

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Monday, June 8, 2020
4:30 p.m.
Webex Conference Call

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Members present: Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis, Gerald Wilkie, Board Chair Nick Smiar

Staff present: Diane Cable, DHS Director; Vickie Gardner, DHS Fiscal Manager; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Tammy Stelter, DHS Accountant; Tim Sullivan; Corporation Counsel; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Tom Wirth, DHS Deputy Director

Others present: Supervisors Kimberly Cronk, Connie Russell, and Katherine Schneider; Jess Langlois, News 18; Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram

Chair Pagonis called the meeting to order at 4:36pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Amy Weiss took roll call.

No members of the public wished to comment.

Norb Kirk reviewed the Covid-19 cost summary report. Through May 20, 2020, the county incurred approximately \$259,000 of Covid related costs. The county expects FEMA to cover about 75% in supplies costs. The sales tax report only includes data through March. April activity will be reported in June.

Norb Kirk gave an update on the 2020 bond issue and Moody's rating call update. The analyst cautioned that continued impacts to the general fund will eventually result in a downgrade, but highlighted the county's strong tax base growth. The 2020 bond sale, which includes a new issue for 2020 capital needs and a refunding of the 2010B issue, is scheduled for June 16, 2020 at 10:00am.

Norb Kirk gave an update on the 2019 audit and presented an updated general fund balance which is central to audit discussions. This updated general fund balance was also referenced during the Moody's rating call. The managing partner on the audit is scheduled to present the 2019 audit at the July 13 Committee on Finance & Budget meeting.

Diane Cable and her team presented fiscal information for the DHS fiscal review. Vickie Gardner reviewed the 2019 preliminary budget to actual comparison by program.

Proposed Resolution 19-20/109 "Directing the County Administrator to Take Significant Action..."

Motion: Leary to postpone to July 13, when this will be reintroduced in a simpler form

Vote: motion passes via voice vote, 5-0, no negative votes

Proposed Ordinance 20-21/027 "To Amend Sections 4.02.001 and 4.02.010 of the Code..."

Motion: Leary take no action

Vote: motion passes 5-0 via roll call vote, no negative vote

Proposed Ordinance 20-21/028 “To Amend Sections 2.04.485, 2.06.060, and 4.02 of the Code...”

Motion: to amend section 3, line 12 from August 15 to not later than July 15 – 5-0,

Vote: motion passes 5-0 via voice vote, no negative votes

Motion: Leary moved approval of 20-21/028, as amended

Vote: motion passes via roll call vote, 4-1

The committee is not prepared to work on a budget calendar since the role of Finance & Budget has not been decided. The committee approved the guidelines, as presented, for distribution to departments.

Motion: Dunning to approve guidelines as presented

Vote: motion passes via voice vote, 5-0 no negative vote

The committee reviewed the May 11, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: motion passes via voice vote, 5-0 no negative vote

Future Meeting and Agenda Items: June 16, 6:15pm to approve bond sale; July 13, audit review and revised resolution 19-20/109

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Weiss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "W".

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk