

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance and Budget

Monday, March 11, 2019 / 4:30 pm
Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 1273
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Members present: Supervisors James Dunning, Jerry Wilkie, Robin Leary, Steve Chilson, Stella Pagonis (arrival 4:36pm)

Members absent: None

Others present: Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Norb Kirk – Finance Director, Janet Loomis – County Clerk, Nick Smiar – County Board Chairman, Samantha Cole – Administrative Specialist III, Glenda Lyons – Treasurer, Tim Sullivan – Assistant Corp Counsel (4:36pm arrival), Diane Cable, Vickie Gardner

James Dunning calls meeting to order at 4:30pm and confirmed compliance with Open Meetings Law

There were no members of the public present

Committee discussed proposed ordinance 18-19/114 “To Amend Section 4.06.060 A of The Code; Issuance of Orders...For Payment.” Supervisor Pagonis explained County Treasurer and County Clerk approve vouchers over \$10,000 and the County Board reviews the vouchers. Supervisor Wilkie moves to approve; Supervisor Dunning seconds. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

County Clerk Loomis discusses property describing as a small out lot in the City of Altoona to be purchased. Supervisor Leary motions to approve; Supervisor Wilkie seconds the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The committee discussed proposed ordinance 18-19/115 “Amending Section 4.30.070 of the Code; Dog License Tax.” Norb Kirk discussed past increase which as not been since 1997. The county needs to look at fee changes with the Humane Association with the contract renewal in 2020. Supervisor Chilson motions to approve; Supervisor Leary seconds the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The committee discussed Proposed Resolution 18-19/117 and 18-19/118 “Approval of Gift, Grant, and/ or Donation...” Supervisor Leary motioned to approve; Supervisor Dunning seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The committee discussed cash on hand and reviewed investments.

The committee discussed the addition of the 6th courtroom and timeline of actions taken. Committee suggests halting operations for future discussion of appointment of a judge and state funds. No action taken.

Diane Cable and Vickie Gardner from the Department of Human Services were present to discuss the rising cost of alternate care for the county. The committee discussed the matter.

The committee discussed the agreement between the Housing Authority and the County. Committee requests agenda item added to next regular meeting to discuss further.

The committee discussed the current meeting schedule. The committee unanimously agreed to continue with the first or second Monday of each month. Next regular meeting will be April 8th to accommodate Jon Johnson.

The committee reviewed the County Sales Tax Report.

Supervisor Dunning motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes on February 4th, 2019, as presented and the joint meeting on February 14th, as with the amendment of the minutes to add the submitting clerk's signature at the end. Supervisor Leary seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be on April 8th, 2019 at 4:30pm. The committee proposed future agenda items:

- Highway Maintenance Budget
- Review polices on cash handling
- Action on the 6th courtroom / further discussion
- Preliminary budget calendar
- 2018 preliminary financials
- Carry forward request for 2018
- Housing Authority Rent
- Discussion on budget expenditure

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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