

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

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

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

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
Hope Edwards, Director, Purchasing
Rick Ciganek, WCSO
Frank Ingardona, WCSO

Absent:

Christina Valdez

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of September 18, 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. Discussion – Police Training Center
- F. Other Matters
- G. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

A quorum is present.

Approval of September 18, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of September 18, 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 the absence of anyone present to speak.

Discussion – Police Training Center

Mr. Dornbush initiated a discussion about the Police Training Center. Mr. Ingardona distributed a handout and reviewed it with the committee.

- A discussion followed.

Other Matters

None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant