

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026
5:30 PM

Present:

John Butitta, **Chairperson**
Matthew Gabel
Valerie Hanserd
Joe Hoffman
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Absent:

Paul Arena

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (Staff Liaison)
Lafakeria Reuter, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office
Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer
Shawn Franks, Director, Facilities
Lori Gummow, County Clerk, Winnebago County
Tom Lawson, Circuit Clerk, Winnebago County
Theresa Grennan, Treasurer, Winnebago County
Rick Ciganek, WCSO
Dave Tassoni, County Board Member
Ray Thompson, County Board Member

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of May 7, 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. Treasurer's Investment Report - Treasurer Theresa Grennan
- F. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Cameras and Access Card Readers
- G. Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter Financial Report
- H. Resolution Setting the Salaries of Certain County Elected Officials
- I. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Public Safety Building Roof Replacement
- J. Other Matters
- K. Adjournment

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

A quorum is present.

Approval of May 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Hoffman.

Chairperson Butitta called for any discussion.

Chairperson Butitta called for a vote to approve the minutes of the May 7, 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.

Treasurer's Investment Report - Treasurer Theresa Grennan

Ms. Grennan presented the Treasurer's Investment report to the committee.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Cameras and Access Card Readers

Chairperson Butitta previously distributed correspondence from the State's Attorney's office to the contractor. Chairperson Butitta advised that the ordinance will be laid over until the matter is resolved.

Fiscal Year 2026 Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Schultz gave an update on the FY26 Second Quarter Financial report.

Chairperson Butitta called for any questions.

- A discussion followed.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Public Safety Building Roof Replacement

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Mr. Sweeney.

Chairperson Butitta shared information regarding the roof replacement.

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.

Resolution Setting the Salaries of Certain County Elected Officials

Chairperson Butitta reported on the discussion item regarding the preparation of a resolution establishing the salaries of certain county-elected officials. Mr. Ray Thompson presented a proposal to resolve the issue of setting salaries. Mr. Ray Thompson asked if there were any questions. Mr. Patrick Thompson thanked Mr. Ray Thompson for the time and effort put into creating the proposal.

- A discussion followed.

The proposals will be brought to a joint caucus meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Other Matters

- None reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant