

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget

Monday, December 9, 2019

4:30 p.m.

Courthouse - Room #1273
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI

Members present: Supervisors Jim Dunning, Stella Pagonis, Gerald Wilkie

Members absent: Supervisors Steve Chilson, Robin Leary

Staff present: Diane Cable, Director of DHS; Vickie Gardner, DHS Fiscal Manager; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

Others: Supervisor Connie Russell; Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram

Chair Supervisor Pagonis called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Public comment:

Supervisor Pagonis gave an update on Altoona TIDs.

The committee reviewed the quarter 3 investment review. The committee verified that the county is monitoring capital projects and tracking progress.

Vickie Gardner and Diane Cable presented the CLA DHS process and reporting review. None of the findings were surprising. The committee is cautiously optimistic that the changes proposed will be accomplished and will aid in management decisions.

The committee reviewed the 2019 fund balance estimate. This estimate was completed at a point in time and is subject to change dependent upon community needs.

The committee discussed the 2020 budget process. The County Administrator and the Finance Director attended oversight committee meetings to free up additional staff time. The collaboration was much more valuable than individual department meetings with the county administrator. The committee also reviewed the 2020 budget survey and presented various ideas for improvement. The community cares about the services that pertain to them and their families, and the county should steer away from a department perspective.

The committee reviewed the November sales tax report, for earnings from September 2019.

The committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes from October 28, November 25, and December 3.

Motion: Dunning moves approval as presented

Vote: 3-0, no negative vote

Future meeting and agenda items: February 3, 4:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk