

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

Thursday, February 19, 2026
5:30 PM

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Valerie Hanserd
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Absent:

Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
Keith McDonald

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (Staff Liaison)
Lafakeria Reuter, State's Attorney's Office
Hope Edwards, Director, Purchasing
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer
Shawn Franks, Director, Facilities
Dan Magers, IT
Rick Ciganek, WCSO
Tom Lawson, Circuit Clerk
Dominic Barcellona, Retired Deputy Chief WCSO

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of February 5, 2026 Meeting 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 Motorola Starcom Radio Replacements
- F. Discussion – Camera Project
- G. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Grant Extensions
- H. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for ILEAS Grant Award
- I. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Family Courts Center Owner Direct Expenses
- J. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Court-Case Management System
- K. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Report
- L. Other Matters
- M. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

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

A quorum is present.

Approval of February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Butitta omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda because no one was present to speak.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Motorola Starcom Radio Replacements

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the ordinance and provided background on the Budget Amendment.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- A discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any further discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the ordinance.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion – Camera Project

Chairperson Butitta briefed the committee on the rejected Budget Amendment, which the administration was asked to rebid.

- A discussion followed.

The State’s Attorney’s office is sending a letter regarding card access.

- A discussion followed.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Grant Extensions

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Mr. Schultz reviewed the Budget Amendment ordinance for Grant extensions.

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 ILEAS Grant Award

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Mr. Schultz reviewed the Budget Amendment ordinance for the ILEAS Grant.

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 Family Courts Center Owner Direct Expenses

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Mr. Dornbush reviewed the ordinance for the Family Courts Center Budget Amendment.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- A discussion followed.

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 Court-Case Management System

Mr. Schultz reviewed the ordinance for the Court Case Management System Budget Amendment.

Mr. Lawson shared additional information on 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.

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Report

Mr. Schultz presented the 2026 First Quarter Fiscal Year Financial Report to the committee.

- A discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Other Matters

None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Sweeney. Second: Ms. Valdez.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant