circuit Court
- F. Discussion of RIC Evening Program/Funding – Debbie Jarvis
- G. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- H. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Bradley Merryman versus Winnebago County
- I. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Cedric J. Marks II v. Jason Rossi, et al.)
- J. Other Matters
- K. Adjournment

**Winnebago County Board  
Special Finance Committee Meeting**

County Courthouse  
Conference Room 815, Behind the County Board Room  
400 West State Street  
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, December 12, 2024  
5:30 PM

**Present:**

Jaime Salgado, **Vice Chairperson**  
Joe Hoffman  
Keith McDonald  
Christina Valdez

**Others Present:**

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator  
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer  
Lafakeria Vaughn, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office  
John Giliberti, State's Attorney Office  
Ray Thompson, County Board Member

**Absent:**

Paul Arena  
John Butitta, **Chairperson**  
John F. Sweeney

**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 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. 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

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Vice Chairperson Salgado yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Ms. Valdez yes.

**Approval of December 5, 2024 Minutes**

Motion: Mr. McDonald. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Vice Chairperson Salgado called for any discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

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

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

Vice Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to enter a Closed Session.

Motion: Mr. Hoffman. Second: Mr. McDonald.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Roll Call**

Vice Chairperson Salgado yes, Ms. Valdez yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. McDonald yes.

Vice Chairperson Salgado – No action was taken during the closed session.

### **Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Jermaine Landry v. Gary Caruana, et al.)**

Motion: Mr. Hoffman. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Vice Chairperson Salgado called for any discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Other Matters**

- None reported.

### **Adjournment**

Vice Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Valdez. Second: Mr. McDonald.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile  
Executive Assistant

SPONSORED BY: JOHN BUTITTA

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

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

**2025 CR**

RESOLUTION AFFIXING COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS  
FOR THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is an Elected Office Holder who is an Officer of the State Judiciary; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike other elective offices, the Clerk of the Circuit Court may have his or her salary or other benefits increased or decreased during his term; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, that the following schedule of salaries is hereby adopted:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025	\$105,727 plus a COLA*, stipend of \$6,500**
December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026	The salary above plus a COLA*, stipend of \$6,500**
December 1, 2026 – November 30, 2027	The salary above plus a COLA*, stipend of \$6,500**
December 1, 2027 – November 30, 2028	The salary above plus a COLA*, stipend of \$6,500**

\* The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) shall be based on the most current All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) available on November 1<sup>st</sup> for the year being adjusted published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, not to exceed 4%.

\*\* The annual stipend shall be in addition to, but separate and apart from the salary and shall be appropriated each year by the Illinois General Assembly to the Supreme Court, which shall distribute such stipend in an annual lump sum payment to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. [705 ILCS 105/27.3].

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall be eligible for any Health Plan and shall pay the same cost for individual, dependent and retiree health insurance coverage as County employees covered under AFSCME Local 473 Collective Bargaining Unit retroactive to December 1, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Circuit Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and the compensation amount shall take effect retroactive to December 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIRMAN

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

**DISCUSSION OF RIC EVENING  
PROGRAM/FUNDING –  
DEBBIE JARVIS**

**CLOSED SESSION TO  
DISCUSS PENDING  
LITIGATION**





# Resolution Executive Summary

**Prepared By:** Tanya Harris

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Committee Date:** January 2, 2025

**Resolution Title:** Resolution authorizing settlement of a claim against the County of Winnebago entitled Bradley Merryman versus Winnebago County

**Board Meeting Date:** N/A

## Budget Information:

<b>Was item budgeted?</b> Yes	<b>Appropriation Amount: \$14,350.41</b>
<b>If not, explain funding source:</b>	<b>Budget Impact: \$14,350.41</b>
<b>ORG/OBJ/Project Code:</b> 49400-43535	<b>Tort Judgement Fund/Worker's Comp Claims</b>

**Background Information:** Settlement for Bradley Merryman in the amount of \$14,350.41

**Recommendation:** The Finance Committee, chaired by John Butitta, has reviewed the settlements presented to the Board.

**Contract/Agreement:**

**Legal Review:** Carol Hartline with Williams McCarthy LLP negotiated this settlement on behalf of Winnebago County.

**Follow-Up:** N/A

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**

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

Sponsored by: John Butitta

Submitted by: Finance Committee

2025 CR

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM  
AGAINST THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO ENTITLED  
BRADLEY MERRYMAN VERSUS WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Winnebago, Illinois, is involved in having a claim asserted against it by Bradley Merryman for injuries allegedly sustained while in the employment of the Sheriff's Department, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Plaintiff has offered to settle the above claims against the County of Winnebago for consideration payable in the amount of \$14,350.41 for the settlement funding for his Workers Compensation case; and,

**WHEREAS**, counsel for the County of Winnebago recommends that it is in the best interest of the County of Winnebago to settle the above referenced claims upon the terms of the proposed settlement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that it does hereby authorize settlement of the claim entitled Bradley Merryman versus County of Winnebago for injuries allegedly sustained by Bradley Merryman while in the employment of the Sheriff's Department by payment of the amount of \$14,350.41 for the settlement for permanent disability for a Workers Compensation case.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution for Bradley Merryman in the amount of \$14,350.41 shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the County Auditor, Director of Purchasing, Human Resources Director, and Williams & McCarthy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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ATTESTED BY:

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

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

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

2025 CR \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: JOHN BUTITTA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION  
(Cedric J. Marks II v. Jason Rossi, et al.)**

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**WHEREAS**, *Cedric J. Marks II v. Jason Rossi, et al.*, is a pending civil action against Winnebago County Sheriff Deputy Defendants, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, as case number 3:21-cv-50349; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plaintiff therein has agreed to settle all claims he has against the Defendants, for the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00); 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 Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00).

**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 Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00); 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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