

MINUTES

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

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

Staff present: Janet Loomis, County Clerk; Glenda Lyons, Treasurer; Tiana Glenna, Criminal Justice Manager; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Josh Pederson, Parks Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager;

Others present: Supervisors Connie Russell and Melissa Janssen

Chair Stella Pagonis called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Public Comment: Supervisor Connie Russell – would like comments in the budget survey

2020 Budget Process: Discussion on materials made available to other supervisors at November board meeting, the committee would like every supervisor to have a paper book for the F&B proposed budget

Review of 2019 Fiscal Health: no discussion

Proposed Budget Presentations

Budget documents can be found here: <https://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/government/county-budget-information>

- Treasurer, presented by Glenda Lyons: reduction to interest income estimate decreased \$175,000 due to decreased rates and less cash on hand
- County Clerk, presented by Janet Loomis: levy request increased due to more expected elections in 2020 (February, April, August, November); more election audits are expected
- Register of Deeds, presented by Cappy Christenson: vital record traffic increased in 2017 and 2018 due to state ID changes, 2020 is expected to be very busy since the Real ID mandate goes into effect in October 2020; new contract for \$15,000 for new servers for redundancy
- Parks and Forest, presented by Josh Pederson: discussion regarding realistic timber sales revenue budget
- Criminal Justice Collaborating Council, presented by Tiana Glenna: functioning body of elected officials that come together to evaluate if services (jail, DA, treatment courts, mental health) are operating as desired, how to help offenders stay out of the system (more harm to be put in the system); has reduced overcrowding in jail; leader in this type of programming
- District Attorney, presented by Gary King and Eric Huse: two new ADA's starting in October and November; less than half of total budget is levy, receiving more state aid because staff has been very aggressive in going after grants; a 6th judge could improve workloads because there would be more court time available

Proposed Resolution 19-20/067 “Disapprove \$270,000 Allocated to the Design of a New Highway Building...”

The committee reviewed costs to complete repairs to existing highway building.

Motion: Dunning moved approval to postpone to September 27, 2019

No further discussion, unanimous 5-0.

Proposed Resolution 19-20/068 “Reallocate \$425,000 from the 6th Courtroom Capital Project Account to Complete LED Lighting Project...”

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

No further discussion, unanimous 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk