

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JULY 8, 2026

The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, July 8, 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 Matt Kwacala, Susan Maxwell, County Chair Eric Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from June 10, 2026

Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Foster 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 Chapman moved with a second by Member Durkin to approve the YMCA invoice in the amount of \$1,453.05 for June, 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

None.

Warrants Issued in Vacation

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

Insurance Update

Jeremy Benson informed the committee that claims are submitting well and there is currently about a \$100,000 price different from the same time last year.

Matt Kwacala – Payroll Budget Adjustment

Matt has hired a third assistant from Texas. Him and Susan discussed the new hires credentials and asked for an increase in his budget for payroll. This will be talked about more during the budget meetings.

Approval of Claims

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

Other

Joe Erlandson asked Jeremy about the treasurer's investment policy that was dropped from the board agenda a couple months ago. Jeremy explained that through some research, it was determined that the County Treasurer does not need approval from a committee or board to change the investment policy.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric told the committee about RWE working hard on the wind farm. County Highway Engineer, Rick Walker will be getting access from RWE for a tour that the members can attend.

Adjourn

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Foster to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.