

**MINUTES**

Eau Claire County  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**  
Monday, October 4, 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)

**Staff present:** Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Sue McDonald, County Clerk; Glenda Lyons, County Treasurer; Jessica Rubin, HR Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

**Others present:** Supervisor Colleen Bates,

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

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

No members of the public wished to speak.

Proposed Resolution 21-22/060 “Authorizing the Sale of Tax Deed Property...”

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via roll call vote

Glenda Lyons gave an update on the county’s investment. The county has \$24.5 million in short term Bremer CDs earning 0.1-.25%; long term investments are about \$11M (\$5M ARPA funds) and average 1.1% rate of return. Cash flow is doing well. The county has plenty of cash, but interest rates are not good.

Glenda Lyons presented information on the county’s sale book. Glenda attributes better tax collections to pandemic stimulus payments.

Glenda Lyons presented information on current year delinquent tax write-offs. The county is not going to take the properties, and is unable to give the properties to the City of Eau Claire. The parcels are not useful.

Proposed Ordinance 21-22/049 Annual Fee Changes

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Kathryn Schauf gave a brief update on the American Rescue Plan Act. The county continues to take care to move deliberately and slowly to ensure that all projects fit under the interim guidance still fit under the final guidance.

Kathryn Schauf and Stella Pagonis reviewed revised budget priorities. The committee believes that the guidelines adhere to the strategic plan and are clear and concise.

Motion: Dunning moved approval of guidelines as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

The committee reviewed the 2022 budget process and procedures. The budget books are in the County Clerk’s office, as well as on the county website.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Joint with Committee on HR – July 9, 2021*

*Joint with Committee on Administration – July 13, 2021*

*Joint with Committee on Judiciary & Law – July 28 and July 29, 2021*

*Joint with Aging & Disability Resource Center Board – August 2, 2021*

*Joint with Highway Committee – August 5, 2021*

*Joint with Committee on Planning & Development – August 10, 2021*

*Joint with Human Services Board – August 16, 2021*

*Motion: Wilkie – under contracted services: Supervisor Wilkie asked what category Alia falls under, and what amount is estimated for that; answer: in overhead, under professional services, but amount was unavailable*

*Joint with Committee on Parks & Forest – August 17, 2021*

*Joint with UW-Extension Education – August 18, 2021*

*Motion: Pagonis – need to have adjournment of F&B, minutes should indicate that F&B did not vote on approval*

*Regular Meeting – September 13, 2021*

*Joint Meeting with Committee on HR – September 17, 2021*

*Motion: Pagonis – F&B did not make any recommendations, so lines indicating as such need to be removed*

*Joint Meeting with Committee on HR – September 29, 2021*

Motion: Leary moved approval of all minutes, as presented and with amendments noted above

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Future Meetings and Agenda Items

Budget Wrap-up scheduled for October 7, 11:00 am.

The committee adjourned at 5:21 pm.



Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk