

AMENDED AGENDA

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Friday, September 20, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Room #1273
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI

1. Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Public Comment
3. 2020 Budget Process / Discussion
4. Review of 2019 Fiscal Health/ Discussion
5. Proposed Budget Presentations – **Discussion/Action**
Budget documents can be found here: <https://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/government/county-budget-information>
 - a. Treasurer/County Clerk (**1:30 p.m.**)
 - b. Register of Deeds (**2:00 p.m.**)
 - c. Parks and Forest (**2:30 p.m.**)
 - d. District Attorney (**3:00 p.m.**)
 - e. Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (**3:30 p.m.**)
6. Proposed Resolution 19-20/067 “Disapprove \$270,000 Allocated to the Design of a New Highway Building...” / **Discussion – Action**
7. Proposed Resolution 19-20/068 “Reallocate \$425,000 from the 6th Courtroom Capital Project Account to Complete LED Lighting Project...” / **Discussion – Action**
8. Adjournment

Prepared by: Samantha Cole

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 19-20/067

This resolution amends the 2019 Eau Claire County budget by disapproving the allocation of \$270,000 in the capital budget to begin the design process on a new highway building.

As part of the 2019 capital budget, \$270,000 was allocated to begin the design of a new highway building. Total design fees are expected to be approximately \$800,000. Construction of a new highway building is expected to cost the county approximately \$17-\$22 million. The county would issue general obligation bonds to fund this construction.

The county has a debt limit policy that states total principal and interest payments on general obligation debt should not exceed 30% of the total tax levy. With existing debt payments, the county is expected to exceed this amount in 2019, putting it out of compliance with its policy. Current capital and debt projections for 2020-2024 do not include amounts for a new highway building.

The county does not believe that funding a new highway building is feasible given the current outstanding debt and associated debt service, until such time that the total county debt profile allows for total debt service payments to more align with the debt limit policy. Based on the expected timing of when that situation could occur, investing in design plans in 2019 would not be financially prudent.

Fiscal Impact: (\$270,000)

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Weiss
Senior Accounting Manager

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3 - TO DISAPPROVE THE \$270,000 ALLOCATED TO FUND THE DESIGN OF A
4 HIGHWAY BUILDING IN THE 2019 BUDGET -
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6 WHEREAS, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 65.90(5)(a), the amounts of the various
7 appropriations and the purposes for such appropriations stated in a budget may not be changed
8 unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of
9 Supervisors; and
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11 WHEREAS, the 2019 adopted budget includes an allocation of \$270,000 to begin the
12 design process for a new highway building. The total design cost is estimated to be approximately
13 \$800,000, and construction costs for a new building are estimated to be approximately \$17-\$22
14 million. Construction costs would be funded by general obligation debt issues; and
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16 WHEREAS, the county has a debt limit policy that states principal and interest on general
17 obligation debt should not exceed 30% of the total tax levy; and
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19 WHEREAS, payment on outstanding debt issues is expected to exceed 30% of the total tax
20 levy in 2019, thus putting the county out of compliance with the debt policy; and
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22 WHEREAS, the county does not believe that a new highway building is feasible until some
23 existing debt is paid off; and
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25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
26 that the Board disapproves allocating \$270,000 in the 2019 capital budget to begin the design
27 process for a new highway building.
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 10 days the County Clerk shall file a Class 1
30 notice of this transfer of budgeted funds.
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Committee on Finance and Budget

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2019.

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 19-20/068

This resolution amends the 2019 Eau Claire County budget by transferring \$425,000 from the 6th Courtroom Capital Projects account to provide funding for an alternate project in 2019.

The Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 19-20/011 “Postponing Construction of the 6th Courtroom until the Wisconsin Legislature Creates a 6th Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judges Position” on April 16, 2019. The original 2019 budget included approved capital project funding of \$799,500 for this project. With this project now contingent upon the approval of a sixth judgeship and the timing of such not requiring a 6th courtroom be constructed in 2019, the associated bonding capacity approved for this project would be available for alternate projects.

Resolution 19-20/051 reallocated \$240,000 of the original courtroom funding to two projects. This resolution proposes allocating \$425,000 of the remaining funding for LED lighting projects in the jail and courthouse.

Fiscal Impact: None, as funding has already been approved as part of the 2019 budget

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Weiss
Senior Accounting Manager

- 4 - APPROVING A BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$425,000 FROM THE 6th COURTROOM
- 5 CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT TO FUND ADDITIONAL LED LIGHTING
- 6 PROJECTS IN THE JAIL AND COURTHOUSE -

7 WHEREAS, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 65.90(5)(a), the amounts of the various
 8 appropriations and the purposes for such appropriations stated in a budget may not be changed
 9 unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of
 10 Supervisors; and

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 12 WHEREAS, Resolution 19-20/011 “Postponing Construction of the 6th Courtroom until
 13 the Wisconsin Legislature Creates a 6th Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judges Position” was
 14 approved at the April 16, 2019 board meeting; and

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 16 WHEREAS, the postponement of the 6th courtroom construction frees up \$799,500
 17 bonding capacity for additional projects in 2019; and

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 19 WHEREAS, after Resolution 19-20/051, which was approved at the August 20, 2019 board
 20 meeting, there is remaining bonding capacity of \$559,500 for projects in 2019, specifically for
 21 LED lighting projects in the jail and courthouse (account #405-16-57270-829-019); and

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 23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
 24 that the Board approves transferring \$425,000 from the 6th Courtroom Capital Projects account
 25 (#405-02-57140-820-000) to the account indicated above.

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within 10 days the County Clerk shall file a Class 1
 28 notice of this transfer of budgeted funds.

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