

MANITOWOC COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE
Communication and Technology Building
September 14, 2026

Attendance: Chairman Grambow, Supervisors Hacker, Lillibridge, Shimulunas, and Sortwell. Also in attendance: Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, County Treasurer Melissa McCulley, Public Works Director Craig Breit, and Supervisor 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 to Approve Values for In-Rem Properties:
Public Works Director Breit presented a handout listing a tax foreclosed real estate property the County will be seeking bids on. Supervisor Hacker moved to advertise the property at the recommended appraised values, seconded by Supervisor Sortwell. Upon discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Update on County Finances and/or Budget: County Executive Martell provided an update on the 2027 budget.

“Penny Plan” Discussion: Supervisor Grambow presented Rand Paul’s “Penny Plan” in which the federal government would reduce the federal budget by six percent from the previous year’s budget. Within five years the annual budget would be in balance, and the total federal debt would be on a path to being paid off. The committee discussed how they could incorporate a similar idea for Manitowoc County.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sortwell moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Lillibridge. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, County Clerk