

Minutes of the Heath Finance Committee

March 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Jacobs Road Municipal Building

Present: Dena Briggs (Chair), Alice Wozniak and Wendy Whalen

Absent: Ned Wolf and Bob McGahan

Dena called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

Action Taken *Wendy moved to accept the amended minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting with edits. Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

Action Taken *Alice moved to accept the amended minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting with edits. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

Highway Capital Requests

- New 8' bed Pickup Truck – discussion resulted in Finance Committee not in support of this expense on FY27 budget. The reasons are the equipment currently outnumbers the drivers, and we have 2 trucks not in use that need to be sold (resulting in unnecessary spending on insurance and revenue not realized). The trucks not in use need to be sold with the money going to free cash to fund the vehicle stabilization fund to allow the purchase of more trucks.
- Garage Doors – we support the purchase from Free Cash, but we are cognizant that the entire building is in sad shape and a bigger plan is needed to address the building as a whole.
- Mower – we were not in favor of a new mower without much better justification

Alice asked Tyson to send the FinCom all of his capital requests. She will forward them when she has them.

Board of Health – Nurse position

We discussed the benefits and the costs as well as the current office hours not fitting family schedules. We would like more information from the FRCoG around the requirements for keeping the grant funding. We believe it would be beneficial to reimagine this position beyond its current scope.

Building and Maintenance – 10% Increase proposed by SB

We do not support a 10% increase across the board for maintenance.

- Jacobs Road – accept a 10% increase for this much used facility
- Sawyer Hall – support a 5% increase and save 5% by eliminating the pay phone
- Community Hall – we do not have justification for any increases in spending on this building

COLA – We support 2.8% increase in hourly wages and salary, not stipends

Free Cash Discussion

We talked about recommendations for how to distribute the FY25 Free Cash. Below is the result.

FY25 Free Cash Proposal

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Balance	3/4/2026	Distribution Proposal	Total
FY25 Free Cash	\$ 249,209.00		
Broadband Note		\$ 60,000.00	
Stabilization Funds			
Stabilization Fund	\$ 120,816.61	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 170,816.61
Assessors	\$ 12,723.11	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,723.11
Audit	\$ 27,750.66	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 37,750.66
IT	\$ 19,855.11	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 29,855.11
fbEquip/Vehicle	\$ 5,541.14	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 85,541.14
Fire Fighting Equipment		\$ 4,000.00	
Hwy / Fire - Garage Doors		\$ 30,209.00	
	TOTAL	\$ 249,209.00	

Heath Community Resource Fair – Cathy Tallen has asked the Finance Committee to participate in the fair. Ned is already representing the Historical Society, Alice is representing the Assessors and Wendy is in Floriday on April 18, 2026. Dena agreed to represent for Finance Committee and is hopeful Bob will join her. She’s pretty sure the drinks will be worthwhile.

Wendy made a motion at 8:01pm that the meeting be adjourned. Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Briggs