



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**

**Monday, October 10, 2022**

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1277

721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

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

**Other members present:** Supervisor Connie Russell, Larry Hoekstra, Allen Myren, Nancy Coffey

**Staff present:** Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Sharon McIlquham, Corporation Counsel; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Eric Huse; Katrina Ranallo; Dave Riewestahl; Cory Schalinske; Matt Theisen; Rod Eslinger; Megan Brasch; Linda Struck; Chelsey Mayer; Vickie Gardner; Ron Schmidt; Samantha Kraegenbrink; Erika Gullerud; Linda O'Mara; Glenda Lyons; Sonja Leenhouts; Jennifer Porzondek; Tiana Glenna; Jon Johnson; Susan Schaffer; Greg Dachel; Terri Bohl; Josh Pedersen; Kristen; Kyle Welbes; Lieske Giese; Luke Fedie; Sue McDonald; Kathy Welke; Matthew Kulasiewicz;

**Others present:** Media

Chair Zook called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 1:00 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

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

No members of the public wished to speak.

The chair requested to take the addendum first. No objections.

**Proposed Resolution 22-23/062** “Denying the Claim of Brandon Pember Against Eau Claire County;...”

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote; motion carried

**Proposed Resolution 22-23/064** “Authorizing a 2022 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Eau Claire County”

Motion: Sisk moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote; motion carried

**Proposed Resolution 22-23/065** “Authorizing a 2022 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2022 Gift to Eau Claire County”

Motion: Folstad moved to postpone until December Finance & Budget meeting

Dane amended motion to postpone until October 17

Vote: postpone to Oct 17 Leary: no; Folstad: yes; Zook: yes; Sisk: yes

**Budget Wrap-Up Session:** The committee reviewed and discussed the Administrator’s Recommended Budget and made the following proposed amendments. Proposed amendments were acted upon at the October 17, 2022 committee meeting.

1. Folstad: propose amendment that all Facilities capital projects be removed from 2023 budget and be sent to ARPA committee for evaluation of funding
2. Folstad: propose amendment that all Culture & Recreational capital projects be removed from 2023 budget and be sent to ARPA committee for evaluation for funding
3. Folstad: propose amendment that all Conservation & Economic Development capital projects be removed from 2023 budget and be sent to ARPA committee for evaluation for funding



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4. Folstad: amendment to eliminate Culture & Relations Coordinator
5. Folstad: amendment to eliminate Human Services Access Lead to Access Supervisor
6. Folstad: amendment to eliminate Human Services Fiscal Supervisor III to Accountant reclassification
7. Leary/Sisk: amendment to add 4 patrol deputies and related equipment, 2 in January and 2 in July; no change to overtime under assumption that it will go down

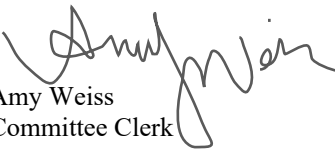
----10-minute break----

8. Folstad: amendment to eliminate Human Services change from Crisis Supervisor to Crisis Manager
9. Folstad: amendment to eliminate 4.5 new FTE in Crisis program; not eliminate program but reallocate other FTEs
10. Community Agency budget: Project Lifesaver has requested funding and was not able to submit a funding request earlier this year
11. Folstad: amendment to decrease the number of supervisors in Human Services by 6; current number of supervisors is 38, but feel this is too high of a ratio for employees to supervisors; department has expressed concern over reducing the number of supervisors; none of the supervisors take a caseload so a cut of this nature would have the smallest impact to services to community
12. Community Agency budget: Leary requesting additional funding for Eau Claire County Housing Authority to assist with educational funding and incentive program to help renters with vouchers to obtain housing when landlords will not rent
13. County Board budget: Zook amendment for hybrid equipment so people can see and hear county board meetings
14. Folstad: amendment to decrease contracted services by \$110k (Alia contract)

**Committee's Recommended Amendments on the 2023 Administrator's Recommended Budget to Advance to the County Board** – postponed until October 17

Future Meetings: October 17, 2022 at 1:00 pm

The committee adjourned at 4:30 pm.

  
Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk