

JOINT AGENDA
Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget
Highway Building Committee
Monday, May 17, 2021
4:30 p.m.
Webex Conference Call

Committee on Finance & Budget Members present: Supervisors Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis, Gerald Wilkie; Nick Smiar, ex-officio

Highway Building Committee Members present: Supervisors Colleen Bates, Jim Dunning, Judy Gatlin, Ray Henning, Robin Leary, Nick Smiar, Gerald Wilkie

Staff present: Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Matt Theisen, Facilities Director; Sue McDonald, County Clerk; Jon Johnson, Highway Commissioner; Betsy Henck, ADRC; Tim Sullivan, Corporation Counsel; Linda Struck, Director ADRC; Ron Schmidt, DHS Deputy Director; Diane Cable, DHS Director; Vickie Gardner, DHS Fiscal Manager;

Others present: Ryan Patterson, Leader Telegram; Kasey Lemke;

Chair Pagonis called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 4:30 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

Chair Dunning called the Highway Building Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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

No members of the public wished to speak.

Proposed Resolution 21-22/015 “Authorizing a Budget Amendment to Exceed the Amount of Expenditure for the New Highway Facility”

Motion: Leary rescind prior resolution and replace with revised resolution for reaffirmation of construction on highway facility, to meet 05.18.21 with exact wording

Discussion: The Committee on Finance & Budget believes the proposed resolution to be incomplete. Supervisor Bates spoke to the potential revenue options, including additional department grants and savings in other projects.

Supervisor Wilkie reviewed his proposed amendment to resolution 21-22/015. Line 6 needs to be updated to read \$32,753,000. He believes it is premature and hasty to do a budget amendment, at this time, and believes that a reaffirmation is all that is necessary.

Kathryn Schauf spoke to the necessity of a budget amendment. Tim spoke to budget amendments required under WI Stats. 65.90(5)(b). This increase is above 10% of the originally allocated amount, and so requires a budget amendment. Jon Johnson and Matt Theisen spoke on the original budget amount, and the adjustments to the facility design. There is concern that without a budget amendment, the county would not be able to continue with the design process or with preordering of materials. The current design is estimated to be greater than the budgeted amount, and without an increase to the building budget, the county will design and bid a building it cannot finish.

Supervisor Chilson would like to have detail on revenue sources. The county expects to look toward future reductions in capital bonding or ARPA funds to support other activities, then diverting other funds to the highway facility.

Both committees agreed to reconvene at 6:15 pm before the county board meeting on 05.18.21 to approve revised resolution.

The Highway Building Committee adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The Committee on Finance & Budget continued with their regular meeting agenda.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk