

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

Thursday, September 18, 2025  
Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

**Present:**

John Butitta, Chairperson  
Valerie Hanserd  
Joe Hoffman  
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  
John Giliberti, State's Attorney's Office  
Tom Lawson, Circuit Clerk  
Theresa Grennan, Treasurer

**Absent:**

Paul Arena  
Keith McDonald

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of August 28, 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 Update – Treasurer Theresa Grennan
- F. Budget Update
- G. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Labor Negotiations
- H. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Illinois Council 31, Local 473 (AFSCME) and the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk
- I. Other Matters
- J. Adjournment

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

A quorum is present.

**Approval of August 28, 2025 Minutes**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of August 28, 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.

**Treasurer's Investment Update – Treasurer Theresa Grennan**

Ms. Grennan provided details on the County's investments.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions or discussion.

- A discussion followed.

**Budget Update**

Mr. Schultz provided an update on the changes since the FY2026 budget layover.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions or discussion.

**Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation**

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

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairperson Butitta called for a roll call vote.

Chairperson Butitta, yes; Ms. Hanserd, yes; Mr. Hoffman, 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 Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Illinois Council 31, Local 473 (AFSCME) and the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

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.

**Other Matters**

Mr. Schultz reported on an IGA entered into in 2020 involving the Rockford School District and other partners in Rockford. The County has allocated a second round of funding amounting to \$8,077 as instructed by the IGA.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant