

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Thursday, October 8, 2020
2:00 p.m.
Webex Conference Call

Members Present: Supervisors Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis, Jerry Wilkie, Board Chair Nick Smiar
Staff Present: Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Matt Theisen, Facilities Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Brian Spilde, Assistant Highway Commissioner; Jason Szymanski, Highway Fiscal Manager; Jon Johnson, Highway Commissioner; Glenda Lyons, Treasurer; Jessica Rubin, Human Resources Director;
Others Present: Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram; Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers; Steve Jahn, Momentum West; Luke Hanson, Economic Development Corporation; Mark Kalish, Chippewa Valley Innovation Center; Pat Stein, Bolton Refuge House; Julie Woodbury, Children’s Service Society of WI;

Chair Pagonis called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

The clerk took roll call. Members present are indicated above.

No members of the public wished to comment.

Norb Kirk and Sean Lentz reviewed possible options for funding an entire highway facility in 2021. These options are due, in part, to low interest rates. Based upon discussion with other counties, phased projects can sometimes run 15-20% more over the course of the project because of increases in materials and construction/tear down of temporary buildings.

Sean Lentz reviewed refunding options for the 2011B bond issue. The county received 5 proposals. The current projected savings with the Morgan Stanley bid is approximately \$1.6 million.

Proposed Resolution 20-21/064 “Disallowing the Claim of Donald Miller...”

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented
Vote: 5-0 via voice vote, no negative vote

Review of Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting, September 24, 2020

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented
Vote: 5-0 via voice vote, no negative vote

The committee heard 2021 budget presentations from the following community agencies:

1. Economic Development Corporation, Momentum West, Chippewa Valley Innovation Center, presented by Luke Hanson, Steve Jahn, and Mark Kalish
2. Bolton Refuge House, presented by Pat Stein
3. Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin – Building Families and Eau Claire Alliance, presented by Dr. Julie Woodbury and Vera Matter
4. Family Promise, presented by Amy Giani
5. Family Resource Center, presented by Dr. Jennifer Eddy
6. Sojourner House, presented by Kevin Burch
7. Friends of the Fair, presented by Debbie Kitchen

The next meeting is on October 12, to review the 2021 recommended budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.



Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk