

**Finance Committee Meeting
October 22, 2025**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayland Gladstone, John Kosier, Joe Cetta, Eric Wilson,
George Haynes, Wayne Marshfield, Tina Molé
Staff: Beverly Shields, Carli Pinner, Penny Bishop

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, the October 8 committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

The Sales Tax report for the October 14 payment was reviewed. The report indicates an increase of 10.3272% relative to last year. Mr. Merrill stated there is generally a large negative with the end of the year adjustment. Last year the EOY adjustment was negative \$2.5M and the 2023 EOY adjustment was negative \$2.55M. He would expect a similar adjustment this year.

Treasurer's Office – Beverly Shields

In reply to Mr. Marshfield, Mrs. Shields said her staff uses the new software system every day. She confirmed this program will replace the current software, but they are still working on the foreclosure aspect. They were running both programs side by side. In response to Mr. Merrill, she said the transition will not be completed this year because they are not able to have a foreclosure. Other than foreclosures, they are using the new system for all the current data.

Clerk of the Board – Penny Bishop

The Clerk reported that the Legal Aid to Indigent funds are depleted. The County has received some state reimbursement and the funds are needed to cover the current 18-B vouchers. She presented a not-prefiled resolution to appropriate \$30,000.

There were four additional not-prefiled resolutions: Planning budget amendment to use O'Connor Foundation comprehensive plan funding to purchase an owl meeting video conference camera; a Planning budget amendment to transfer funds to purchase necessary equipment to provide safe access on sidewalks of County property acquired through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation buyout program in the Village of Sidney; a DSS disposition of personal property resolution; and the payment of audit.

In reply to Mr. Wilson, Ms. Molé stated the Village of Sidney just approved the agreement to utilize this one-time equipment purchase to keep these walkways safe.

Mr. Cetta made a motion to enter executive session for ongoing salary negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kosier and unanimously carried.

Committee reconvened in regular session.

Travel, equipment, and fill vacancy requests were reviewed and approved as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.