

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
8:30 am
Courthouse - Room #1301
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI

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

Staff present: Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Amy Weiss; Frank Draxler; Health Department: Lieske Giese – Director, Janice Vinopal – Fiscal Staff; Extension: Catherine Emmanuelle – Area Director, Kristi Peterson – Office Coordinator; Human Resources: Amanda Twitchell – Assistant HR Director, Jill Mangus – HR Advisor, Jamero Ames – DHS Social Worker; Jean Gay, Register in Probate; Tim Sullivan, Corporation Counsel; Megan Kluck, Child Support Manager;

Others present: Supervisors Marth Neiman, Colleen Bates, Tammy Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka; Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram; Jennifer Eddy, Family Resource Center Executive Director; Tim Wavrunek, Restorative Justice; Luke Hanson, Economic Development Corporation Executive Director; Mark Kalish, Innovation Center; Steve Jahn, Momentum West; Children's Hospital of WI: Connie Klick, Grace Johnston, Dr. Julie Woodbury; Mary Pica Anderson, LE Phillips Senior Center; Callie Smith and Brianne Berres, Sojourner House; Amy Giani, Family Promise

Chair Pagonis called the meeting to order at 8:37 am and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Public Comment: none

2020 Budget Process: discussion regarding DHS budget review on 10.01.19; county needs to keep early prevention programs at the forefront of program facilitation; the county needs to manage programs within funding available

Review of 2019 Fiscal Health: committee would like an update on delayed payments to manage cash flow

Proposed Budget Presentations

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

- **Health Department:** Lieske Giese presented the 2020 contract information for the 2020 budget. This is a shared contract with City of Eau Claire, which is managed and approved by the Board of Health. The levy is split between the City and County related to equalized value.

Supervisor Leary joined by phone at 9:52 am.

- **Extension:** Catherine Emmanuelle and Kristi Peterson presented the 2020 budget recommendation. Department works in cooperation with people to bring knowledge into communities. ECC is hosting Farm Tech Days in 2020. This will have an economic impact to the county of an estimated \$2-\$3 million.
- **Administration:** postponed
- **County Board:** postponed
- **Human Resources:** Amanda Twitchell and her team presented the 2020 recommended budget.
- **Register in Probate:** Jean Gay presented the 2020 recommended budget. The levy increase recommended is due to a reduction in other fees based on historical data.
- **Corporation Counsel:** Tim Sullivan presented the 2020 recommended budget. Discussion centered on the department's involvement with terminations of parental rights.
- **Child Support:** Megan Kluck presented the 2020 recommended budget.

The committee took a break from 12:20 pm to 1:20 pm.

Supervisor Leary arrived at 1:20 pm.

- Finance: Norb Kirk reported that there were no changes from the original budget presentation to F&B in August.
- Family Resource Center: Jennifer Eddy presented the 2020 budget request. In the last year, the Center has received a competitive state grant, has hired a male parent educator, and has expanded hours to Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.
- Restorative Justice: Tim Wavrunek presented the 2020 budget request.
- Economic Development Corporation: Luke Hanson presented the 2020 budget request.
- Innovation Center: Mark Kalish presented the 2020 budget request.
- Momentum West: Steve Jahn presented the 2020 budget request.
- Children's Hospital of WI: Connie Klick, Grace Johnston, and Dr. Julie Woodbury presented the 2020 budget request.
- LE Phillips Senior Center: Mary Pica Anderson presented the 2020 budget request. The aging population is one of the fastest growing population groups, and the one growing fastest in poverty (medical bills).
- Sojourner House: Brianne Berres and Callie Smith presented the 2020 budget request.
- Family Promise: Amy Giani presented the 2020 budget request.

Future Agenda Items: Regional Planning Commission discussion during wrap-up

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk