

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

Thursday, March 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
Debbie Jarvis, Director of Court Services, 17th Judicial Circuit
Carol Hartline, Attorney, Williams McCarthy LLP
Kimberly Kovanda, State's Attorney's Office
Dominick Barcelona, Retired Deputy Chief WCSO
Valerie Hanserd, County Board Member

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of February 20, 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. Ordinance for Approval of Budget Amendment for Health Department Grant Award
- F. Discussion Item – First Quarter FY25 Financial Report
- G. Discussion Item – Review FY26 Budget Calendar
- H. Discussion Item – FY26 Levy
- I. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- J. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Cesar Chavez versus Winnebago County
- K. Other Matters
- L. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 February 20, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Chairperson Butitta called for 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.

Ordinance for Approval of Budget Amendment for Health Department Grant Award

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Chairperson Butitta called for discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta made the motion to hold over the Ordinance and ask Dr. Martell to provide a written explanation or attend the next Finance Committee meeting to explain the Ordinance.

Second: Mr. Sweeney.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Item – First Quarter FY25 Financial Report

Discussion followed on the First Quarter FY25 Financial Report.

Discussion Item – Review FY26 Budget Calendar

Discussion followed on the FY26 Budget Calendar.

Discussion Item – FY26 Levy

Discussion followed on the FY26 Levy.

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

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

Motion: Ms. Valdez. Second: Mr. Salgado.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. McDonald yes, Mr. Salgado yes, Mr. Sweeney yes, Ms. Valdez yes. Mr. Hoffman exited the meeting and was not available for the Roll Call.

Chairperson Butitta – No action was taken during the closed session.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Cesar Chavez versus Winnebago County

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Salgado.

Chairperson Butitta called for 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. Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant