

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance, Tax, & Budgets
CHAIRPERSON: John Schultz
DATE/TIME: May 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Schultz, John Lang, John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Michael Holt, and Michael Dittmar. Present electronically: LaDon Trost.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Kaiser, Laura Edmonds, Tammy Cahill, Melisa Hammer, and Klaus Kretschmer. Zoom: Tessa Moore.

1. Call to Order: Committee Chairperson John Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the April 24, 2025 Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting – Gallagher/Creighton motioned to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025 Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Citizens' Comments: None.

4. Unfinished Business: None.

5. New Business:

- a) Discussion and possible action to recommend the approval of a First-Time Homebuyer Loan application for Brian Marcure, Stockton, in the amount of \$5,995.00 for a term of ten years – Gallagher/Creighton motioned to recommend approval of a First-Time Homebuyer Loan application for Brian Marcure, Stockton, in the amount of \$5,995.00 for a term of ten years. The motion carried by voice vote.
- b) Discussion and possible action to recommend the approval of a First-Time Homebuyer Loan application for Adelyn Stodden, East Dubuque, in the amount of \$8,750.00 for a term of ten years – Dittmar/Lang motioned to recommend the approval of a First-Time Homebuyer Loan application for Adelyn Stodden, East Dubuque, in the amount of \$8,750.00 for a term of ten years. The motion carried by voice vote.
- c) Discussion and possible action to recommend the approval for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles from Thomas Dodge at a cost not to exceed \$82,684.00 – Schultz/Holt motioned to recommend the approval for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles from Thomas Dodge at a cost not to exceed \$82,684.00. The motioned carried by voice vote.
- d) Discussion and possible action to recommend issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Audit Services for FY2025, FY2026, and FY2027, with an optional two years – Dittmar/Holt motioned to recommend issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Audit Services for FY2025, FY2026, and FY2027, with an optional two years. The motion carried by voice vote.
- e) Discussion and possible action to recommend adopting the FY2026 JDC Budget Preparation Calendar and Joint Committee Review Meeting Schedule – Lang/Creighton motioned to recommend the FY2026 JDC Budget Preparation Calendar and Joint Committee Review Meeting Schedule. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Reports:

- a) Chief County Assessment Office – Laura Edmonds, CCAO – Edmonds reported the Board of Review opened their 2025 session. The annual Farmland Assessment Committee meeting was also recently held, and they approved the 2026 values. Edmonds also provided the Annual County Assessors Report in the meeting packet.
- b) Treasurer’s Office – Melisa Hammer, County Treasurer – Hammer reported her office has been extremely busy collecting property taxes. The due date is fast approaching for the first installment. At this point, there is over 70% collected. Her report was included in the meeting packet.
- c) Grants Administrator – Tammy Cahill – Cahill reported she has spent a lot of time with the auditors on the consolidated year-end financial report. She was able to submit earlier this month so she can now move onto FY2025. There was mention of a mini enforcement grant the Sheriff’s office had applied for and received. Cahill is still waiting to hear of any updates on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Updated grant, which is a federal grant.

7. Citizens’ Comments: None.

8. Board Member Concerns: Gallagher asked whether Blackhawk Hills Regional Council had reached out to the county recently. Creighton mentioned that the Stockton group met with property owners regarding the Stockton business complex; they received a letter of intent to participate in the project. He said that David Schmit of NWILED is in the process of getting information together for a feasibility study, making everything ready when the grant opportunities present themselves. Dittmar asked if the policy for retiree health insurance would be discussed soon. Holt expressed his concern over giving taxpayer money away in regards to economic development. Lang emphasized his intent to ensure the retiree insurance verbiage is contained in future collective bargaining agreements. Trost wanted to clarify that the economic development grant awards were not from taxpayer money and came from the old riverboat funds that have been sitting for a long time.

9. Adjourn: Lang/Dittmar motioned to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.