



MINUTES

Joint Eau Claire County
Human Services Board
and Finance/Budget
Monday August 1, 2022,
at 5:30 pm

Present:

Human Services Board:

- Chair Katherine Schneider
- Vice Chair Kimberly Cronk
- Supervisor John Folstad
- Supervisor David Hirsch
- Supervisor Connie Russell
- Citizen Member Lorraine Henning
- Citizen Member Jim Catlin
- Citizen Member Kathleen Clark
- Citizen Member Paul Maalucci
- Ex Officio Member Chair Nick Smiar

Finance/Budget Board:

- Chair Dane Zook
- Supervisor Jim Dunning
- Supervisor John Folstad
- Supervisor Robin Leary
- Supervisor Cory Sisk

Others:

- Committee Clerk Bridget Kinderman
- Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Diane Cable
- DHS Deputy Director Ron Schmidt
- DHS Behavioral Health Administrator Luke Fedie
- DHS Economic Support Consortium Administrator Kathy Welke
- DHS Family Services

Administrator Terri Bohl

- DHS Fiscal Manager Vickie

Gardner

Public community members

Call to Order

Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Confirmation of Meeting Notice

Chair Schneider asked if the meeting had been noticed, and the Committee Clerk said that it had been.

Roll Call

The Committee Clerk called the roll, and it is noted above who was present.

Public Comment

Chair Schneider asked if any public comment had been received, and the Committee Clerk said that none had been received. Supervisor Hirsch moved to close comment, and Vice Chair Cronk seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0. Supervisor Vue was not in attendance.

Human Services Proposed 2023 Budget

DHS Director Cable, Deputy Director Schmidt, Fiscal Manager Gardner, Administrators Bohl, Fedie, and Welke presented the DHS 2023 budget along with trends, risk areas, risk area strategies, positions, and waitlists as related to programming, resources, and services provided within DHS. The 2023 budget applies non-tax levy revenue resources available to each program area and the amount requested from the tax levy. DHS is asking for a 0% increase from the tax levy and an overall 1% budget decrease from the previous year. There will not be a reduction in services provided even though there is a budget decrease.

Supervisor Folstad motioned to amend the proposed DHS 2023 budget to eliminate the six new positions and the funding for them. Supervisor Folstad stated the County will need to cut \$2.5-\$3 million from its budget and HSB committee needs to identify how to best cut from the DHS budget. Supervisor Folstad stated there are vacancies from 2022 and overtime is minimal for a department this large. No second motion was received to support Supervisor Folstad's amendment. This motion did not move to a vote.

Supervisor Folstad motioned to amend the proposed DHS 2023 budget to remove the funding for the reclassing of the seventeen positions identified in the 2023 budget presentation. No second motion was received to support Supervisor Folstad's amendment. This motion did not move to a vote.

Supervisor Hirsch motioned to accept the proposed 2023 budget and Citizen member Henning seconded. The action to accept the DHS proposed 2023 budget was approved 8-1. Supervisor Folstad dissented. Supervisor Vue was not in attendance.

Review/Approval of Committee Minutes

The Board reviewed meeting minutes from July 11, 2022. Editorial language changes were

identified; use “motion passed” (with vote count) vs. “unanimously approved” and “financials accepted” vs. “report was accepted.” With such editorial changes identified, Supervisor Hirsch moved to approve the July 2022 minutes with the language changes, and Citizen member Paul Maalucci seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-1. Supervisor Folstad dissented. Supervisor Vue was not in attendance.

Director’s Report

Director’s report was not given. The proposed 2023 Human Services Board budget was presented.

Review of December 2021 Year-End Financials

December 2021 year-end financials were not reviewed.

Review of May 2022 Financials

May 2022 financials were not reviewed and will be reviewed at the September Human Services Board meeting.

Announcements

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at
8:32pm Respectfully submitted
by,
Bridget Kinderman