

## **AGENDA**

County Covid-19 Taskforce

**Location:** Webex Meet (Virtual)

**Date:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

Those wishing to make public comments must submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to [samantha.kraegenbrink@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:samantha.kraegenbrink@co.eau-claire.wi.us). Comments are limited to 3 minutes; you will be called on during the public comment section of the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted and should be submitted to [samantha.kraegenbrink@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:samantha.kraegenbrink@co.eau-claire.wi.us).

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1. Call to order and confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Taskforce Minutes – **Discussion/Action**
  - a. January 20, 2021
5. General Updates: Pandemic Status and Vaccine Distribution– **Discussion**
6. Building Reopening – **Discussion/Action**
7. File No. 20-21/114 – Resolution authorizing a 2021 budget amendment to reinstate the 2020 annual employee step increase – **Discussion/Action**
8. Revenue and Expenditure Projections – **Information/Discussion**
9. Update on the City-County Collaborative Taskforce – **Information/Discussion**
10. Agenda items for future meeting - **Discussion**
11. Adjourn

**MINUTES**

County Covid-19 Taskforce

**Location:** Webex Meet (Virtual)

**Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

Present: Nick Smiar, Jessica Rubin, Kathryn Schauf, Norb Kirk, Stella Pagonis, Tim Sullivan

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator

Public: Ryan Patterson – Leader Telegram

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Verbal roll call was completed by the Clerk and listed above under present.

No members of the public wished to make comment.

The taskforce reviewed the meeting minutes from December 16, 2020. Administrator Schauf motioned to approve the minutes as presented. No further discussion, corrections, deletions. The motion was seconded by Attorney Sullivan. All in favor, minutes approved.

Administrator Schauf provided general updates regarding the ongoing challenge of the County's COVID-19 response. The County Board approved an extension of EPSL on January 19, 2021. The courts are continuing to do all work via resume. The only areas of concern have been jury trials; however, those have been delayed.

Currently the bridge plan is still in place, in 2021 the positions remain unfunded and will require board action be reinstated. The positions would also need to go to the Committee on Finance & Budget and require 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote due to the impact on the budget.

Norb Kirk provided an update on revenue and expenditure projections. Potential impact to the general fund is slated to be reported to the Committee on Finance & Budget on January 20.

Chair Smiar provided a brief update on the City-County Collaborative Taskforce.

The next meeting is being planned for February 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Samantha Kraegenbrink

Assistant to the County Administrator

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 20-21/114

**Approving a 2021 budget amendment to reinstate the July 2020 annual employee step increase previously suspended.**

This resolution is to reinstate the July 2020 annual employee step increase through a budget amendment to increase the 2021 Eau Claire County budget for Sales Tax revenue by \$450,000. This step increase would be effective March 14, 2021 for active employees that were employed as of July 1, 2020 and have not subsequently changed pay grades between July 1, 2020 and March 14, 2021. Employees changing pay grades have received an increase as part of their shift in grade.

Resolution 20-21/036 was approved by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors on July 23, 2020 and suspended the July 2020 step increase due to fiscal concerns resulting from the COVID pandemic. The resolution contained a provision to reinstate the 2020 annual step increase based on sufficient improvement in the financial outlook for Eau Claire County. The most recent year-end projection for 2020 indicates an improvement in the financial outlook to support the reinstatement.

The fiscal impact for this action is projected to be \$450,000, funded by an increase in the 2021 budget for Sales Tax from \$10,050,960 to \$10,500,960.

Fiscal Impact: \$450,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Norbert Kirk  
Eau Claire County Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING A 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REINSTATE THE 2020 ANNUAL EMPLOYEE STEP INCREASE

WHEREAS, Eau Claire county in anticipation of financial shortfalls expected during 2020 as a result of the COVID pandemic implemented a COVID Task Force to assess and determine potential financial mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, one of the COVID Task Force mitigation strategies adopted by the Board of Supervisors under resolution 20-21/036 on July 23, 2020 resulted in suspending the July 2020 step increase in wages as set forth in Policy 519, Section 213 of the Employee policy manual; and

WHEREAS, resolution 20-21/036 outlined the potential to reinstate the step increase suspended based on sufficient improvement in the financial outlook for Eau Claire County and

WHEREAS, the most recent 2020 year-end projections for the financial results for 2020 indicate sufficient improvement in the financial outlook for Eau Claire County for 2020 to allow the July 2020 step increase to be reinstated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors support a 2021 budget amendment to reinstate the July 2020 step increase for active eligible employees effective March 14, 2021 that were employed as of July 1, 2020 and have not subsequently changed pay grades between July 1, 2020 and March 14, 2021. The estimated fiscal impact for 2021 is \$450,000, funded by increasing the 2021 Sales Tax revenue by \$450,000 to \$10,500,960,

ADOPTED

I hereby certify that the foregoing correctly represents the action of the COVID Task Force on February \_\_\_\_, 2021, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ for, and \_\_\_\_ against.

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Nick Smiar, Chair

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