

Minutes

Joint Meeting - Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement | Committee on Finance and Budget
Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Cisco Webex

Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement Members Present: Melissa Janssen*, Sandra McKinney, Zoe Roberts, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Committee on Finance & Budget Members Present: Steve Chilson, Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Stella Pagonis, and Gerald Wilkie.

Ex Officio Member Present: Nick Smiar

Others Present: TRY Mediation Director Todd Johnson, Admin. Division Manager Danielle Powers, Sheriff Ron Cramer, Captain Dave Riewestahl, Lieutenant Travis Holbrook, Lieutenant Cory Schalinske, Criminal Justice Director Tiana Glenna, Fiscal Associate Jennifer Porzondek, Accountant Linda O'Mara, Senior Accountant Amy Weiss, Finance Director Norb Kirk, County Administrator Kathryn Schauf and Eric Huse.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairpersons Wilkie & Pagonis at 3:00 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

The Clerk confirmed this meeting was properly noticed to the public.

Call of the Roll

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance was noted above.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

*Supervisor Janssen arrived at this time.

2022 Department Budget Presentations

• TRY Mediation

- Director Todd Johnson provided an introduction and presented the 2022 agency request for Eau Claire County funds. Director Johnson advised there is no change in Eau Claire County funds request from 2020 and 2021. Director Johnson relayed to the Committees that he is exploring opportunities to expand and increase levels of service TRY Mediation provides while generating additional revenue to help sustain them. The Committees engaged in general discussion. It was noted that the 2022 user fees revenue should be \$34,300 and the total 2022 budget is \$219,319.
- Supervisor McKinney moved to support the request for Eau Claire County funds. **Approved** 5-0 via voice vote by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

• Criminal Justice Collaborating Council

- Criminal Justice Director Tiana Glenna presented the 2022 department budget request. Director Glenna explained that the significant focuses in the coming years are centered around equity, diversity, and inclusion in the County Justice System, mental health early interventions, criminal justice data availability/understandability, and pre-trial services. The Committees engaged in general discussion.
- Supervisor Russell moved to support the 2022 department budget request. **Approved** 5-0 via voice vote by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

• Sheriff's Office

- Admin. Division Manager Danielle Powers, Captain Dave Riewestahl, and Lieutenant Cory Schalinske presented the 2022 department budget request. Highlights of the budget request include the following:

- Significant increases in wages and benefits for 2022.
- Request to create two additional correctional officer positions – one for DNA/Fingerprint duties and one for transport duties. These positions will be funded through existing tax levy funds and by reducing contracted services expenses.
- Request to create one new detective position. This position will be partially funded by existing tax levy funds and by reducing contracted service and other expenses. Additional tax levy funds will be needed to fully fund this new position.
- Request to abolish two correctional officer positions and create two Corporal positions. These positions will be funded by existing tax levy funds.
- Request to create one new bailiff position. This position will require additional tax levy funds.
- The Committees engaged in general discussion.
- Supervisor McKinney moved to support the 2022 department budget request. Chairperson Wilkie called for a roll call vote: JANSSEN aye; MCKINNEY aye; ROBERTS aye; RUSSELL aye; WILKIE aye. **Approved** 5-0 by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

Future Meeting Date

A joint meeting of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement and Committee on Budget and Finance was scheduled for July 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Future Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairpersons Wilkie & Pagonis at 5:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse
Committee Clerk
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement