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Eau Claire County Committee on Finance & Budget Monday, November 9, 2020 4:30 p.m. Webex Conference Call

Members present: Supervisors Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis (4:40 pm), Gerald Wilkie, Board Chair Nick Smiar
Members absent:
Staff present: Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager
Others present: Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram

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

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

No members of the public wished to comment.

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from October 8, 2020, October 12, 2020, and October 20, 2020. Motion: Leary moved approval of all three as presented Vote: 4-0 via voice vote, no negative votes

Norb Kirk reviewed the Q3 financial reports. These can be found on Report Central on the county website.

The committee reviewed what worked and what did not work throughout the 2021 budget process. Overall, the committee was happy with the joint budget meetings with oversight committees. The committee would like additional information on county wide contracted services.

The committee discussed possibly increasing the number of meetings. Additional meetings would allow the committee to discuss and review special topics in addition to standard business. The committee is in favor of adding a second meeting in January and February (1st and 3rd Mondays), and other slower business months.

The committee reviewed and started to prioritize financial policies. The Chair will work with the Finance Director to continue to develop a priority list.

The committee reviewed future agenda items, which could include some or all of the following:

Standard budget format, included detail on contracted services

Report on Forensic Audit from Sheriff's Department, should include the following: name of audit firm, scope of audit, contract amount, contract timeframe, workplan, expected date of completion Funding for body cameras for law enforcement officers

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Amy Weiss Committee Clerk