

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

Thursday, June 4, 2026
Immediately following the Operations & Administrative Committee Meeting

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Paul Arena
Matthew Gabel
Valerie Hanserd
John F. Sweeney
Christina Valdez

Others Present:

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
Luke Carlson, Attorney, State's Attorney's Office

Absent:

Joe Hoffman

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of May 21, 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 America 250 Celebration Awards
- F. Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Settlement of Labor Grievances filed by AFSCME Local 473 with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
- 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; Mr. Gabel, yes; Ms. Hanserd, yes; Mr. Sweeney, yes; Ms. Valdez, yes.

A quorum is present.

Approval of May 21, 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 May 21, 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 America 250 Celebration Awards

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Mr. Schultz shared information regarding 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.

Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Settlement of Labor Grievances filed by AFSCME Local 473 with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Ms. Valdez.

Ms. Reuter shared information regarding the ordinance.

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.

Other Matters

- Mr. Schultz provided the committee with Budget update handouts.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant