

MINUTES
Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Monday, August 17, 2020
4:30 p.m.
Webex Conference Call

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

Staff present: Dave Hayden, IS Director; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Janet Loomis, County Clerk; Glenda Lyons, County Treasurer; Sue McDonald, Deputy County Clerk; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

Others present: Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers; Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram

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

Committee clerk took roll call. All members were present.

The committee clerk read an email for public comment from Mel Jahnke, who wrote in support of a DHS forensic audit. No other members of the public wished to comment.

Proposed Resolution 20-21/062 “Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$13,935,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds”

Norb Kirk confirmed resolution is confirming discussion at the August 10, 2020 meeting. If the bids come in unfavorable, the county can reject all bids.

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

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

Glenda Lyons presented the Treasurer’s 2021 budget request. Levy request came in 5-6% higher than 2020. This is related to lower interest income and higher bank fees.

Motion: Wilkie moved approval as submitted

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

Janet Loomis presented the County Clerk’s 2021 budget request, which had been amended from her original budget submission to Finance. The submitted budget includes a reduction for a .5 FTE, which should not be on hold.

Motion: Wilkie moved that the committee support budget as presented with the addition of funding for .5 FTE Administrative Associate III position, for a total budget request of \$300,879 and an adjusted levy request of \$241,829

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

Norb Kirk presented the Finance Department’s 2021 budget request. Special attention was given to the vacant position, Fiscal Associate III.

Motion: Wilkie moved to accept budget with addition of funding for 1.0 FTE Fiscal Associate III position, for a total budget request of \$859,191 and an adjusted levy request of \$841,691

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

Supervisor Wilkie reviewed his proposed actions to address the Human Services mismanagement and fiscal crisis. No further action on this item, at this time.

Proposed Resolution 20-21/061 “Authorizing a Forensic Audit”

Supervisor Chilson presented proposed resolution 20-21/061.

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

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

The committee reviewed the August 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Wilkie moved approval as presented

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

Future Agenda Items:

Explanation of Avatar and interaction with Alio

Review of updated Pcard policy and internal audit procedures

Fiscal policy manual

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Weiss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Weiss" clearly distinguishable.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk