

FINANCE
April 1st, 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; Deanne Lutz, Treasurer; Nate Bremmer, Jailer; Linda Redman; RIP; Heidi Becwar, Judicial Assistant; Holly Tanner, Clerk of Court; 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 March 18th 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 for soft costs associated with the jail construction project.
- Motion by Krachey, second by Russell, to approve the invoices for payment today. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Opioid Funds Project Request** This item will be placed on the April 22nd Finance Committee Agenda, as there were scheduling conflicts with the presenters.
- Courthouse Updates** A Physical Risk Assessment was conducted at the Crawford County Courthouse by the state. Several areas of concern were identified as needing corrective action.
- Heidi Becwar, Judicial Assistant, and Linda Redman, RIP, presented quotes addressing a number of these concerns. The total estimated cost for the recommended courthouse updates is \$29,488.00. They are requesting funding to complete these necessary improvements.
- Gary Koch confirmed with the county’s bond counsel that these expenses do qualify as eligible costs that may be covered by the funds borrowed for the new jail project. However, it will be a couple of months before we know how much of the borrowed funds will remain available.
- It was agreed that all but the card readers (\$19,418.00) are immediate needs. These items will be purchased now using an existing general ledger account. Once the status of the jail borrowing account is known, a journal entry will be made to reimburse that account accordingly.

Motion by Krachey; second by Cornford to approve the proposals as presented in the amount of \$29,488.00, with the funds being disbursed from the jail project borrowing. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**April County
Board Agenda**

The County Board meeting on April 21st will serve as the organizational meeting. All newly elected County Board Supervisors will be sworn in at that time. Elections for County Board Chair, Vice-Chair and the Highway Committee will also take place during this meeting.

In addition, the County Board Chair will appoint a citizen member to the Land Conservation and Zoning Committee. There will also be appointments to the Board of Adjustment, the Couleecap Board, and two appointments to the Lower Wisconsin Riverway board.

Branden Yates of Dairyland Power will give a presentation on the proposed 765 kV transmission line. Greg Callin will provide a brief update on the final stages of the Justice Center project. A Soil & Water Proclamation will be presented, and the Board will consider four resolutions and one ordinance.

Following the meeting, supervisors are invited to a walkthrough of the new Justice Center. A light lunch and beverages will be provided by Kraemer Brothers.

Corporation Counsel has prepared a Resolution to Discontinue the SMRT Bus Program at the request of the Finance Committee from the last meeting.

Motion by Koch; second by Jerrett to approve the Resolution to Discontinue the SMRT Bus Program and recommend to full county board for adoption. The motion carried unanimously with no negative votes cast.

Next meeting April 22nd, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment **Motion by Krachey; second by Jerrett to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.**

Roberta A. Fisher, County Clerk