

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Jaime Salgado, Vice Chairperson
Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
Keith McDonald
John F. Sweeney

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Lafakeria Vaughn, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer
Theresa Grennan, Treasurer's Office
Dominic Barcellona, Retired Deputy Chief WCSO

Absent:

Christina Valdez

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of January 2, 2025 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—Theresa Grennan
- F. FY24 Annual Financial Report – Draft
- G. An Ordinance to Abate the 2016E Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2024 Payable 2025
- H. An Ordinance to Abate the 2017C Tort Property Tax and Quarter Cent Sales Tax Alternate Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2024 Payable 2025
- I. An Ordinance Abating the Tax hereto Levied for the Year 2024 Payable 2025 to pay the Principal of and Interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018 of Winnebago County, Illinois
- J. An Ordinance to Abate the 2020A Alternate Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2024 Payable 2025
- K. An Ordinance to Abate the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2024 Payable 2025
- L. An Ordinance to Abate the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B Bond Property Tax Levy for the Year 2024 Payable 2025

- M. An Ordinance to Abate the General Obligation Alternate Refunding Bonds (Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 Bonds Property Tax Levy for the Year 2024 Payable 2025
- N. An Ordinance Abating Special Tax Roll for 2024 Levy Year for Properties within the Special Service Area for the I-39/Baxter Road County Water District Project
- O. An Ordinance Amending the Winnebago County Code to Provide for an Amendment to Eviction Fees and Process by the Sheriff's Office
- P. Other Matters
- Q. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Salgado yes, Mr. Sweeney yes.

Approval of January 2, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

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.

Treasurer's Investment Report—Theresa Grennan

Chairperson Butitta congratulated Ms. Grennan on her appointment as Treasurer, effective January 31, 2025. Ms. Grennan presented the Treasurer's Investment Report to the committee members.

FY24 Annual Financial Report – Draft

Mr. Schultz reviewed the Draft FY24 Annual Financial Report with committee members and then called for questions and discussion.

- Discussion followed.

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Chairperson Butitta stated that he would group, without objection, Ordinance Abatements Items G., H., I., J., K., L., M., and N. together for a single vote and approval.

Chairman Butitta read aloud Ordinances G., H., I., J., K., L., M., and N. to the committee members.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Winnebago County Code to Provide for an Amendment to Eviction Fees and Process by the Sheriff's Office

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Arena.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any other 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. Salgado. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant