



Minutes - November 6, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Mahwinney called the hybrid Finance Committee meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in Conference Room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Mawhinney, Towns, Ringhand, Wilson, and Schwarz.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: John Light, County Administrator; Kristin Vander Kooi, Finance Director; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Mike Parille, Facilities Superintendent; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Rich Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Michelle Roettger, Treasurer; Amy Spoden, Human Resources Director; Vanessa Beckham, Equity and Engagement Strategist; Dara Mosely, Assistant IT Director; Kate Luster, Human Services Director; Nick Elmer, Assistant Public Works Director; Paul Crawford, Veterans Service Officer; Shanna Sanders, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Fell; Jason Sanders, District Attorney; Andrew Baker, Planning, Development, and Land Conservation Director; Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk.

Others Present: Supervisors Schneider, Peer, Boehlke, Stone, Bobzien, Pennycook, Fugelseth, Tillman, Gorman; Tony Farrell, Sr.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Schwarz moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Tony Farrell, Sr. spoke in support of the appeal from the Veterans Office to have a receptionist position added to their budget.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Cancellation of Checks Over Two Years Old: Supervisor Wilson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Ringhand. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding 2026 Budget Appeals: Chair Mawhinney informed the committee that they will walk through each appeal and then act on them after all have been heard. The committee heard from those that proposed the budget appeals that were published in the agenda packet.

Supervisor Gorman walked in a new budget appeal -- appeal 15. This appeal is related to solar energy.

Supervisor Schwarz walked in a new budget appeal -- appeal 16.

The committee then moved through the budget appeals one-by-one for consideration.

Budget Appeal 1 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 2 - Supervisor Wilson moved approval. Motion fails for lack of a second.

Budget Appeal 3 - Supervisor Ringhand moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 4 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Ringhand. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 5 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 6 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Mawhinney. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 7 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Ringhand, Wilson, Mahwinney. Motion FAILED.

Budget Appeal 8 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Ringhand, Mahwinney. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 9 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Wilson, Mawhinney. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 10 - Supervisor Towns moved approval, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 11 - Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval, second by Supervisor Wilson. ADOPTED by roll call vote.

Budget Appeal 12 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Ringhand, Wilson, Mahwinney. Motion FAILED.

Budget Appeal 13 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Wilson, Ringhand, Mahwinney. Motion FAILED.

Budget Appeal 14 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Ringhand, Towns, Wilson, Mahwinney. Motion FAILED.

Budget Appeal 15 - Supervisor Ringhand moved approval, second by Supervisor Wilson. NO - Schwarz, Towns, Mawhinney. Motion FAILED.

Budget Appeal 16 - Supervisor Schwarz moved approval, second by Supervisor Towns. NO - Ringhand, Wilson, Towns. Mahwinney. Motion FAILED.

Next meeting date and time: November 12 at 6:15 to recess to set tax levy

November 13 at time TBD is the next regular meeting

Adjournment: Supervisor Towns moved adjournment at 4:25 P.M., second by Supervisor Ringhand. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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