

MINUTES
Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance & Budget

Monday, June 20, 2022
4:30 p.m.
Courthouse – Room #1273
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Members present: Supervisors Jim Dunning, John Folstad, Robin Leary, Cory Sisk, Dane Zook, Nick Smiar (ex-officio)

Staff present: Greg Bowe, Purchasing Manager; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Glenda Lyons, Treasurer; Sue McDonald, County Clerk; Sharon McIlquham, Corporation Counsel; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

Chair Zook 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.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0

Banking Request for Proposal Update

Greg Bowe presented the results of the banking request for proposal.

Motion: Folstad moved approval of award to US Bank

Vote: 5-0, motion passes

Proposed Code Change: Chapter 4.20 “Acquisition and Sale of Tax Delinquent Lands”

Sharon McIlquham, Glenda Lyons, and Sue McDonald gave an introduction to the proposed changes to code section 4.20. This revision will modify the code to reflect the process that the county should be doing.

Quarter 1 Financial Reports

Glenda Lyons presented the quarter 1 financial results for the Treasurer.

Sue McDonald presented the quarter 1 financial results for the County Clerk.

Norb Kirk presented the quarter 1 financial results for the Finance Department.

Norb Kirk presented the quarter 1 Director’s Report for financial information across the county.

Norb Kirk reviewed the sales tax and vehicle registration fee reports for collections through May 2022. The entire vehicle registration fee is used to maintain roads and bridges.

Proposed Resolution 22-23/032 “...To Authorize the Approval to Calculate Actual Revenue Losses Incurred for Each of the Years 2020-2023 Due to the Public Health Emergency Created by the Covid-19 Pandemic...”

This election gives the county more flexibility in how the county can spend the ARPA dollars. The county expects to have a higher lost revenue calculation than the standard \$10 million election.

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0, motion passes

Proposed Resolution 22-23/034 “Abolishing the 1.0 FTE Fiscal Associate IV...and Creating 1.0 FTE Internal Control Specialist...”

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0, motion passes

Proposed Ordinance 22-23/035 “To Amend Section 2.12.140 B. of the Code: Medical Examiner System”

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0, motion passes

Budget Update

The committee reviewed the budget guidance that was distributed to departments for the 2023 budget. The committee reviewed the joint budget review session schedule. It is helpful to have all interested parties in the same room at the same time. Supervisors would like to hear specifics on service impacts when operation budgets are not able to be increased.

The committee discussed the dates and locations for public input sessions. The committee clerk will send out some possible dates and work to schedule with locations.

Proposed Resolution 22-23/025 “Requesting the State Legislature to Modify Levy Limits”

Nick Smiar provided background on this file. Committee members believe community is fearful of taxes and feels that this will not have a large impact on the county. This resolution is to notify the state legislature that there is a problem that needs to be solved.

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 2-3, motion fails

American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) Update

Kathryn Schauf gave an update on the processes and projects to be funded by the county’s ARPA funds.

Future Meetings: regular meeting July 18; regular August 15; joint budget meetings per oversight committee schedule

Agenda Items: review department budget mitigation plans; 10K board report process and review (invite corporation counsel)

The committee adjourned at 6:45 pm.



Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk