



AGENDA

Eau Claire County

Joint: Committee on Administration & City – County Board of Health

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Dial In: 1-415-655-0001 Access Code: 145 334 6076

For those wishing to make public comment, you can submit your request to speak and/or written comment at <https://bit.ly/2MDJp7g> at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the public session to make your comments. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and 30 minutes maximum for the public comment period.

1. Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll Call of the Committee on Administration
3. Roll Call of the City-County Board of Health
4. Public Comment
5. Review and recommend for approval of Ordinance File No. 20-21/100 – To create Chapter 8.35 of the Code: COVID-19 Communicable Disease Mask Requirement –
Discussion/Action
6. Adjournment of the City-County Board of Health
7. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. March 17, 2020
 - b. December 8, 2020
8. COVID-19 Taskforce Update – **Discussion**
9. Annual Local Legislator Event – **Discussion**
 - a. Identify date/format
10. Appointments – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. **Highway Building Committee**
 - i. Three elected officers of the board:
 - Chairperson Nick Smiar
 - Vice-Chairperson Colleen Bates
 - Second Vice-Chairperson Gerald Wilkie
 - ii. Member of the Highway Committee
 - Supervisor Ray Henning
 - iii. Member of the Committee on Finance & Budget
 - Supervisor Robin Leary

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

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iv. Two additional Supervisors

- Supervisor Jim Dunning
- Supervisor Judy Gatlin

b. Human Services Board

i. Jim Catlin

c. Broadband Committee

i. Tom Lange

11. Set Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

12. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting –February 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

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FACT SHEET
for File No. 20-21/100

The wearing of a properly fitting face covering has been determined by the Center for Disease Control, the State of Wisconsin, and numerous public health partners to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Cloth face coverings, along with social distancing, hand washing, proper coughing and sneezing etiquette, cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces, and increased ventilation, help reduce the spread of the virus. When we reduce the widespread transmission of the virus, our businesses and schools can remain open, and we can reduce the amount of disease, hospitalizations, and death in our community.

The proposed ordinance will take effect only in the event that a state-wide face covering requirement no longer exists. The proposed ordinance includes language that it will end on June 30, 2021, unless repealed earlier through Eau Claire County Board action.

This ordinance is a companion to one being considered by the Eau Claire City Council and requires the wearing of face masks by all individuals 5 and older, unless exempted for medical or security reasons, as described in the ordinance. The face covering requirements are substantively similar to those in the State orders that started in the late summer of 2020. The ordinance also requires that buildings open to the public post a sign regarding face covering requirements at their entryway.

The ordinance has been presented to the City-County Board of Health, the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, local healthcare & educational partners, and business leaders for review and input.

For additional information related to the effectiveness of wearing face coverings please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html> and
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7228401/pdf/JMV-9999-na.pdf>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/mask.htm>

Respectfully submitted by,

Lieske Giese – Eau Claire City-County Health Director

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3 TO CREATE CHAPTER 8.35 OF THE CODE: COVID-19 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
4 MASK REQUIREMENT

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6 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire does ordain as follows:

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8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 8.35 of the code be created to read:

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10 Chapter 8.35

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12 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MASK REQUIREMENT

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14 Sections:

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16 8.35.010 Purpose.

17 8.35.020 Definitions.

18 8.35.030 Jurisdiction.

19 8.35.040 Requirement to wear a face covering.

20 8.30.050 Exceptions to the requirement to wear a face covering.

21 8.35.060 Enforcement.

22 8.35.070 Effective date and sunset.

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24 8.35.010 Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote and protect the public
25 health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Eau Claire County during the 2020-2021
26 world-wide COVID-19 pandemic and to be prepared in the event that the current order issued by
27 the governor of the State of Wisconsin is vacated or not extended.

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29 8.35.020 Definitions. The following definitions apply throughout this ordinance:

30 A. "Face Covering" shall mean a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to
31 cover the nose and mouth completely. A "face covering" includes but is not limited to a
32 bandana, a cloth face mask, a disposable paper mask, a neck gaiter, or a religious face covering.
33 A "Face Covering" does not include face shields, mesh masks, masks with holes or openings, or
34 mask with vents.

35 B. "Local health officer" shall mean the city-county health officer as defined by sec.
36 252.01(3), Wis Stats.

37 C. "Physical distancing" shall mean maintaining at least six feet of distance from
38 other persons who are not members of your household or living unit.

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41 8.35.030 Jurisdiction. Pursuant to sec. 251.08, Wis. Stats., jurisdiction of this ordinance
42 by the Eau Claire City County Health Department shall extend to the entire area within Eau
43 Claire County, except that jurisdiction does not extend to cities, villages, and towns that have
44 local health departments.

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46 8.35.040 Requirement to wear a face covering. Every person, age five or older, who is
47 located within the jurisdiction of Eau Claire County shall wear a face covering if the following
48 apply:

49 A. The person is indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence; and,

1 B. Another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household or
2 living unit are present in the same room or enclosed space.

3 C. Face coverings are strongly recommended in all other settings, including
4 outdoors, when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

5 D. Buildings with public access are required to post a notice at their entrance that
6 face coverings are required.

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8 8.30.050 Exceptions to the requirement to wear a face covering.

9 A. Persons who are otherwise required to wear a face covering may remove the face
10 covering in the following situations:

11 1. While eating or drinking.

12 2. When communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing
13 and communication cannot be achieved through other means.

14 3. While obtaining a service that requires the temporary removal of the face
15 covering, such as dental services.

16 4. While sleeping.

17 5. While swimming or on duty as a lifeguard.

18 6. While a single individual is giving a religious, political, media,
19 educational, artistic, musical, or theatrical presentation for an audience, the single speaker may
20 remove the face covering when actively speaking if the speaker remains at least 6 feet away from
21 all other individuals at all times, when his or her face covering is removed.

22 7. When engaging in work where wearing a face covering would create a risk
23 to the individual as determined by government safety guidelines.

24 8. When a federal or state law or regulation prohibits the wearing of a face
25 covering.

26 B. According to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, the following are
27 exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering:

28 1. Children between the age of 2 and 5 are encouraged to wear a face
29 covering when physical distancing is not possible. The CDC does not recommend face
30 coverings for children under the age of 2.

31 2. Persons who have trouble breathing.

32 3. Persons who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to
33 remove the face covering without assistance.

34 4. Persons with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities,
35 mental health conditions, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the person from wearing a
36 face covering.

37 5. Incarcerated individuals. The Eau Claire County Jail will continue to
38 comply with COVID-19 protocols to ensure the health and safety of staff and inmates.

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40 8.35.060 Enforcement. Failure of an individual to comply with this ordinance may result
41 in the issuance of a citation by the local health officer, or his or her designee, or any law
42 enforcement officer, resulting in a forfeiture of \$200.00 per incident, with each incident
43 constituting a new and separate violation.

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45 8.35.070 Effective date and sunset. This ordinance will go into effect only if the
46 Emergency Order dated November 20, 2020 issued by the governor of the State of Wisconsin
47 requiring the use of face coverings, or any successor face covering order of the governor is
48 vacated by a decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin, or if the governor does not
49 extend the order. This ordinance will be published as a class 1 notice and will become effective

1 the day after publication. This ordinance will sunset on June 30, 2021 and will be automatically
2 repealed on that date unless otherwise repealed earlier by action of the Eau Claire County Board
3 of Supervisors.

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5 I hereby certify that the foregoing
6 correctly represents the action taken
7 by the Committee on Administration
8 on January ____, 2021 by a vote of
9 ____ for, and ____ against.

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11 _____
12 Nick Smiar, Chair
13 Committee on Administration
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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• **Committee on Administration** •

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Courthouse - Room #1278

721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire

Present: Quorum present

Others: Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

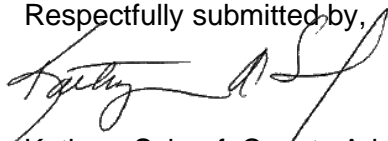
No members of the public wished to make comment.

The committee discussed Resolution 19-20/118 – Affirming the County Board’s commitment to build and complete the construction of the 6th courtroom by May 31, 2022. After further discussion, the committee voted in favor of the resolution.

The committee discussed Resolution 19-20/119 – Ratifying the Declaration of Emergency in response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. After further discussion, the committee voted in favor of the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned prior to 7:00 p.m. for the regular County Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Schauf', written over a horizontal line.

Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Administration
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Gerald Wilkie, Colleen Bates, Mark Beckfield, Ray Henning, Nick Smiar

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Kathryn Schauf, Matt Theisen, Norb Kirk, Sonja Leenhouts, Jessica Rubin, Tim Sullivan, Dave Hayden, Rod Eslinger

Public: Supervisors Dane Zook, Donald Mowry, Judy Gatlin and Jim Dunning. Ryan Patterson - Leader Telegram, others present

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Verbal roll call was taken by the committee clerk and listed above under present.

No public comments were submitted and no public joining the meeting wished to make comment.

The committee reviewed the minutes from November 10, 2020. Supervisor Bates motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Beckfield. No additions or corrections were noted. Minutes were approved as presented.

Kathryn Schauf provided a brief overview of the connection between Economic Development Corporation and County Government. Without objection, Luke Hanson, Executive Director of the EDC provided a presentation/further information about the EDC and its needs including focus areas in 2021 and the CINC network.

Dave Hayden provided background information on File No. 20-21/099: Authorizing the County to proceed with a project to provide broadband services to a rural area near the City of Augusta, and to apply for grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to help pay for the project. The committee discussed the information provided and resolution. Supervisor Wilkie motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Bates. Supervisor Mowry, without objection, provided clarification that the resolution would indicate that the County would provide \$30,000.00 from the IS budget for the project. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

The committee reviewed File No. 20-21/092 – Resolution creating a select committee to serve as the Building Committee for the Highway Department Building project authorized by the County Board. Supervisor Beckfield motioned to approved, seconded by Supervisor Henning. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Tim Sullivan provided a brief overview of File No. 20-21/097 – Resolution requesting that the State of Wisconsin provide increased funding for the County Child Support Program. Motion by Supervisor Henning, seconded by Supervisor Bates. The committee further discussed the resolution. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Motion by Supervisor Henning, seconded by Supervisor Bates to discuss File No. 20-21/098 – Resolution supporting the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission with counties and municipalities. Without objection, Supervisor Jim Dunning provided further information/detail on the resolution. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Motion by Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Beckfield to discuss. File No. 20-21/098 – Resolution supporting the creation of the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission with counties and municipalities. Kathryn Schauf provided background on the resolution. Correction to line item 16 from five to “seven consecutive terms.” All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

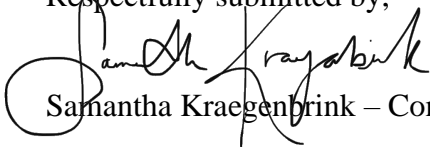
Kathryn Schauf provided information on the hiring of Rich White’s services to the County, providing context from a letter sent to the County Board by Tim Sullivan. The committee discussed the matter. Supervisor Wilkie asked for the Administrative Committee to be involved in and receive updates on the outside attorney's role and any future cases involving outside counsel, either in open or closed sessions. Supervisor Wilkie stated this past practice has worked well and would avoid after the fact conflicting information. We can also know how the outside council is preventing potential liability and not impeding a thorough and expedited investigation into DHS's financial practices. Chair Smiar directed Supervisor Wilkie's comments be put in the minutes. Supervisor Bates advised that she feels as though the Administrator followed the direction of the County’s Legal Counsel appropriately and that it is not the scope, nor the responsibility of elected officials to interfere or question the workings of the legal advisement. Tim Sullivan provided general comments/responses as they relate to the hiring of Rich White’s service.

Chair Smiar appoints Diane Hunter (LEPC), Bruce King (LIC) and Merey Price (City/County Board of Health.) Motion by Supervisor Wilkie, seconded by Supervisor Beckfield. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Chair Smiar advises that a draft list for the Taskforce on Communicable Disease was submitted to the committee prior to the meeting. Motion by Supervisor Bates to approve the draft list of members, seconded by Supervisor Wilkie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha Kraegenbrink". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk

From: [Eau Claire County](#)
To: [Samantha Kraegenbrink](#)
Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:59:29 PM

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Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

Submission #: 645797
IP Address:
Submission Date: 11/18/2020 9:59
Survey Time: 51 minutes, 44 seconds

Read-Only Content

Today's Date

11/18/2020 12:00 AM

Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For:

Please select one from the list below.

Human Services Board

If applying for County Board of Supervisors, which district?

n/a

The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?

Yes

Section Break

Full Name

Mr James catlin

Age 18 or Older

Yes

Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?

Yes

Number of Years:

27

Education

M.S. Guidance and Counseling

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?

No

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)

n/a

List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served

none

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest

Worked in institutional care, as a county DHS supervisor, & 2 private practice stints. Provided in-home family therapy for LSS (contracted with EC county) and owned a C-corp that contracted with Chippewa county re family mental health programs. Worked 2 years at UW-Health Family Medicine clinic and for 13 years have taught/developed undergrad HS courses for Columbia College of Columbia, MO. Wrote articles for 2 years for Chippewa Valley Family magazine, on topics of child/ family mental health. Am a licensed clinical social worker, past Medicaid provider, outpatient provider, and an approved clinical coordinator for CSP programs for CMI persons. Resume available on request.

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

I am a big believer in tax dollars working effectively and am intimately familiar with DHS services/programs. Having treated the diverse minority clients/families in EC, I've seen firsthand specific DHS service shortfalls and certain needs going unmet with certain populations. Services/programs should be strategically targeted to those most needing them, and when an unmet need arises, I immensely enjoy creating something from nothing. I also enjoy working on teams and have a deep, abiding belief in the collective power & creativity of teamwork. I believe that hands-on, democratic oversight/leadership of DHS could streamline/enhance operations and greatly improve community well-being.

From: [Donald Mowry](#)
To: [Samantha Kraegenbrink](#)
Cc: [Dave Hayden](#); [Rod Eslinger](#)
Subject: Recommendation for an appointment to the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee
Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:27:02 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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Dear Chair Smiar,

Please add the following appointment recommendation to the agenda of the upcoming Administration Committee and the subsequent County Board meeting.

On December 17, 2020, and by a vote of 8-0-0, the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee voted to recommend that Tom Lange be appointed to an open position on the broadband committee.

The application information is appended to this email.

Sincerely,

Don Mowry
Chair, Eau Claire County Broadband Committee

Tom Lange Application for the Eau Claire County Broadband Committee

Read-Only Content

Today's Date

12/11/2020 12:00 AM

Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For: Please select one from the list below.

Broadband

If applying for County Board of Supervisors, which district?

The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?

Yes, I will be able to attend most meetings as my schedule is quite flexible.

Section Break

Full Name

Thomas Lange

Age 18 or Older

Yes

Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?

Yes

Number of Years:

33 years approximately

Education

Cadott HS - Diploma; Madison Area Tech College - Assoc Degree in Bus Mid Mgmt; UWEC - Bachelor's Deg in Bus Ed; UWEC - MBA; UW Madison- Ed Tech Coord; Winona State- Ed Specialist, Educat LeadershipE

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?

No

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)

None

List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served None

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest

Joined CVTC in April of 2011 as the Director of Information Technology. In 2019 he became the Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. Tom has more than 25 years of Educational Technology Experience from his work at the Rice Lake Area School District and the Fall Creek School District as the Technology Coordinator and at the Eau Claire School District as a business teacher and Windows Network Administrator.

Currently serves as the Chippewa Valley Internetworking Consortium Chair, is the President of the WisNet Board of Directors, Planning Director for the Midwest Educational Technology Association, and other opportunities across the state promoting broadband.

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

The pandemic has pushed forward many digital transformation strategies in education and how all organizations are forced to change business processes. I will continue to work to help push broadband access to all residents of Eau Claire county and the state of Wisconsin so that all have a chance to succeed. I hope to continue to provide the best possible conditions for all community members to have equal opportunities to basic needs including broadband access in the community and in their homes.

Thank you,

Eau Claire County