

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee members present were Chair Travis Hiel, Vice Chair Larry Aurelio, Eric Chapman, Mike Cox, Ken Durkin, Joe Erlandson, and Craig Foster. Others in attendance included County Chair Eric Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

Chair Hiel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from January, 2026

Member Foster moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

MCPT Report

The monthly MCPT Report was received and filed.

Bushnell Senior Meals Report Review & Approval

Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Durkin to approve the YMCA invoice in the amount of \$1,194.29 for January, 2026. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Coroner Report

The monthly Coroner Report was received and filed.

Monthly Financial Reports

The monthly Financial Reports were received and filed.

Transfer of Funds

Mutual medical, and circuit court due to a late audit.

Warrants Issued in Vacation

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Foster to approve the Warrants Issued in Vacation. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Insurance Update

None.

Final Payment to CAD and Courthouse Project Completion

Matt Kawalca and Jeremy Benson reviewed previous payments to CAD and realized they had overpaid in May 2025. A refund check was issued, and the bill was settled. Phase 1 of the courthouse project has been completed, and Phase 2 will be planned soon.

ARPA Funds and Reporting

Jeremy discussed funds received under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, which was part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The money received through this recovery fund has been accruing interest. The committee discussed how these funds might be allocated.

Request for Proposals for Accounting Software

Jeremy Benson and Matt Kawalca will be advertising on the county website proposal requests for a financial management system. A new financial system is needed to keep up with the growing needs for the county. This proposal will be moving to the full board meeting.

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Foster to approve the proposal requests for a financial management system. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Consent Agenda

A consent agenda would like to be used for the county board meetings. Members will be able to vote on multiple agenda items at once. This will move to the full board meeting.

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Aurelio to move the use of a consent agenda to the full board for approval. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approval of Claims

Member Foster moved with a second by Member Aurelio to approve the Claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric Blakeley informed the committee that waste from another county will begin being dumped in the McDonough County landfill in approximately six to nine months. The fill rate will increase due to the additional waste. Eric also discussed the closing of the Mary Davis Juvenile Detention Center.

Adjourn

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Foster to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.