

## AGENDA

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance and Budget  
Thursday, October 6, 2016 / 2 PM

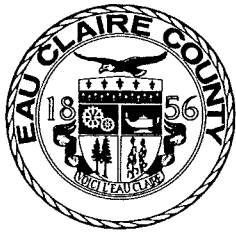
721 Oxford Avenue  
Eau Claire County Courthouse, Room 1301-1302  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Review of County Administrator 2017 Budget Recommendations / by: Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator / Discussion
3. Review of Budget Wrap Up Session Elements / Discussion – Action
  - Fiscal Risk Areas
  - County Revenues
  - Departmental Review
  - Community Agency Review
  - Capital/Debt Service
  - Fund Balance
  - Department Budget Question Follow Up
  - Budget Amendments & Handling
4. User Fees / Review / Discussion - Action
  - Review of Psychiatrist and Psychologist Fees / Code Amendment *(see attachment)*
  - Ordinance Establishing Fees in Various Departments
5. 2017 County Budget Process Review & Other Budget Related Items / Discussion
  - Budget Book Format
6. Final Recommendations on the 2017 County Budget and Tax Levy to the County Board / Discussion – Action
7. Adjourn

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Copy: media, Committee members, Kathryn Schauf, Scott Rasmussen

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Kathryn Schauf, Administrator  
FROM: Keith R. Zehms, Corporation Counsel *Keith*  
DATE: October 3, 2016  
SUBJECT: Psychiatrist and Psychologist Fees

The county board at Sec. 4.15.010 of the County Code pursuant to Wis. Stat. 51.20(18)(a) has established fees for professional examiners and witnesses in involuntary commitment actions. Licensed physicians, including psychiatrists are currently paid \$256.00 per hour and licensed psychologists are paid \$150.00 per hour. Each year our office does a survey on psychiatrist and psychologist rates, a copy of which is attached. The average rate for psychiatrists is \$392.67 per hour and for psychologists is \$295.43 per hour.

Last year the county board increased the medical doctor/psychiatrist rate from \$222.50 to \$256.00 per hour and the psychologist rate from \$134.00 to \$150.00 per hour. The previous year the rates were increased by 3%. My recommendation is an increase between 3% and 4%, specifically that the medical doctor/psychiatrist rate be raised from \$256.00 to \$265.00 which would equate to an increase of approximately \$1448.00 and the psychologist rate be increased from \$150.00 to \$155.00 which would equate to an increase of approximately \$2102.50 for a total increase in 2017 of \$3550.50.

We have had quite a bit of difficulty in 2016 obtaining psychiatrists to do examinations and to testify. Although the proposed increase will not solve that issue, we will not fall farther behind.