

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance and Budget

Friday, October 5, 2018 / 8:30 am  
Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 1273  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Members present:** Supervisors Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis, Gerald Wilkie

**Others present:** Supervisor Connie Russell; Erik Keisler, Executive Director Beaver Creek Reserve

**Staff present:** Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Dave Hayden, Information Systems Director; Captain Joel Brettingen, Sheriff's Department; Dianne Hughes, Administrative Services Division Manager for the Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Dave Riewestahl, Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Cory Schalinske, Sheriff's Department; Matt Theisen, Facilities Director

Chair Stella Pagonis called the meeting to order at 8:32 am and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Dave Hayden presented the 2019 IS budget request. A vacant GIS position has been eliminated because the department has not been able to evaluate countywide GIS positions and tasks. They plan to evaluate the GIS process to determine if there is an additional need and will bring forward another request if it is determined that there is a need. Significant investment is continuing with software and hardware, as this investment is expected to increase staff productivity and efficiencies. A new GIS software package will reduce manual data entry. The department is continually testing the integrity of the county's data and adjusting security levels dependent upon any breaches found through the testing process.

Captain Joel Brettingen, Dianne Hughes, and Lieutenant Dave Riewestahl presented the 2019 Sheriff budget request. The committee reviewed the administrator's capital recommendation for the department. The recommendation proposes using contingency to fund out of housing prisoners. The committee began discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor security, which is a courthouse wide project. The administrator's budget proposes a reduction in the transport contract. The committee would like a listing of priorities for the department to review potential addbacks that were eliminated in the Administrator's recommendation. Specifics regarding fleet replacement were discussed. There was a brief discussion on electronic monitoring. The need has gone down since there is smaller population that qualifies for electronic monitoring, so the recommendation from the Sheriff's department is to eliminate the program. There would be an increase in Huber fees for individuals that will no longer be under electronic monitoring.

Erik Keisler was present to speak about the capital projects that Beaver Creek is planning over the next years. Erik uses grants to maximize the County's cash contribution, to improve the facility on a shorter time schedule. There are plans to convert a maintenance shed in the center of the property to a picnic pavilion which is nicer for users of the facility.

Matt Theisen presented the 2019 Facilities budget request. Personnel reductions were incorporated into the Administrator's recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Amy Weiss, Committee Clerk