

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance and Budget

**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** LE Phillips Memorial Public Library; Eau Claire Room  
400 Eau Claire St  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Members present:** Supervisors Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis, Gerald Wilkie

**Members absent:** Supervisors Steve Chilson and Jim Dunning

**Staff present:** Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

Chair Stella Pagonis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and introduced the members of the Committee on Finance & Budget.

Supervisor Pagonis gave a brief overview of the county budget process and priorities.

### Public Input Session:

1. Ann Kaiser, Family Resource Center: valuable resource for families needing help and support
2. Pat Stein, Bolton Refuge House: dollars provided by county offset operational costs at emergency shelter
3. Barb Pritzl and Mary Pica-Anderson, Augusta and LE Phillips Senior Centers: Senior centers are not just for socializing, they are a necessity to prevent and combat social isolation and loneliness
4. Carol Lendle, member of Senior Center: there will be a ripple effect on the community if we do not help our aging seniors
5. Eleanor Wolf: concerned on resolution county passed regarding renewable energy, concerned about county's action plan and budget
6. Gerald Wilkie received communication from Kathy Chermak; in interest of full disclosure, she is a close family friend; made it very clear to Gerald Wilkie that the committee should not "dare cut" funding to the Senior Center
7. Ron Bohl, member of Senior Center: center is more valuable than you can imagine, has become a daily part of retired lives
8. Shirley Stein, Senior Center: senior center provides support for all different parts of their bodies, at an affordable rate for seniors on a fixed income
9. Sharon Jaenke, member of Senior Center: loves the senior center
10. Susan Thompson, member of Senior Center: senior center exercise classes are so important and helpful
11. Members of the public present appreciate the annual budget survey.

With no further members of the public wishing to speak, the public input session was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk