

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

Thursday, January 2, 2025
5:30 PM

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Jaime Salgado, Vice Chairperson
Keith McDonald
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Others Present:

Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Lafakeria Vaughn, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office
John Giliberti, State's Attorney Office
Tom Lawson, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk
Debbie Jarvis, Director of Court Services, 17th Judicial Circuit
Carol Hartline, Attorney, Williams McCarthy

Absent:

Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman

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 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 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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Salgado yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Ms. Valdez yes.

Approval of December 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. McDonald.
Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.
The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

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

Resolution Affixing Compensation and Other Benefits for the Clerk of the Circuit Court

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.
The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion of RIC Evening Program/Funding – Debbie Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis provided an update on the Resource Intervention Center's program and funding.

- Discussion followed.

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to enter a Closed Session.

Motion: Mr. Sweeney. Second: Mr. McDonald.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Salgado yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Ms. Valdez yes.

Chairperson Butitta – No action was taken in the Closed Session.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Bradley Merryman versus Winnebago County

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation (Cedric J. Marks II v. Jason Rossi, et al.)

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Matters

- None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant