



## MINUTES

**Eau Claire County | Joint Committee Meeting**  
**Committee on Highway | Committee on Finance & Budget**  
**Thursday, August 11, 2022 | 8:00 a.m.**  
**Eau Claire County Boardroom, Room 1277**

**Committee Members Present:**

**Committee on Highway:** Supervisors Steve Chilson, Nathan Otto, Judy Gatlin, Larry Hoekstra, Nick Smiar (ex-officio)  
**Committee on Finance & Budget:** Supervisors Jim Dunning, John Folstad, Cory Sisk, Dane Zook, Robin Leary

**Staff/Others Present:**

Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Assistant Commissioner Brian Spilde, Fiscal Supervisor Kyle Welbes, Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts, Administrative Associate III Natalie Szews, Accountant Kelsey Weigel, Engineer Travis Pickering, Finance Director Norb Kirk, Senior Accounting Manager Amy Weiss

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman Chilson at 8:00 a.m.**
2. **Public Comment** – none
3. **2023 Highway Department Budget – Discussion/Action**
  - Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson and Fiscal Supervisor Kyle Welbes presented 2023 Highway Department Budget materials.
  - Supervisor Otto motioned to approve and forward to County Administration. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Adjournment of the Finance & Budget Committee**
5. **Review/Approval of Past Committee Meeting Minutes (07/14/22) – Discussion/Action**
  - Supervisor Hoekstra raised concerns about reliability and cost effectiveness of getting electric vehicles for the Highway Department and should be an object of discussion moving forward. Commissioner Johnson advised that the Highway Department has the same concerns and advised the two new electric vehicles will provide a good analysis on how electric vehicles would work for the department.
  - Supervisor Gatlin motioned to approve. Motion carried 4 – 0.
6. **User Fee Changes for 2023 Budget – Discussion/Action**
  - Discussed need for permit fee changes to cover our processing time and to be more in-line with other county rates.
  - Supervisor Otto motioned to approve fee change increases. Motion carried 4-0.
7. **Review of Payment Vouchers (07/15/22 to 08/05/22) – Discussion/Action**
  - Supervisor Gatlin motioned to approve. Motion carried 4-0.
8. **Future Meeting Dates/Times/Agenda Items – Discussion**
  - Next meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.
9. **Meeting adjourned by Chairman Chilson at 9:52 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPROVED 09/08/22**