

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

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

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
Ray Thompson, County Board Member

Absent:

Keith McDonald

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of March 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. Resolution Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for Khrysta Oleson
- F. Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Policy
- G. Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations
- H. Other Matters
- I. Adjournment

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

A quorum is present.

Approval of March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of the March 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.

Resolution Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for Khrysta Oleson

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Arena.

Mr. Schultz shared details about the Resolution.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

- A discussion followed.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the resolution.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Policy

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Schultz discussed the resolution to adopt the FY2027 Budget Policy.

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.

Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations

The Closed Session was canceled.

Other Matters

- Mr. Schultz provided an update on the budget deficit discussed at the previous committee meeting and offered details on levy line items and the River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation levy. A discussion followed.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant