

MINUTES
Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Monday, December 14, 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

Other Supervisors present: Judy Gatlin, Mark Beckfield

Staff present: Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Danielle Powers, Administrative Services Manager – Sheriff’s Dept; Greg Bowe, Purchasing Manager; Jessica Rubin, HR Director; Sheriff Ron Cramer;

Others present: Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram

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

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

Supervisor Pagonis noted that Meals on Wheels delivered 599 meals on the day before Thanksgiving. No other members of the public wished to comment.

Sheriff Cramer gave an update on the forensic audit. The Sheriff’s Department has hired Wipfli out of Minneapolis to review evidentiary documents.

The committee received a brief update from the Judiciary and Law Committee on discussions regarding body cameras for law enforcement officers. Norb Kirk gave an updated on statewide funding initiatives. Danielle Powers provided information on vendors that the department is currently using for equipment trials.

The committee reviewed vendors with an aggregate payment amount of greater than \$10,000, but with smaller individual check amounts. These vendors are not presented on the monthly vouchers over \$10K report because each payment is less than \$10,000.

Norb Kirk and Greg Bowe gave an overview of the purchasing practices that are in place today. These have been in effect for years and may not align with county code. It is important to understand what is currently happening before any adjustments can be made to code or policy.

Review of Meeting Minutes – correction “move for approval”; add word “not” to first sentence in first paragraph.

Motion: Leary moved approval as corrected

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

Next Meeting and Agenda Items: January 4 and January 20

January 4 – presentation on Avatar and eWisacwis

County purchasing policy versus county code

2021 bond options

The committee was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk

