

FINANCE
February 18th, 2026

Call to order The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Finance Chairman Gary Koch. Committee members Gerry Krachey, Greg Russell, and Wayne Jerrett were present. Bruce Strnad was absent. Also present were Tom Cornford, County Board Chair; Holly Tanner, Clerk of Court; Deanne Lutz, Treasurer; Dan McWilliams, HHSD Director; and Roberta Fisher, County Clerk.

Verify posting The Finance Chairman verified that the meeting notice was properly posted at the Courthouse, Administration Building and on the county website.

Approval of Minutes **Motion by Krachey, second by Jerrett to approve the minutes from the February 4th Finance Committee meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.**

Approval of Bills and Proposals The Clerk presented the bills and invoices for approval.

- Peterson, Antoine & Peterson \$ 3,712.50
- Driftless Development \$ 64,000.00
- Linder & Marsack \$ 1,408.00
- Driftless Wisconsin \$ 5,500.00
- Kraemer Brothers, Payment App #17 \$864,863.30
- Dell Marketing (Soft Cost) \$ 919.50

Motion by Jerrett, second by Krachey to approve the above invoices for payment today. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Property met last week, approved two proposals, and requested they be forwarded to the Finance Committee to determine the source of funding.

The first proposal is submitted by State-Line Construction to construct offices in the upstairs Human Services area that previously contained cubicles. The total amount of the proposal is \$25,980.00 **Motion by Cornford, second by Krachey to allocate \$25,980.00 from the Technology Fund to cover this expense. The motion carried unanimously.**

The second proposal is submitted by River Valley Land Surveying to prepare a Certified Survey Map of two lots and an out lot in the Village of Gays Mills and Crawford County. The amount of this proposal is

\$4,800.00. Motion by Krachey, second by Koch, to also allocate \$4,800 from the Technology Fund to cover this expense. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Bank Proposals
Phase III
Borrowing**

Deanne Lutz, Treasurer, presented two bank proposals to the Finance Committee members today for review.

Motion by Koch, second by Cornford to accept the proposal from Community First Bank with a Fixed Rate of 3.37% for 12 months. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**County Treas
Report**

Lutz also presented the Sales & Use, Wheel Tax, and Jail Project Expense update.

Sales Tax went down 12% in comparison to January of 2025. This seems to be a typical trend in January. Wheel Tax also went down 7% in comparison to January of 2025.

**Clerk of Court
Report**

Holly Tanner, Clerk of Court, informed the committee today that she is looking to hire a Deputy Clerk. Her most recent hire has transferred to another department. Tanner will be interviewing a candidate tomorrow at 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting

March 18th, 2026, for the regular monthly committee meeting.

The Clerk will reach out to Bob Moses to present his Strategic Marketing plan one last time before he goes in front of full county board.

The Clerk will also reach out to Greg Callin of Kraemer Brothers to see if he would be available for the March 10th meeting rather than the April 21st organizational meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Cornford; second by Krachey to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk