

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance and Budget

Thursday, March 8, 2018

(Committee on Finance & Budget will convene immediately following the joint meeting)

721 Oxford Avenue  
Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 1273  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Members present: Supervisors Stella Pagonis, Mike Conlin, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary and Nick Smiar

Staff present: Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Interim Finance Director; Diane Cable, Human Services Director; Vickie Gardner, DHS Fiscal Manager; Sharon Rasmusson, Assistant to the County Administrator

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Dunning at 6 pm.

### **Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Meeting was properly posted.

### **Public Comment Period** (15 minutes max).

None.

### **Proposed Resolution / File #17-18/122 “Authorizing the Sale of Tax Deed Property to Former Owners Philip R. Spratt and Marci A. Spratt for \$3,423.83 . . . “/ Discussion – Action**

Owners have asked to buy the vacant lot back. Motion by Supervisor Conlin, seconded by Supervisor Smiar to authorize the sale of tax deed property to former owners Philip R. Spratt and Marci A. Spratt in the amount of \$3,423.83. Motion carried.

### **Proposed Resolution / File #17-18/124 “Authorizing the Sale of Tax Deed Property to the City of Eau Claire for \$8,693.67 . . . “/ Discussion – Action**

Motion by Supervisor Nick Smiar, seconded by Supervisor Robin Leary to authorize the sale of tax deed property to the City of Eau Claire for \$8,693.67. Motion carried.

### **ADDENDUM #1**

### **Proposed Resolution / File #17-18/131 “Authorizing the Sale of Tax Deed Property to Red Cannery, LLC for \$55,000; Directing Corporation Counsel to Prepare a Quit Claim Deed on the Described Property; Directing the County Clerk to Execute Said Quit Claim Deed on Behalf of Eau Claire County” / Discussion – Action**

This is the former gas station at the corner of Vine and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on the city’s west side. Motion by Supervisor Conlin, Supervisor Leary to approve of authorizing the sale of tax deed property to Red Cannery, LLC for \$55,000. Motion carried.

## ADDENDUM #2

### Proposed Resolution / File #17-18/132 “Authorizing a Transfer from the 2018 Contingency Fund in the Amount of \$20,000 for Startup Costs Associated with Farm Technology Days, Inc. to be Held in 2020” / Discussion – Action

Catherine Emmanuelle, Area Extension Director for Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties was present to discuss the proposed contingency fund transfer. Motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Smiar to authorize a transfer of \$20,000 from the 2018 contingency fund for startup costs associated with Farm Technology Days to be held in 2020. Motion carried.

### Discussion of Long Term Borrowing Impacts / presentation by: Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor, Ehlers, Inc.

Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, Inc. discussed long term borrowing impacts during the joint committee meeting held prior to this meeting with the Highway Committee.

### DHS / End of Year Projections / Discussion

Diane Cable and Vicki Gardner from Human Services reviewed end of year projections. It is believed that late April or early May they will have a better idea of where the yearend budget stands for 2017. CCS program is 100% reimbursable. Another area of concern is hospitalizations (mental health) and the Alternate Care Program. Approximately 80% of cases are substance abuse.

### Proposed Ordinance / File #17-18/118 “To Repeal Section 4.04.080 of the Code; Sales and Acquisition of County Forest Lands –Nonlapsing Account; To Repeal Section 4.09.010 A. of the Code; Nonlapsing Accounts” / Discussion – Action

Information only at this time. Will be brought back at a future meeting.

### Financial Activity Updates / Discussion - Action

Updated County Sales Tax Report (December 2017). Committee reviewed the updated sales tax report for 2017.

County Board Chair Vouchers. None submitted.

Line Item Transfers. None.

### Review / Approval of February 8 and February 21, 2018 Committee Minutes / Discussion – Action

Motion by Supervisor Nick to approve of the February 8, 2018 and February 21, 2018 minutes as written.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

Committee adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Rasmusson  
Committee Clerk