

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026
TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 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 May 21, 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. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for America 250 Celebration Awards
- F. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Settlement of Labor Grievances filed by AFSCME Local 473 with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
- G. Other Matters
- H. Adjournment

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026
5:30 PM

Present:

John Butitta, **Chairperson**
Matthew Gabel
Valerie Hanserd
Joe Hoffman
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Absent:

Paul Arena

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (Staff Liaison)
Lafakeria Reuter, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer
Shawn Franks, Director, Facilities
Lori Gummow, County Clerk, Winnebago County
Tom Lawson, Circuit Clerk, Winnebago County
Theresa Grennan, Treasurer, Winnebago County
Rick Ciganek, WCSO
Dave Tassoni, County Board Member
Ray Thompson, County Board Member

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of May 7, 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. Treasurer's Investment Report - Treasurer Theresa Grennan
- F. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Cameras and Access Card Readers
- G. Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter Financial Report
- H. Resolution Setting the Salaries of Certain County Elected Officials
- I. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Public Safety Building Roof Replacement
- J. Other Matters
- K. Adjournment

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta, yes; Mr. Gabel, yes; Ms. Hanserd, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. Sweeney, yes; Ms. Valdez, yes.

A quorum is present.

Approval of May 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of the May 7, 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.

Treasurer's Investment Report - Treasurer Theresa Grennan

Ms. Grennan presented the Treasurer's Investment report to the committee.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Cameras and Access Card Readers

Chairperson Butitta previously distributed correspondence from the State's Attorney's office to the contractor. Chairperson Butitta advised that the ordinance will be laid over until the matter is resolved.

Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Schultz gave an update on the FY26 Second Quarter Financial report.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions.

- A discussion followed.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Public Safety Building Roof Replacement

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Chairperson Butitta shared information regarding the roof replacement.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- A discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the ordinance.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Setting the Salaries of Certain County Elected Officials

Chairperson Butitta reported on the discussion item regarding the preparation of a resolution establishing the salaries of certain county-elected officials. Mr. Ray Thompson presented a proposal to resolve the issue of setting salaries. Mr. Ray Thompson asked if there were any questions. Mr. Patrick Thompson thanked Mr. Ray Thompson for the time and effort put into creating the proposal.

- A discussion followed.

The proposals will be brought to a joint caucus meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Other Matters

- None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant



Ordinance Executive Summary

Prepared By: Steve Schultz
Committee: Finance Committee
Committee Date: June 4, 2026
Ordinance Title: Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for America 250 Celebration Awards
Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2026

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? No	Original Appropriation Amount: \$0
If not, explain funding source: Awards from Go Rockford	
ORG/OBJ/Project Code: 60400 (Probation Grants) / 42290 (Other Departmental Supplies) 45500 (Memorial Hall) / 42290 (Other Departmental Supplies)	
FY2026 Budget Impact: \$4,000	

Background Information: Go Rockford offered funding opportunities to organizations within Winnebago County for a project, program or event that meaningfully incorporates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Two County departments received awards. Court Services (Probation) will use their award for a program entitled "Stories That Built a Nation" and Memorial Hall will use their award for the "Dinner with the Founders" event. This budget amendment will allow for expenditure of the award amounts.

Recommendation: Finance Department recommends approval

Contract/Agreement: Not applicable

Legal Review: Not applicable

Follow-Up: Not applicable

2026 Fiscal Year

Finance: June 4, 2026

Lay Over: June 11, 2026

Sponsored by:

Final Vote: June 25, 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 America 250 Celebration Awards

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Court Services and Memorial Hall departments applied for and received funding from Go Rockford for America 250 to support programs entitled “Stories That Built a Nation” and “Dinner with the Founders”; 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 **#26-016 America 250 Celebration Awards**.

Respectfully Submitted,
FINANCE COMMITTEE

AGREE

DISAGREE

JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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PAUL ARENA

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MATTHEW GABEL

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VALERIE HANSERD

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JOE HOFFMAN

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JOHN F. SWEENEY

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CHRISTINA VALDEZ

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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:

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

2026
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
 FINANCE COMMITTEE
 REQUEST FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

DATE SUBMITTED:		6/4/2026			AMENDMENT NO: 26-016			
DEPARTMENT:		Probation Grants / Memorial Hall			SUBMITTED BY: Steve Schultz			
FUND#:		0304 - Probation Grants 0155 - Memorial Hall			60400 - Probation Grants DEPT. BUDGET NO. 45500 - Memorial Hall			
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
Expenditures								
60400	42290	02218	Other Departmental Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
45500	42290	04551	Other Departmental Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Revenue								
60400	32130	02218	Local Operating Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)
45500	32130	04551	Local Operating Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENT:							\$0	
Reason budget amendment is required:								
Go Rockford offered funding opportunities to organizations within Winnebago County for a project, program or event that meaningfully incorporates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Two County departments received awards. Court Services (Probation) will use their award for a program entitled "Stories That Built a Nation" and Memorial Hall will use their award for the "Dinner with the Founders" event. This budget amendment will allow for expenditure of the award amounts.								
Potential alternatives to budget amendment:								
None								
Impact to fiscal year 2026 budget: \$4,000								
Revenue Source:		Go Rockford Awards						



GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Name of Event: Stories That Built A Nation

Location of Event: Memorial Hall

Date(s) of Event: 8/5/2026 Hours of Event: 1PM-3PM

Is this a New Event Existing Event If existing, how many years? _____

How will this funding help, expand, or improve your event? Funding will be used to purchase story books and school supplies for the children at this event

Amount of funding requested \$ 2,500

Name of Sponsoring Organization:

Winnebago County Department of Court Services. This event is intended for probationers and their children.

Event Coordinator Name: Jodi Gerue and Karen Mohr

Phone: 815-319-6265 and 815-516-2608 Email: jgerue@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov or kmohr@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov

Is this event free to attend ; or ticketed If there is a fee, what is the cost? _____

Intended age groups: All ages Anticipated # of: Participants: _____ Staff/Volunteers: _____

Do you intend to involve community partners and/or any local businesses? (if so, please list):

Yes, we intend to invite Tommy Meeks to speak about Black History in America & Rockford Public Library will bring out their mobile van to register individuals for library cards.

What is the estimated cost for this event, and what ways will the funding be spent?

\$2,300 with all funding being spent on story books and school supplies and \$200 for security if needed. If not need all money would go toward story books and school supplies

If this event creates a profit, what is the intended use of those funds?

There would be no profit.

Describe your event, and how this event achieves this program's goals (please reference *framework section* on page 2)

At the start of the event participants would be able to choose from story books and school supplies for their child or children.

Tommy Meeks will briefly speak about our country's history and probation officers will engage with children, reading to them and/or read stories to them. The Rockford Public Library mobile van will also be on site to help register adults or children for a library card.

The Department of Court Services will also host a story book and school supply drive ahead of time to add to what is being provided to participants at this event. Please see attached flyer.



GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Name of Event: Dinner with the Founders

Location of Event: Veterans Memorial Hall

Date(s) of Event: 6/27/2026 Hours of Event: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Is this a New Event Existing Event If existing, how many years? _____

How will this funding help, expand, or improve your event? This funding will help with the cost of the Souvenir items which will be given away at the event and prior to the event as promotional items. A keepsake for all to cherish. Provide free tickets to Veterans.

Amount of funding requested \$ 2500.

Name of Sponsoring Organization:

Veterans Memorial Hall

Event Coordinator Name: Scott Lewandowski

Phone: 815.398.0555 Email: director@veteransmemorialhall.com

Is this event free to attend ; or ticketed If there is a fee, what is the cost? 100.00 per person

Intended age groups: 21-70 Anticipated # of: Participants: 120 Staff/Volunteers: 12

Do you intend to involve community partners and/or any local businesses? (if so, please list):

Pec Playhouse theater, Winnebago County Veterans Association, Rockford Historical Society.

What is the estimated cost for this event, and what ways will the funding be spent?

\$11,800. spent on food and drinks, advertising, souvenirs, complementary tickets.

If this event creates a profit, what is the intended use of those funds?

Profit will be donate to the Pec Playhouse Theater

Describe your event, and how this event achieves this program's goals (please reference *framework section* on page 2)

In commemoration of America's 250th anniversary, Veterans Memorial Hall will present Dinner with the Founders, an immersive public history program that transports guests to 1776 and places them at the table with the Committee of Five of the Continental Congress Congress as they debate the principles that shaped a new nation. Through historically grounded, first-person portrayals performed by actors from Pec Playhouse Theatre. Attendees will experience the debates surrounding the Declaration of Independence. Blending scholarship, theatrical interpretation, community gathering and civic engagement. Ticket price will include dinner, a complementary adult beverage, commemorative souvenirs plus the interactive performance of the Committee of five



Ordinance Executive Summary

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Committee: Finance Committee
Committee Date: June 4, 2026
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Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2026

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? No	Original Appropriation Amount: \$0
If not, explain funding source: PSST Fund Balance	
ORG/OBJ/Project Code: 40115 (Corrections) / 43999 (Litigation & Settlement Expense)	
FY2026 Budget Impact: \$113,280	

Background Information: The Winnebago Sheriff's Office is requesting funding to settle labor grievances filed by AFSCME Local 473 under the collective bargaining agreement with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Recommendation: Finance Department recommends approval

Contract/Agreement: Not applicable

Legal Review: Completed by State's Attorney's Office

Follow-Up: Not applicable

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Respectfully Submitted,
FINANCE COMMITTEE

AGREE

DISAGREE

JOHN BUTITTA, CHAIR

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PAUL ARENA

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

LORI GUMMOW
CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD
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