

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

Thursday, February 6, 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
Christina Valdez

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
Carlos Molina, County Engineer, Highway Department
Dave Tassoni, County Board Member
Jim Webster, County Board Member
Julie Walsh, Citizen for Rural Transit
Tom Walsh, Citizen for Rural Transit
Lydia Johnson, Citizen for Rural Transit
John Fisk, Citizen for Rural Transit
Greg Gates, Executive Director, RMTD

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of January 16, 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. Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute a Contract for Transportation Services by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Reagan Mass Transit District
- F. Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding for Rural Winnebago County Public Transportation (Program Compliance Oversight Monitor-PCOM) by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Reagan Mass Transit District
- G. An Ordinance Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court
- H. Road Project Discussion – Carlos Molina, County Engineer
- I. Other Matters
- J. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Roll Call

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

Approval of January 16, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Chairperson Butitta called for discussion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Butitta read the Public Comment Section of the Agenda. Ms. Julie Walsh was invited to speak to the committee about mass transit in rural Winnebago County. Ms. Walsh introduced herself, thanked the committee for the opportunity, and discussed her efforts with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to provide transportation for those in need in her area. She thanked the County Board for recognizing the need for mass transit and working to provide transportation in western Winnebago County. Ms. Walsh expressed gratitude to the County Board Members, Chris Dornbush and Karen Elyea, for their efforts in promoting and working on approval to implement rural mass transit options in the rural areas of Winnebago County. If approved, Ms. Walsh stated they would help promote RMTD transportation services in the county and surrounding area.

Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute a Contract for Transportation Services by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Reagan Mass Transit District

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Chairperson Butitta called for discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Motion: Ms. Valdez made a motion to layover the Resolution. Second: Mr. Salgado.

The motion to layover the Resolution was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding for Rural Winnebago County Public Transportation (Program Compliance Oversight Monitor-PCOM) by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Reagan Mass Transit District

Motion: Ms. Valdez made a motion to layover the Resolution. Second: Chairperson Butitta.

The motion to layover the Resolution was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Webster thanked Mr. Dornbush, Ms. Elyea, and all who contributed to the RMTD Transportation Resolution, Mr. Gates, and Ms. Walsh for their interest in making the transportation project a reality.

An Ordinance Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman

Chairperson Butitta called for discussion.

- Discussion followed.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Road Project Discussion – Carlos Molina, County Engineer

Mr. Molina reviewed the information packet shared with committee members about the Highway Department and Road Projects. Mr. Molina called for any questions.

- Discussion followed.

Other Matters

- None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. McDonald. Second: Mr. Salgado.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant