

**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 1st 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

JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIRMAN

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JAIME SALGADO, VICE CHAIRMAN

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PAUL ARENA

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JOE HOFFMAN

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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 _____, 2025.

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

ATTESTED BY:

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:

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

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

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

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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Winnebago, Illinois this _____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTESTED BY:

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

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