

MANITOWOC COUNTY JOINT FINANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES
Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building
July 14, 2025

Finance Committee Attendance: Chairman Hansen, Supervisors Hacker, Lillibridge, and Shimulunas were in attendance.

Public Safety Committee Attendance: Chairman James Falkowski, Supervisors Mike Grambow, Dylan Hammel, Tim Jadowski, and Nicholas Muench.

Others in Attendance: County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Finance Director JJ Gutman, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Susie Maresh, and Scott Schiesl.

Call to Order:

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

Chairman Hansen declared public input open at 4:30 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Hansen closed public input at 4:30 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 Finance Committee meeting:

Supervisor Hacker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Lillibridge. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve vouchers for June 2025 in the amount of \$5,563,611.62: Supervisor Hacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Shimulunas to approve the vouchers. Upon vote, the vouchers in the amount of \$5,563,611.62 were approved.

Discussion on body cameras and current status of project: Supervisor Falkowski reported the Public Safety Committees discussion regarding the safety the body cameras would bring to the deputies, along with how it would benefit the court system by having more effective law enforcement. Sheriff Hartwig explained the technology has been around since mid-2000 and most law enforcement agencies are currently using this technology. This equipment would be a possible recruiting tool as well. The program could include an IA option that would benefit the efficiency of deputies completing reports. The cost would come out of the sheriff department budget. Chairman Hansen discussed the importance of the technology, even though it is costly. All three proposals are for a total of \$1,491,670, but there are three different payment rates. The first was a flat rate of \$298,333.90 for five years. The second was an inflationary rate starting at \$275,402.63 and increasing each year for the next five years. The third was a first-year 10% discount for \$149,166.94, then \$335,625.65 over the next four years. Supervisor Muench moved to include the inflationary proposal in the 2026 budget, seconded by Supervisor Hammel. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously by the Public Safety and Finance Committees.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Hacker moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Muench. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, County Clerk