

MANITOWOC COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE
Communication and Technology Building
October 12, 2026

Attendance: Chairman Grambow, Supervisors Hacker, Lillibridge, Shimulunas, and Sortwell. Also in attendance: County Executive Tyler Martell, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Child Support Director Kristine Damman, County Treasurer Melissa McCulley, Financial Service Supervisor Melissa Diener, Register of Deeds Kristi Tuesburg, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, County Board Chair Phipps, and Supervisors Heilman and Schiesl.

Call to Order: Chairman Grambow called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Receive and Place on File: Chairman Grambow questioned if the committee had any objections to the minutes and vouchers. There were no objections. All items were received and placed on file.

Consideration and action regarding bids Received for the sale of tax deeded properties: County Clerk Backus informed the committee no bids were received.

Update on County Finances and/or Budget: County Executive Martell provided an update on the current and future budgets.

2027 Proposed Budget Discussion: Chairman Grambow requested each department director to explain their 2027 budgets.

Child Support Director Damman presented her 2027 budget. After discussion, Supervisor Sortwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Hacker to change the following expenses under the Child Support budget: reduce line 52908-Paternity Lab Tests from \$10,000 to \$7,000, reduce line 53020-Subscriptions, Newspaper, & Periodicals from \$700 to \$350, and reduce line 53027-Membership Dues from \$1,000 to \$600. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Backus presented her 2027 budget. After discussion, Supervisor Sortwell moved, seconded by Supervisor Grambow to change the following expense under the County Clerk budget: reduce line 53998 Other Operating Supplies from \$10,000 to \$0. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

County Treasurer McCulley presented her 2027 budget. Discussion followed.

Financial Service Supervisor Diener presented the 2027 Finance Department budget. Discussion followed.

Register of Deeds Tuesburg presented her 2027 budget. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: Supervisor Hacker moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Sortwell. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, County Clerk