

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 11, 2026

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

Vice Chair Larry Aurelio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from February, 2026

Member Chapman 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 Erlandson moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve the YMCA invoice in the amount of \$910.85 for February, 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 Department and Road and Bridge.

Warrants Issued in Vacation

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

Insurance Update

Keith Krohe came and gave a health plan report comparison between 2024 and 2025. Significantly less claims were submitted in 2025. Keith informed the committee of possible changes that may be made to health insurance. He will update the committee in July.

Transfer of Funds from Fund 087 to 066

As mentioned in the previous meeting, Fund 087 was part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Interest has been accruing on the fund. Ken Durkin expressed interest in moving this accrued interest into the Animal Control Memorial Fund to be used for a future animal shelter. Joe Erlandson reminded the committee of a prior discussion regarding the county not being involved in the production of a new shelter when that time comes. A lengthy discussion followed regarding this matter.

Member Durkin moved with a second by Member Aurelio to approve a resolution for the funds transfer to be sent to the full board. The motion failed on a voice vote with two in favor and three against.

Approval of Claims

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

Board Payroll Processing Date

Jeremy Benson brought to the committee a date change for when county board payments will be going out. Board payroll would like to be changed to the last day of the month, the same payroll processing date as the county employees. This will allow the treasurers office to have more time for their own office work.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

Darcie Shinberger asked questions regarding the County and the animal shelter. More discussion was held regarding the transfer of funds.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric Blakeley encouraged everyone to vote on March 17th.

Adjourn

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.