

**Winnebago County Board
Special Finance Committee Meeting**

Winnebago County Courthouse
400 West State Street, Room 815
Rockford, IL 61101

Thursday, June 25, 2026
5:30 PM

Present:

John Butitta, Chairperson
Paul Arena
Joe Hoffman
John F. Sweeney (arrived at 5:44 pm)
Michael Thompson (Sub)

Others Present:

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Steve Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (Staff Liaison)
Lafakeria Reuter, Civil Bureau Chief, State's Attorney's Office
John Giliberti, Attorney, State's Attorney's Office

Absent:

Matthew Gabel
Valerie Hanserd
Christina Valdez

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of June 4, 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. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation
- F. Other Matters
- G. Adjournment

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta, yes; Mr. Arena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Dr. Thompson, yes (Sub).

A quorum is present.

Approval of June 4, 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 June 4, 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.

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation

Motion: Chairperson Butitta made a motion to enter a Closed Session. Second: Dr. Thompson.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Roll Call

Chairperson Butitta, yes; Mr. Arena, yes; Mr. Hoffman, yes; Dr. Thompson, yes (Sub).

Chairperson Butitta – No action was taken during the closed session.

Other Matters

- Change in law regarding the Trustee Program to be added to the next Finance Agenda.

Adjournment

Chairperson Butitta called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Chairperson Butitta. Second: Dr. Thompson.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile

Executive Assistant