

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026  
Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

**Present:**

John Butitta, Chairperson  
Paul Arena  
Valerie Hanserd  
John F. Sweeney

**Others Present:**

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator  
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (Staff Liaison)  
Lafakeria Reuter, State's Attorney's Office  
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer  
Dr. Sandra Martell, RN, DNP, Public Health Administrator, WCHD  
Ray Thompson, County Board Member

**Absent:**

Joe Hoffman  
Keith McDonald  
Christina Valdez

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of February 19, 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. Discussion – FY27 Budget Calendar
- F. Discussion – FY27 Levy
- G. Other Matters
- H. Adjournment

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Butitta called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

A quorum is present.

**Approval of February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of the February 19, 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.

### **Discussion – FY27 Budget Calendar**

Mr. Schultz provided a summary sheet outlining the steps in the proposed FY27 budget calendar. A review of the summary sheet followed. Mr. Schultz asked if there were any questions about the process.

- A discussion followed.

### **Discussion – FY27 Levy**

Mr. Schultz reviewed the FY27 Levy and provided additional details.

- A discussion followed.

### **Other Matters**

- PSST Fund - Mr. Schultz reviewed the modified schedule for debt payments.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile  
Executive Assistant