

## **MINUTES**

Eau Claire County  
Committee on Finance & Budget  
Thursday, October 14, 2021, 10:00 am  
Webex Conference Call

Present: Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Steve Chilson, Stella Pagonis, Gerald Wilkie (10:32 a.m.)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Acting Committee Clerk, Norb Kirk, Kathryn Schauf, Linda O’Mara, Vickie Gardner, Sonja Leenhouts, Erika Gullerud, Glenda Lyons, Diane Cable

Public: Dane Zook – County Board Supervisor

### **Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice**

Chair Pagonis called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

### **Roll Call**

The acting Clerk took roll call and is listed above under present.

### **Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to make comment.

### **Budget Wrap Up Session**

Norb Kirk answered questions provided by the Committee at a prior meeting. It was advised that if there was no reduction to HSA, there would be approx. \$150,000 of levy impact. Norb Kirk also discussed the salary matrix review as part of the total rewards improvement.

Norb Kirk provided clarification on debt service as shown on page six.

The committee worked through the recommended budget (revenues, capital/debt service, fund balance, and community agencies) and asked clarifying questions.

Key points:

- Community Agencies:
  - Supervisor Wilkie motions for a reduction of EDC back to \$20,000.
  - **Amendment:** Supervisor Chilson suggests to take the excess \$27,500 from EDC and split it between homeless housing shelters. (\$9,000 to Bolton and Sojornor, \$6,500 to Family Promise and \$3,000 to Housing Authority.) Motion by Supervisor Leary. All in favor.
  - Supervisor Leary requests funding be allocated to the Housing Authority.
- Departments:
  - Administration
    - Clarification provided on contracted services (allocated for EDI work and shared position)
  - Corporation Counsel
    - Discussion on additional Assistant Corporation Counsel
  - County Board
    - No discussion

- County Clerk
  - Would like to see more measurable outcomes instead of just outputs in the future.
- County Treasurer
  - Reduction in investment income
- Facilities
  - Concerned of natural gas prices

Committee Break (11:46-12 noon)

- Finance
  - None
- Human Resources
  - Discussion on total rewards/total compensation, not a wage survey.
  - Norb Kirk explained the health insurance benefit.
- Information Systems
  - Clarification on Marketing Communication position
- Non-departmental
  - Norb Kirk helped clarify revenues and expenditures. Committee requests more explanation in future budgets.
- Register of Deeds
  - Supervisor Wilkie feels there may be some dollars that can be pulled from Register of Deeds if needed. (\$10,000-\$20,000)
- Circuit Court
  - None
- Clerk of Courts
  - None
- District Attorney
  - None
- Register in Probate
  - None
- Communications Center
  - None
- Criminal Justice Department
  - None
- Sheriff
  - None
- ADRC
  - None
- Child Support
  - None
- Health Department
  - Contract/haven't met with yet
- Human Services
  - **Amendment:** Chair Pagonis offered amendment (see document: amendment 2) to approve 6.5 positions in the budget, however, place all other positions on hold until all current vacancies are filled and then reassess case load. Diane Cable advised the ask is as if all positions are filled. Agrees with requested position changes (already filled and changing title, etc.) Set funds aside as a contingency to be used specifically for future positions. Motion by Supervisor Chilson, all in favor.
  - Supervisor Wilkie supports the supervisor in Juvenile Detention. Supervisors Wilkie, Leary and Chilson agree with Chair Pagonis' amendment. Supervisor

