

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Zahren Building in the Special Education Co-op Room. 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 County Chair Eric Blakeley, and County Clerk Jeremy Benson.

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

Review and Approve Minutes from August 12, 2026

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Durkin 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 Foster to approve the YMCA invoice in the amount of 1,043.67 for August, 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 Aurelio 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 to give an update. A recommended 5% increase was suggested, and will be brought to Finance and Board in October.

Discuss 2027 Budget

A special meeting will be held at 8 a.m. as a final wrap up.

Discussion Regarding Changes to Tax Sale Procedures

Dana Moon and a member from the County Trustee came and discussed the process of eliminating the tax sale and moving all delinquent real estate to the County Trustee. This will be taken to the full board meeting for members to vote on.

Approval of Claims

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

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Board Chair Comments

Eric Blakeley said he has been getting a lot of questions regarding the Colchester Solar Sun project that is going in. A public hearing will be held regarding these questions. Eric also informed the committee that Lifeguard has purchased two new ambulances.

Adjourn

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Foster to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.