



MINUTES
Committee on Finance & Budget

Monday, October 17, 2022

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1277

721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

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

Other members present: Supervisors Connie Russell, Allen Myren, Nancy Coffey, Gerald Wilkie, Joe Knight, Steve Chilson, Stella Pagonis, Tammy Schraufnagel

Staff present: Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Dave Riewestahl; Katrina Ranallo; Eric Huse; Jessica McDonald; Matt Theisen; Josh Pedersen; Rod Eslinger; Sharon McIlquham; Luke Fedie; Ron Schmidt; Vickie Gardner; Susan Warner; Chelsey Mayer; Glenda Lyons; Jennifer Porzondek; Kathy Welke; Sonja Leenhouts; Sue McDonald; Diane Cable; Lieske Giese; Kyle Welbes; Linda O’Mara; Erika Gullerud; Samantha Kraegenbrink; Tina Pommier; Linda Struck; Jon Johnson; Kristen; Tiana Glenna; Greg Dachel

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.

Public Comment:

- Supervisor Joe Knight, Chair of Parks & Forest Committee: managing the parks has become a full-time job so would like the Parks Manager position to be added back to the budget; does not take levy dollars, and would be covered by park fees, fewer overall dollars could be transferred back to the general fund
- Supervisor Steve Chilson, Chair of Highway Committee: annual investment for PACER rating of 5.4 would be \$5.2 million; \$6.0 million needed to maintain level of road service; Highway department and committee developed a goal to move road funding cycle to 40 years which was an increase of the less than 30 year cycle the department had been working under; levy has remained flat, with exception of \$200k reduction; restore levy to prior year amounts

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

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-1, motion carries

Budget Wrap-Up Session: The committee reviewed and discussed the Administrator’s Recommended Budget.

Committee’s Recommended Amendments on the 2023 Administrator’s Recommended Budget to Advance to the County Board

1. Folstad: eliminate \$1.630M from the Facilities capital improvement plan and send to ARPA Committee for consideration of possible funding
 - a. Folstad AMENDMENT to amendment: to eliminate from bonding and to recommend use of ARPA funds for use on Facilities capital improvement projects
 - b. Folstad withdrew original amendment:
 - c. New Amendment: Folstad: move general government funding of \$1,920,438 from bonding to ARPA funding



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- d. Vote on new Amendment: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
2. Folstad: amendment to move \$1,205,698 of Culture & Recreation be removed from bonding and moved to ARPA funding
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
3. Folstad: eliminate from bonding \$458,300 for Conservation & Economic Development and to consider ARPA funding
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
4. Folstad: Eliminate Assistant HR Director position and do not create the Culture & Relations Coordinator for a total cost savings \$95,300; this money will be transferred to the Facilities department and specifically earmarked for the \$86,000 request from the Circuit Courts for the door locks project
 - a. Amendment: total amount of \$95,300
 - i. Vote on amendment: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: yes; Dunning: yes; Zook: yes
 - b. Amendment: Sisk to eliminate Culture & Relations Coordinator for \$95,300 and use savings for funding the contracted services to do the reclassification of job descriptions for \$38,000 and return remainder of savings to general fund
 - i. Vote on Amendment: Folstad: no; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: no
 - c. Vote on amended original amendment: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
5. Folstad: eliminate the request to abolish a crisis supervisor position and to create a crisis manager position
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: no; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes – motion fails
6. Folstad: amendment to eliminate Human Services Access Lead to Access Supervisor
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: no; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes – motion fails
7. Folstad: amendment to eliminate Human Services Fiscal Supervisor III to Accountant reclassification
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: no; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes – motion fails
8. 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
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: yes; Dunning: yes; Zook: yes
9. Folstad: eliminate addition of 4.5 new FTE in DHS, functions of program could be completed by personnel being hired into vacant positions
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
10. Folstad: rescind original amendment to reduce DHS FTE by 6 supervisors
 - a. New amendment: Cut FTEs in DHS so there is a net levy savings of \$250k, at least two need to be supervisor/manager, final changes need to be approved by DHS board and implemented on or before 01.01.23
 - b. Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
11. Folstad: Eliminate \$110k from DHS contracted services and to specifically eliminate all current and future services with Alia
 - a. Amendment: Zook to direct Corp Counsel to review and advise board of any problematic area prior to board adoption
 - i. Vote on amendment: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes
 - b. Vote on Amendment as amended: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Dunning: no; Zook: yes (3-1; Leary stepped out)
12. Project Lifesaver: Supervisor Russell spoke to merits of program; brought forward to Jud & Law
 - a. Motion: Leary moved to approve \$2,000 allocation from fund balance
 - b. Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: yes; Leary: yes; Dunning: yes; Zook: yes
13. Zook: Sheriff's OT assumed to be reduced but does not benefit department or county due to type of cases
 - a. Motion: Sisk move to restore \$100k of OT to Sheriff's budget, to a total of \$477k
 - b. Vote: Folstad: no; Sisk: yes; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: yes – motion fails



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14. ---15 minute break---
15. Dunning: move approval of Parks & Forest amendment to abolish .4 Coon Fork Ranger, to create 1 FTE Parks & Programs Manager and to fund the position from revenue currently generated by the P&F Department, ultimately fund balance
Vote: Dunning: yes; Leary: yes; Folstad: no; Sisk: no; Zook: yes
16. Motion: Leary moved approval of creating 1.0 FTE Network Analyst for \$114,154; some funding could come from reducing IS contracted services reductions
- a. Folstad: dollar amount to reduce IS contracted services, Leary is unsure, estimate of likely savings from reduction of consulting fees need for board vote
 - b. Kirk and Schauf noted that use of fund balance in 2023 to fund recurring expenditures will cause an issue for levy use in subsequent years
 - c. Vote: Leary: yes; Dunning: yes; Sisk: yes; Folstad: yes; Zook: yes
17. Highway Funding: add \$400k in highway capital to be funded by bonding
Vote: Zook: yes; Folstad: no; Sisk: yes; Leary: yes; Dunning: yes
18. Housing Authority allocation: will propose later
19. Folstad: eliminate \$230,929 for HHS community agency funding, \$39,000 culture & recreation community agency funding and to use \$269,929 to fund \$264,974 for public safety capital expenditures, effectively removing \$264,974 public safety capital funding from bonding
Folstad rescinded motion
20. Folstad: eliminate \$1,365,003 from Highway capital bonding, detailed as follows: Cty Hwy F \$135,978, Cty Hwy FW \$232,725, Cty Hwy HI 634,340, Cty Hwy M \$220,064, Cty Hwy O \$58,780, Cty Hwy T \$86,116 and complete using \$1,365,000 excess general fund (difference between current \$17M estimate and needed \$15M)
Vote: Folstad: yes; Leary: no; Sisk: no; Zook: yes; Dunning: absent – 2-2 motion fails
21. Folstad: eliminate \$1,058,735 bonding for highway capital projects and pay for with cost savings from DHS changes and funding remaining from completion of new highway facility
Vote: Folstad: yes; Sisk: no; Leary: no; Dunning: no; Zook: no – motion fails

Future Meetings: none

The committee adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk