

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

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

**Present:**

John Butitta, Chairperson  
Paul Arena  
Valerie Hanserd  
Joe Hoffman  
Keith McDonald  
John F. Sweeney  
Christina Valdez

**Others Present:**

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator  
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer  
Lafakeria Reuter, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office  
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of July 17, 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 a Budget Amendment for Probation Emergency Boiler Replacement
- F. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Circuit Court Year-End Adjustments
- G. Ordinance Amending the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances by the Addition of Article VIII to Chapter 78, Imposing a County Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and County Grocery Service Occupation Tax
- H. Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026
- I. Discussion—Camera Project Amendment
- J. Third Quarter FY25 Finance Report
- K. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- L. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Jason Ferro versus Winnebago County
- M. Resolution Approving the Purdue Pharma, L.P. Bankruptcy Plan and Execution of the Governmental Entity Settlement Agreement Sackler Release (Opioid Litigation)
- N. Resolution Authorizing the County of Winnebago, Illinois's Participation in Eight Defendant Settlements (Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun Pharma and Zydus) (Opioid Litigation)

- O. Budget Update
- P. Other Matters
- Q. Adjournment

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM.

### **Roll Call**

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

A quorum is present.

### **Approval of July 17, 2025 Minutes**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of July 17, 2025.

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 a Budget Amendment for Probation Emergency Boiler Replacement**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Schultz reviewed the ordinance.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the ordinance.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Circuit Court Year-End Adjustments**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Mr. Jakeway reviewed the ordinance.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the ordinance.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Ordinance Amending the Winnebago County Code of Ordinances by the Addition of Article VIII to Chapter 78, Imposing a County Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and County Grocery Service Occupation Tax**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Mr. Dornbush reviewed the ordinance.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairperson Butitta called for a roll call vote.

Chairperson Butitta, no; Mr. Arena, no; Ms. Hanserd, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. McDonald, no; Mr. Sweeney, yes; Ms. Valdez, yes.

The motion was passed by a majority vote conducted by roll call.

### **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Mr. Schultz discussed the ordinance.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- Discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the ordinance.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Discussion—Camera Project Amendment**

Mr. Thompson requested that the Camera Project Amendment be included on the next Finance Committee agenda and provided related details.

### **Third Quarter FY25 Finance Report**

Mr. Schultz discussed the third quarter FY25 Finance report.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions.

### **Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta made a motion to enter a Closed Session. Second: Mr. Arena.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairperson Butitta called for a roll call vote.

Chairperson Butitta, yes; Mr. Arena, yes; Ms. Hanserd, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Mr. McDonald, yes;

Mr. Sweeney, yes; Ms. Valdez, yes.

The motion to enter a Closed Session was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

No action was taken in the Closed Session.

### **Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Jason Ferro versus Winnebago County**

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.

### **Resolution Approving the Purdue Pharma, L.P. Bankruptcy Plan and Execution of the Governmental Entity Settlement Agreement Sackler Release (Opioid Litigation)**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

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.

### **Resolution Authorizing the County of Winnebago, Illinois's Participation in Eight Defendant Settlements (Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun Pharma and Zydus) (Opioid Litigation)**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

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.

**Budget Update**

Mr. Schultz gave a Budget update.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions.

**Other Matters**

Mr. Sweeney expressed his appreciation to Ms. Reuter and her team for their efforts on the VAC litigation.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Hoffman. Second: Ms. Valdez.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant