

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **MAY 13, 2026**

The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Law Library. Committee members present were Chair Travis Hiel, 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. Member Vice Chair Larry Aurelio was absent.

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

### **Review and Approve Minutes from April 8, 2026**

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve the minutes with corrections. 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 Foster to approve the YMCA invoice in the amount of \$950.03 for April, 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**

Health Insurance and County Highway Department.

### **Warrants Issued in Vacation**

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

### **Insurance Update**

Keith Krohe and Randy Pickering came and gave a five-month comparison to last year. The comparison showed \$115,621 less than same time period last year. There are no plans to change any benefits. They also stated that the insurance meeting held in the morning went very well.

### **Review and Approve County Investment Policy**

This investment policy is staying the same, but Dana would like to invest money into three different companies. This money would be coming from two different banks that the county banks with. This will earn the county more money, but can always be pulled out if she is not seeing the results that she would like. Discussion was held and questions were asked. This will be going to full board once the committee has time to look it over.

**Review and Approve Elected Officials Salary**

Jeremy Benson brought to the committee elected official salaries for the County Clerk and Treasurer, as well as the appointed position for the County Assessor. Discussion was held regarding how the salary increase should be implemented. The conclusion was made to determine salary according to the consumer price index.

Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Foster to approve a 2.7% CPI increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup> on a four-year schedule for the County Assessor.

Member Erlandson moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve a 2.7% CPI increase for the County Clerk and Treasurer effective every December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Discuss Macomb Storm Siren**

ESDA Director Edgar Rodriguez informed the committee that the storm siren located at the Courthouse failed its storm test due to parts being burnt up. The siren is from the 60's/70's so finding parts for it will be difficult but could be done. The committee believes that the City of Macomb is who owns the siren, therefore Edgar would need to go and speak to them about replacing it.

**Approval of Claims**

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

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Board Chair Comments**

Eric informed the committee that him and Clayton will be attending the 4H multi county board meeting to meet the new director.

**Adjourn**

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Foster to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.