

# FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Called by:** John Butitta, Chairman  
**Members:** Paul Arena, Valerie  
Hanserd, Joe Hoffman, John F.  
Sweeney, Christina Valdez

**DATE:** THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026  
**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 March 19, 2026 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. Baker Tilly Present Audited Financial Statements for September 30, 2025
- F. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for State’s Attorney VOCA Grant Renewal
- G. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Deferred Prosecution Grant Renewal
- H. Resolution Authorizing Wage Increases for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees of the County of Winnebago, Illinois
- I. Resolution Authorizing the County of Winnebago, Illinois’ Participation in Opioid Litigation Settlements with Six (6) Remnant Defendants – Regional Distributor/Dispensers
- J. Resolution Granting Public Safety Sales Tax Funding to the Children’s Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (Carrie Lynn) To Support Renovations and its Co-Location at the Hart Building Located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL
- K. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment in Public Safety Sales Tax Funds to the Children’s Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (Carrie Lynn) for Renovations and Co-Location at the Hart Building
- L. Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations

M. Other Matters

N. Adjournment

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026  
Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

**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 (Staff Liaison)  
Lafakeria Reuter, State's Attorney's Office  
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer  
Ray Thompson, County Board Member

**Absent:**

Keith McDonald

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of March 5, 2026 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 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 IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for Khrysta Oleson
- F. Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Policy
- G. Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations
- H. Other Matters
- I. Adjournment

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

**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 March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026, meeting.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Resolution Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for Khrysta Oleson**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Arena.

Mr. Schultz shared details about the Resolution.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- A discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Policy**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Schultz discussed the resolution to adopt the FY2027 Budget Policy.

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.

### **Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations**

The Closed Session was canceled.

### **Other Matters**

- Mr. Schultz provided an update on the budget deficit discussed at the previous committee meeting and offered details on levy line items and the River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation levy. A discussion followed.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Valdez. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant

**Baker Tilly Present Audited  
Financial Statements for  
September 30, 2025**



# Ordinance Executive Summary

**Prepared By:** Steve Schultz  
**Committee:** Finance Committee  
**Committee Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Ordinance Title:** Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for State's Attorney VOCA Grant Renewal  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 23, 2026

## Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? Yes	Original Appropriation Amount: \$54,408
If not, explain funding source: Federal Grant Funding	
ORG/OBJ/Project Code: 60300 (State's Atty Grants)/various/02120 (VOCA)	
FY2026 Budget Impact: \$199,994	

**Background Information:** The State's Attorney office has historically received federal funding through the Illinois Criminal Justice Info Authority to provide services to the underserved population of victims of crime. This grant is awarded on a calendar year basis. The State's Attorney Office received renewal funding for 2026 that has not been reflected in the current budget.

**Recommendation:** Finance Department recommends approval

**Contract/Agreement:** Not applicable

**Legal Review:** Not applicable

**Follow-Up:** Not applicable

**2026 Fiscal Year**

Finance: April 16, 2026

Lay Over: April 23, 2026

Sponsored by:

**Final Vote: May 14, 2026**

John Butitta, Finance Committee Chairman

**2026 CO**

**TO:** THE HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

The Winnebago County Finance Committee presents the following Ordinance amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 and recommends its adoption.

**Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for State’s Attorney VOCA Grant Renewal**

**WHEREAS**, The State’s Attorney office has historically received federal funding through the Illinois Criminal Justice Info Authority to provide services to the underserved population of victims of crime. This grant is awarded on a calendar year basis. The State’s Attorney Office received renewal funding for 2026 that has not been reflected in the current budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Board adopted the “Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance” for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 at its September 25, 2025 meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, 55ILCS 5/6-1003(2014), states, “After the adoption of the county budget, no further appropriations shall be made at any other time during such fiscal year, except as provided in this Act. Appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate emergency may be made at any meeting of the board by a two-thirds vote of all the members constituting such board, the vote to be taken by ayes and nays and entered on the record of the meeting.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the County Board deems that pursuant to provisions as set forth in 55ILCS 5/6-1003(2014), certain conditions have occurred in connection with the operations of the County which are deemed to be immediate emergencies; therefore, the increases detailed per the attached Request for Budget Amendment are hereby authorized for Amendment **#26-010 SAO VOCA Grant Award**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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The above and foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the County Board of the County of  
Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

ATTESTED BY:

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**JOSEPH 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

2026  
**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

DATE SUBMITTED:		4/16/2026			AMENDMENT NO: 26-010			
DEPARTMENT:		State's Attorney Grants			SUBMITTED BY: Finance			
FUND#:		0303-State's Atty Grant Fund			DEPT. BUDGET NO. 60300 -State's Atty Grant Fund			
Department Org Number	Object (Account) Number	Project Number	Object (Account) Description	Adopted Budget	Amendments Previously Approved	Revised Approved Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Budget after Approved Budget Amendment
<b>Expenditures</b>								
60300	41110	02120	Regular Salary	\$32,309	\$0	\$32,309	\$134,650	\$166,959
60300	41221	02120	Life Insurance	\$35	\$0	\$35	\$138	\$173
60300	41231	02120	IMRF	\$1,504	\$0	\$1,504	\$8,849	\$10,353
60300	41241	02120	FICA/Medicare	\$3,052	\$0	\$3,052	\$12,946	\$15,998
60300	42110	02120	Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
60300	48211	02120	Health Insurance	\$10,413	\$0	\$10,413	\$25,030	\$35,443
60300	48220	02120	Indirect Costs	\$7,097	\$0	\$7,097	\$18,181	\$25,278
<b>Revenue</b>								
60300	32110	02120	Federal Operating Grant Revenue	(\$54,408)	\$0	(\$54,408)	(199,994)	(\$254,402)
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENT:</b>							\$0	
<b>Reason budget amendment is required:</b>								
The State's Attorney office received has historically received federal funding through the Illinois criminal Justice Info Authority to provide services to the underserved population of victims of crime. This grant is awarded on a calendar year basis. The State's Attorney Office received renewal funding for 2026 that has not been reflected in the current budget.								
<b>Potential alternatives to budget amendment:</b>								
None								
<b>Impact to fiscal year 2026 budget:</b> \$199,994								
<b>Revenue Source:</b> Grant Funding								





# Ordinance Executive Summary

**Prepared By:** Steve Schultz  
**Committee:** Finance Committee  
**Committee Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Ordinance Title:** Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Deferred Prosecution Grant Renewal  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 23, 2026

## Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? Yes	Original Appropriation Amount: \$194,199
If not, explain funding source: State Grant Funding	
ORG/OBJ/Project Code: 42000 (Deferred Prosecution)/various/02127 (DIVERT)	
FY2026 Budget Impact: \$113,273	

**Background Information:** The State's Attorney office received has historically received state funding through the Illinois Criminal Justice Info Authority to provide services for the deferred prosecution program (DIVERT). Original funding for the state's 2026 fiscal year was for service dates of July 2025-December 2025. The state recently awarded an additional amount for the period February 2026-June 2026. The additional award needs to be included in the FY2026 appropriations.

**Recommendation:** Finance Department recommends approval

**Contract/Agreement:** Not applicable

**Legal Review:** Not applicable

**Follow-Up:** Not applicable

**2026 Fiscal Year**

Finance: April 16, 2026

Lay Over: April 23, 2026

Sponsored by:

**Final Vote: May 14, 2026**

John Butitta, Finance Committee Chairman

**2026 CO**

**TO:** THE HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

The Winnebago County Finance Committee presents the following Ordinance amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 and recommends its adoption.

**Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Deferred Prosecution Grant Renewal**

**WHEREAS**, the State's Attorney office received has historically received state funding through the Illinois Criminal Justice Info Authority to provide services for the deferred prosecution program (DIVERT). Original funding for the state's 2026 fiscal year was for service dates of July 2025-December 2025. The state recently awarded an additional amount for the period February 2026-June 2026. The additional award needs to be included in the FY2026 appropriations.; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Board adopted the "Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance" for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 at its September 25, 2025 meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, 55ILCS 5/6-1003(2014), states, "After the adoption of the county budget, no further appropriations shall be made at any other time during such fiscal year, except as provided in this Act. Appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate emergency may be made at any meeting of the board by a two-thirds vote of all the members constituting such board, the vote to be taken by ayes and nays and entered on the record of the meeting."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the County Board deems that pursuant to provisions as set forth in 55ILCS 5/6-1003(2014), certain conditions have occurred in connection with the operations of the County which are deemed to be immediate emergencies; therefore, the increases detailed per the attached Request for Budget Amendment are hereby authorized for Amendment **#26-011 Deferred Prosecution Grant Award**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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The above and foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the County Board of the County of

Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

ATTESTED BY:

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**JOSEPH 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

2026  
**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

DATE SUBMITTED:		4/16/2026			AMENDMENT NO: 26-011			
DEPARTMENT:		Deferred Prosecution Fund			SUBMITTED BY: Finance			
FUND#:		0120-Deferred Prosecution Fund			42000 -Deferred Prosecution Grant Fund (DIVERT)			
DEPT. BUDGET NO.								
Department Org Number	Object (Account) Number	Project Number	Object (Account) Description	Adopted Budget	Amendments Previously Approved	Revised Approved Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Budget after Approved Budget Amendment
<b>Expenditures</b>								
42000	41110	02127	Regular Salary	\$0	\$46,819	\$46,819	\$33,416	\$80,235
42000	41221	02127	Life Insurance	\$0	\$18	\$18	\$15	\$33
42000	41231	02127	IMRF	\$0	\$1,224	\$1,224	\$1,748	\$2,972
42000	41241	02127	FICA/Medicare	\$0	\$3,581	\$3,581	\$2,553	\$6,134
42000	42110	02127	Supplies	\$0	\$2,540	\$2,540	\$192	\$2,732
42000	43190	02127	Other Professional Services	\$0	\$86,005	\$86,005	\$60,000	\$146,005
42000	48211	02127	Health Insurance	\$0	\$30,431	\$30,431	\$8,400	\$38,831
42000	48220	02127	Indirect Costs	\$0	\$23,581	\$23,581	\$6,949	\$30,530
<b>Revenue</b>								
42000	32120	02127	State Operating Grant Revenue	\$0	(\$194,199)	(\$194,199)	(113,273)	(\$307,472)
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENT:</b>							\$0	
<b>Reason budget amendment is required:</b>								
<p>The State's Attorney office received has historically received state funding through the Illinois Criminal Justice Info Authority to provide services for the deferred prosecution program (DIVERT). Original funding for the state's 2026 fiscal year was for service dates of July 2025-December 2025. The state recently awarded an additional amount for the period February 2026-June 2026. The additional award needs to be included in the FY2026 appropriations.</p>								
<b>Potential alternatives to budget amendment:</b>								
None								
<b>Impact to fiscal year 2026 budget:</b> \$113,273								
<b>Revenue Source:</b> Grant Funding								



**ILLINOIS  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

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300 W. Adams Street • Suite 200 • Chicago, Illinois 60606 • (312) 793-8550

February 26, 2026

Marlana Dokken  
404 Elm Street, Suite 533  
Rockford, IL 61101

Dear Ms. Dokken,

I am writing to inform you of recent Authority Budget Committee action approving funding of your Statewide Deferred Prosecution (SDP) program. At their February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting, the Budget Committee designated the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office to receive \$113,273 from FFY26 general revenue funds to implement your DIVERT program.

These funds will be available upon execution of an interagency agreement between your office and the Authority. Your Grant Number is #162624; please reference this number on all correspondence.

If you have any questions concerning this designation, please feel free to call me at 773-636-4366 or email me [Kyle.W.Schlegel@illinois.gov](mailto:Kyle.W.Schlegel@illinois.gov). I look forward to working with you on this program.

Sincerely,

Kyle Schlegel  
Federal and State Grants Unit



## Resolution Executive Summary

**Prepared By:** Steve Schultz  
**Committee:** Finance Committee  
**Committee Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Resolution Title:** Resolution Authorizing Wage Increases for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees of The County of Winnebago, Illinois  
**County Code:** Not Applicable  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 23, 2026

### Budget Information:

<b>Was item budgeted?</b> Yes	<b>Appropriation Amount:</b>
If not, explain funding source: N/A	
<b>ORG/OBJ/Project Code:</b>	<b>Budget Impact:</b> Within budgeted amount

**Background Information:** The Administration for the County of Winnebago, Illinois (County), has determined that wage increases for County non-bargaining unit employees is appropriate. It is recommended that the Finance Committee and County Board accept and approve the across the board increases for non-bargaining unit employees of the County of Winnebago, Illinois equal to the annual increase in CPI-U for the year ending May 2026 not to exceed 3.5% effective on January 1, 2027.

**Recommendation:** Staff concurs.

**Contract/Agreement:** N/A

**Legal Review:** Yes.

**Follow-Up:** N/A

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

2026 CR \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAGE INCREASES FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT  
EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Administration for the County of Winnebago, Illinois (County), has determined that wage increases for County non-bargaining unit employees is appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee of the County Board of Winnebago County, Illinois recommends the full County Board accept and approve across the board wage increases for County non-bargaining unit employees equal to the annual increase in CPI-U for the year ending May 2026 not to exceed 3.5% effective on January 1, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee and County Board values providing consistent wage increases for represented and non-represented employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois does hereby approve the across the board increases for non-bargaining unit employees of the County of Winnebago, Illinois equal to the annual increase in CPI-U for the year ending May 2026 not to exceed 3.5% effective on January 1, 2027.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption and the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Winnebago County Finance Department and Director of Human Resources.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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CHRISTINA VALDEZ

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of  
Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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



# Resolution Executive Summary

**Prepared By:** Lafakeria S. Reuter  
**Committee:** Finance Committee  
**Committee Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Resolution Title:** Resolution Authorizing the County of Winnebago, Illinois' Participation in Opioid Litigation Settlements with Six (6) Remnant Defendants-Regional Distributor/Dispensers  
**County Code:** Not Applicable  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 23, 2026

## Budget Information:

<b>Was item budgeted?</b> N/A	<b>Appropriation Amount:</b> N/A
<b>If not, explain funding source:</b> N/A	
<b>ORG/OBJ/Project Code:</b> N/A	<b>Budget Impact:</b> N/A

**Background Information:** The County of Winnebago, Illinois is one of many governmental entities represented by the National Prescription Opioids Litigation Consortium (National Consortium), involving the opioid epidemic.

The National Consortium has reached settlements with six (6) regional distributors/dispenser defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (Six Remnant Defendants). The recommendation is to have the County of Winnebago, Illinois participate in the six (6) Remnant Defendants' opioid litigation settlements.

**Recommendation:** Staff concurs

**Legal Review:** The State's Attorney's Office and outside legal counsel.

**Follow-Up:** N/A

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

2026 CR \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: JOHN BUTITTA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS'  
PARTICIPATION IN OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS WITH SIX (6)  
REMNANT DEFENDANTS-REGIONAL DISTRIBUTOR/DISPENSERS**

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Winnebago, Illinois (County) is one of many governmental entities represented by the National Prescription Opioids Litigation Consortium (National Consortium), involving the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuits seek recovery of the public funds expended and to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Consortium has reached settlements with six (6) regional distributors/dispenser defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (Six Remnant Defendants); that contemplate a global payout of approximately \$97 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee, having conferred with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and outside legal counsel, recommend the County of Winnebago, Illinois participate in the six (6) Remnant Defendants' opioid litigation settlements and has further determined it is in the best interests of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that it concurs with the recommendation of outside legal counsel and the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and authorizes the County of Winnebago, Illinois's participation in the six (6) Remnant Defendants' opioid litigation settlements.

**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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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTESTED BY:

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

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



## Resolution Executive Summary

**Prepared By:** Lafakeria S. Reuter  
**Committee:** Finance Committee  
**Committee Date:** April 16, 2026  
**Resolution Title:** Resolution Granting Public Safety Sales Tax Funding to the Children’s Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (Carrie Lynn) To Support Renovations and its Co-Location at the Hart Building Located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL  
**County Code:** Not Applicable  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 23, 2026

### Budget Information:

<b>Was item budgeted?</b> No	<b>Appropriation Amount: \$616,000.00</b>
<b>If not, explain funding source:</b> Public safety sales tax	
<b>ORG/OBJ/Project Code:</b>	<b>Budget Impact:</b>

**Background Information:** The Children’s Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (“Carrie Lynn”) is currently located at 826 N. Main Street, Rockford, Illinois and it plans to relocate to the Hart Building located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, in conjunction with the Rockford Family Peace Center. The County of Winnebago, Illinois (County) desires to grant six hundred and sixteen thousand dollars (\$616,000.00) in public safety sales tax (PSST) funding to Carrie Lynn to support renovations and Carrie Lynn’s co-location at the Hart Building. Any additional financial assistance from PSST in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for personnel and operational expenses from the County to Carrie Lynn shall be subject to annual appropriation and Winnebago County Board approval.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Resolution and accompanying budget amendment.

**Contract/Agreement:** N/A

**Legal Review:** Yes.

**Follow-Up:** N/A

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

2026 CR \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPONSORED BY: JOHN SWEENEY, AARON BOOKER, BRAD LINDMARK, JOHN PENNEY, KEVIN MCCARTHY, ANGIE GORAL, CHRISTOPHER SCROL, CHRISTINA VALDEZ, MICHAEL THOMPSON, VALERIE HANSERD, ANGELA FELLARS, JOSEPH CHIARELLI

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**RESOLUTION GRANTING PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDING TO THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY (CARRIE LYNN) TO SUPPORT RENOVATIONS AND ITS CO-LOCATION AT THE HART BUILDING LOCATED AT 214 N. CHURCH STREET, ROCKFORD, IL**

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Winnebago, Illinois, is a body politic and corporate (County) and the Children’s Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (often referred to as the Carrie Lynn Children’s Center and referred to herein as “Carrie Lynn”) is an Illinois Children’s Advocacy Center organized pursuant to the Children’s Advocacy Center Act (55 ILCS 80/1) and accredited by the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Carrie Lynn is currently located at 826 N. Main Street, Rockford, Illinois and it plans to relocate to the Hart Building located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, in conjunction with the Rockford Family Peace Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to grant six hundred and sixteen thousand dollars (\$616,000.00) in public safety sales tax funding to Carrie Lynn to support renovations and Carrie Lynn’s co-location at the Hart Building; and

**WHEREAS**, upon Carrie Lynn re-locating to the Hart Building, it will need additional financial assistance for personnel and operational costs to continue its crucial work within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes the benefits of the initial grant and the requested additional financial assistance to Carrie Lynn, which would assist in achieving the goals of eliminating wait lists for clients, reducing referrals of clients to outside agencies and increasing personnel, training and crucial services for its clients; and

**WHEREAS**, any additional financial assistance through the public safety sales tax in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for personnel and operational expenses from the County to Carrie Lynn shall be subject to annual appropriation and Winnebago County Board approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Carrie Lynn desire to collaborate towards a mutually beneficial purpose of continuing to provide a long-standing and trusted support system and services for families in the midst of crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that the County of Winnebago, Illinois will grant six hundred and sixteen thousand dollars (\$616,000.00) to Carrie Lynn from public safety sales tax to support renovations and Carrie Lynn's co-location at the Hart Building located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, Illinois.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any additional financial assistance through the public safety sales tax in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for personnel and operational expenses from the County of Winnebago, Illinois to Carrie Lynn shall be subject to annual appropriation and Winnebago County Board approval.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Clerk of the County Board is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the County Board Office, County Auditor, Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Finance Committee**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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

**2026 Fiscal Year**

Finance: April 16, 2026

Sponsored by:

Lay Over: April 23, 2026

John Sweeney

**Final Vote: May 14, 2026**

**2026 CO**

**TO:** THE HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

The Winnebago County Finance Committee presents the following Ordinance amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 and recommends its adoption.

**ORDINANCE FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDS TO THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY (CARRIE LYNN) FOR RENOVATIONS AND CO-LOCATION AT THE HART BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Advocacy Center of Winnebago County (Carrie Lynn) has plans to relocate to the Hart Building located at 214 N. Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, in conjunction with the Rockford Family Peace Center. Carrie Lynn has requested financial support from the County of Winnebago, Illinois public safety sales tax, in order to support renovations and Carrie's Lynn's co-location at the Hart Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Board adopted the "Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance" for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 at its September 25, 2025 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/6-1003 (2014), states, "After the adoption of the county budget, no further appropriations shall be made at any other time during such fiscal year, except as provided in this Act. Appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate emergency may be made at any meeting of the board by a two-thirds vote of all the members constituting such board, the vote to be taken by ayes and nays and entered on the record of the meeting."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the County Board deems that pursuant to provisions as set forth in 55 ILCS 5/6-1003 (2014), certain conditions have occurred in connection with the operations of the County which are deemed to be immediate emergencies; therefore, the increases detailed per the attached Request for Budget Amendment are hereby authorized for Amendment **#BUA26-012**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

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The above and foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the County Board of the County of  
Winnebago, Illinois this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

ATTESTED BY:

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**JOSEPH V. CHIARELLI**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
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**LORI GUMMOW**  
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**Closed Session to  
Discuss Labor Negotiations**