

**Finance Committee Meeting
June 11, 2025**

Attendees

Committee: Art Merrill, Wayne Marshfield, Wayland Gladstone, George Haynes, Joe Cetta, Eric Wilson,
John Kosier, Tina Molé
Staff: Beverly Shields, Amy Merklen, Carli Pinner, Penny Bishop

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Cetta, the May 28 committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

The Sales Tax report for the June 6 payment was reviewed. The report indicates an increase of 14.2170% relative to last year at the same time. In response to Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Shields said she would have to contact the state to find out how much of the sales tax revenue is attributed to occupancy tax. She confirmed the county portion of the occupancy sales tax is 4%.

Mr. Merrill introduced Carli Pinner who is Fiscal Manager at Fiscal Affairs. Ms. Pinner reported that things are going fairly well at Fiscal Affairs given they are short two staff members right now. The auditors are here this week and they have been able to provide all requested documents in a timely manner. In reply to Mr. Haynes, Ms. Pinner confirmed that one position has been filled and the new staff will start June 23.

County Attorney – Amy Merklen

Ms. Merklen reported that she is reviewing a local law concerning tax payments and installments that needs to be amended. The law has been in effect since 1995. In reply to Mr. Haynes, Ms. Merklen said the amendment does not need to be made before the next foreclosure sale.

Ms. Molé added there was a productive meeting this morning and it appears they will be able to file for an index number by the end of the week. In reply to Mr. Merrill, Ms. Merklen said the foreclosure sale would be set for December 19. Mrs. Shields confirmed the sale is for 2019 parcels with some from 2018 and 2017.

Ms. Molé said that a resolution would be presented later this month to approve the auction of the former DPW building.

Regarding the potential purchase of property for use by Cornell Cooperative Extension adjacent to 4-H Camp Shankitunk, Mr. Gladstone reported that three acres of the wooded parcel that the owners wanted to keep may not be able to be subdivided out due to the slope and it may not be suitable for perk testing. The view of the committee is that if the owners choose not to keep the three wooded acres, then the County would prefer to include the full 13-acre wooded lot in the purchase.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kosier and Mr. Haynes and unanimously carried.

The committee reconvened in regular session.

Travel, equipment, and fill vacancy requests were approved as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.