

FINANCE
August 20th, 2025

Call to order	<p>The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Finance Chairman Gary Koch. Committee members Gerry Krachey, Bruce Strnad, Greg Russell, and Wayne Jerret were present. Also present were Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Kyle Kozelka, Hwy Commissioner; Dan McWilliams, HHSD Director; Deanne Lutz, Treasurer; and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk.</p>
Verify posting	<p>The Finance Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted at the Courthouse, Administration Building and on the county website.</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion by Krachey, second by Jerrett to approve the minutes from the August 6th Finance Committee meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.</p>
Approval of Bills and Proposals	<p>The Clerk presented one invoice for approval today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• La Crosse Co. SMRT Bus - \$6,000.00 <p>Motion by Jerrett, second by Strnad to approve payment of the above invoice. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
CSA Program-Request of Funds	<p>Amanda Griswold, UW Extension, is requesting \$13,500 from the Ho-Chunk Funds that Crawford County receives annually to support a two-year pilot program she is developing. The program is designed to encourage and financially incentivize Crawford County families to open a Wisconsin Edvest 529 account for eligible children by age 2. These accounts would be opened and owned by the family, with the child listed as beneficiary.</p> <p>The pilot program would run for two years and provide a \$100 incentive for each account opened within the first two years of a child's life. Families participating in WIC would receive a \$200 incentive.</p> <p>Deanne Lutz, Treasurer, expressed concern that this request may not align with the intended use of Ho-Chunk Funds under the Intergovernmental Contract. She noted that strict reporting requirements may apply, and misuse could risk termination of funding. Typically, Ho-Chunk Funds are designated for county promotion, economic development, and tourism-related marketing efforts.</p> <p>The Finance Committee members were all in agreement that they would consider this when preparing the 2026 Budget and would address it at a future Finance Committee meeting. No action was taken today.</p>

**PdC Area
Chamber of
Commerce
Request**

The Clerk received a letter of request from the PdC Area Chamber of Commerce for the continued funding of \$13,500 for 2026 to help sustain and expand the tourism-related initiatives that benefit Crawford County.

This also will be considered when preparing the 2026 Budget and addressed at a future Finance Committee meeting.

**Co Treasurer
Report**

Updated monthly Sales and Use and Wheel Tax reports were distributed and reviewed today. Sales & Use Tax in July increased 37.1% from last year. Wheel Tax increased 4.83% in June and 11.29% in July from last year during the same times.

An update was also provided on the Capital Project—New Jail & Emergency Government Mobile Unit expense account. We are now in Phase 2 borrowing. The interest earned as of July 2025 of the Phase 2 borrowing is \$257,650.16. Total available funds from this phase is \$12,088.805.49.

Next meeting

September 17th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Cornford, second by Strnad to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk