

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

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Paul Arena
Keith McDonald
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Absent:

Joe Hoffman
Jaime Salgado, Vice Chairperson

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
Hope Edwards, Director, Purchasing
Debbie Jarvis, Director of Court Services, 17th Judicial Circuit
Julie McCray-Grotto, Juvenile Detention
Kim Kovanda, State's Attorney's Office
Tom Lawson, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk
Carol Hartline, Attorney, Williams McCarthy LLP
Dominick Barcellona, Retired Deputy Chief WCSO

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of April 3, 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. Fiscal Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements Presentation – Baker Tilly
- F. Resolution Awarding Court and Case Management Software Agreement to Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC (Avenu)
- G. Ordinance for Approval of Budget Amendment for Avenu Contract [Court and Case Management Software]
- H. Discussion Item – Juvenile Detention Center, Debbie Jarvis
- I. Resolution Authorizing Wage Increases for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees of the County of Winnebago, Illinois
- J. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- K. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Thomas Morrison versus Winnebago County
- L. Other Matters
- M. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call

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

A quorum is present.

Approval of April 3, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

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.

Fiscal Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements Presentation – Baker Tilly

The Baker Tilly representatives reviewed the 2024 Fiscal Year Audited Financial Statements.

- Discussion followed.

Mr. Schultz mentioned that Molly Terrinoni, the Finance Director, was responsible for the financial audit quality and her contributions to the Finance Department.

Resolution Awarding Court and Case Management Software Agreement to Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC (Avenu)

Motion: Chairman Butitta. Second: Mr. McDonald.

Mr. Lawson reviewed the resolution with committee members and called for comments.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance for Approval of Budget Amendment for Avenu Contract [Court and Case Management Software

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Arena.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Item – Juvenile Detention Center, Debbie Jarvis

Debbie Jarvis presented on the Space Needs Study, the three phases of the Juvenile Detention Center expansion project, and the next steps.

- Discussion followed.

Resolution Authorizing Wage Increases for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees of the County of Winnebago, Illinois

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.
The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call

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

No action was taken in Closed Session.

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Thomas Morrison versus Winnebago County

Motion: Chairman Butitta. Second: Mr. Arena.
Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.
The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Matters

- None reported.

Adjournment

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.
The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant