

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

Thursday, November 17, 2022
Immediately Following Operations and Administrative Committee

Present:

Jaime Salgado, **Chairman**
Steve Schultz
John Butitta
Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
Jean Crosby
Keith McDonald

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Dave Rickert, Chief Financial Officer
Lafakeria Vaughn, State's Attorney's Office
Marlana Dokken, Director, Chairman's Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives
Ann Johns, Purchasing Director
Paul Carpenter, States Attorney Office
Shawn Franks, Facilities

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes – None
- 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. Thank you.
- E. Discussion Item – ARP Phase 4 (David J. Rickert)
- F. Discussion Item – Capital Investment Plan 2023 (David J. Rickert)
- G. Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement Between River Bluff Nursing Home and Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- H. Ordinance to Amend Budget for HFS Grant Award Received by River Bluff
- I. Resolution Approving Nurse Call System Lights for River Bluff Nursing Home
- J. Resolution to Establish Public Safety Sales Tax Policy
- K. Resolution Approving Sidewalk Patching for Courthouse and Public Safety Building
- L. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- M. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim against the County of Winnebago Entitled Timothy Coomer versus Winnebago County
- N. Other Matters
- O. Adjournment

Chairman Salgado called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM.

Roll Call

Chairman Salgado yes, Mr. Schultz yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. Butitta yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Ms. Crosby yes, Mr. McDonald yes.

Approval of Minutes

None.

Public Comment

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

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Moved: Mr. Hoffman Second: Mr. Butitta.

Roll Call: Chairman Salgado yes, Mr. Schultz yes, Mr. Butitta yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Ms. Crosby yes, Mr. McDonald yes.

Mr. Salgado – No action was taken in closed session.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim against the County of Winnebago Entitled Timothy Coomer versus Winnebago County

Motion: Mr. Schultz, Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Accepting Grant Agreement Between River Bluff Nursing Home and Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Motion: Mr. Schultz, Second: Mr. Hoffman.

The Resolution is a Grant through the State of Illinois for Covid related expenses for River Bluff Nursing Home. There is an accompanying Ordinance to allow the County to amend the budget. The Resolution and the Ordinance are companion items, the Resolution to accept the grant and Ordinance to amend the budget.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance to Amend Budget for HFS Grant Award Received by River Bluff

Motion: Mr. Schultz, Second: Mr. Butitta

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Approving Nurse Call System Lights for River Bluff Nursing Home

Motion: Mr. Schultz, Second: Mr. Hoffman.

The Resolution is an ARP funded project. The State of Illinois and the Nurse Call System requires the rooms to have exterior lights tied in to the Nurse Call System.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution to Establish Public Safety Sales Tax Policy

Motion: Mr. Schultz, Second: Mr. Hoffman.

The Public Safety Sales Tax policy was reviewed with committee members. The original County Board Resolution stated the referendum was needed and cited the basis for it was to raise sufficient funds to fund the recommendation of the 15 Step Action plan. The committee

was directed to the 15 Step Action plan. Additional documentation included in the packet was shared with the committee describing the 3 Part Plan, the County Criminal Justice System (Jail, Courthouse and Resource Intervention Center). It was recognized that a Sales Tax Policy alone would not be sufficient to support the needs. Additional sources need to be sought.

- A discussion followed.

Motion to table Resolution: Mr. Schultz. Second: Mr. Butitta.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Approving Sidewalk Patching for Courthouse and Public Safety Building

Motion: Mr. Schultz. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

The Resolution was referred back to the committee for review.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed with a majority vote.

Discussion Item – ARP Phase 4 (David J. Rickert)

- An update was given on ARP Phase 4 by Mr. Rickert. One item was added for Northwest Fire Protection District that may be superseded by a request from a group of Fire Protection Districts. After a meeting with New Milford, adjustments were made for the TIFF Water District project. At the request of the committee regarding the Strategic Water Plan, dates were updated on the contract and Regional Planning adjusted their numbers for the project.
- A discussion followed.
- A discussion took place on RAEDC. A representative of RAEDC will be invited to meet with the County if needed. The application will be emailed to representatives.

Discussion Item – Capital Investment Plan 2023 (David J. Rickert)

- Mr. Rickert discussed project requests to the Capital Investment Plan 2023. Project requests will be returned to committee for review and consideration. With the board's permission, Mr. Rickert will formally remove the request for the additional antimicrobial carpet from the list.
- A discussion followed on grant writing.
- The applicants to the CIP for 2023 will be requested to return to give presentations.
- The CIP for 2023 is a first draft for review. They have been divided into two categories, capital requests for the public safety sales and capital requests for the general fund.
- A 5-year Capital Plan is being created in 2023.

Other Matters

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Schultz. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant