

**MINUTES**

Eau Claire County  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**  
Monday, October 28, 2019  
**4:30 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:** Rob Fadness, JDC Manager; Vickie Gardner, DHS Fiscal Supervisor; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager  
**Others:** Supervisor Connie Russell

Chair Stella Pagonis called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Supervisor Pagonis gave an update on local TIDs.

**Referred: Proposed Ordinance 19-20/073 “To Amend Section 4.14.010 B of the Code: Daily Juvenile Detention Rate Established”**

Rob Fadness and Vickie Gardner reviewed proposed rate increases for out of county placements in the juvenile detention center.

**Motion:** Dunning moved approval as presented

**Vote:** 5-0, no negative vote

**Proposed Resolution 19-20/084 “Requiring Any Department of Over 50 Employees, Trending Significantly and Repeatedly Over Budget, to Seek Approval Prior to Filling Vacant Staff Positions and to Provide Fiscal Reports to the County Board of Supervisors Upon Request”**

**Discussion:** The three affected departments can have unexpected expenditures due to community events and weather. All three departments are essential, and services cannot be stopped because there are budget overages. When a position becomes vacant, the current process prior to hiring includes a review of the current job description and current activities, by the department and the administrator, to determine if the position should be filled. The committee is requiring a more detailed review.

**Adjustments:** two consecutive years instead of quarters, adjust 2017 DHS loss for WIMCR reimbursement, require review of positions

**Motion:** Chilson moved approval of adjusted resolution

**Vote:** 5-0, no negative vote

Committee to sign adjusted resolution prior to board meeting on December 3, 2019.

The committee reviewed and discussed the updated 2019 county mill rate.

Future meeting and agenda items:

1. December 3, 6:30 pm to sign resolution #19-20/084
2. December 9, 4:30 pm; budget survey, 2020 budget review process, CLA DHS review

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk