

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

**Thursday, May 11, 2023**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #3312

721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

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

**Other Supervisors Present:** Connie Russell, Stella Pagonis

**Staff Present:** Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Angela Eckman, Human Resources Director; Matt Theisen, Facilities Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator

Chair Zook called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 4:00 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

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

No members of the public were present or wished to speak.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented, second by Folstad

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 23-24/008 “Abolishing 1.0 (FTE), Maintenance Technician Position and Creating 1.0 (FTE) Maintenance Technician Lead in the Eau Claire County Facilities Department”

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-1, motion passes via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 23-24/011 “Amending Sections 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3 of Human Resources Policy 513 to Utilize the US General Services Administration (GSA) Meal per diem Amounts Effective July 1, 2023 for Travel and Reimbursement Purposes”

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Motion to Amend by Folstad: delete policy sections 11.2.1-11.2.4 and add the GSA link under 11.3 to Policy 513

Vote: 3-2, motion passes via voice vote

Vote on motion as amended: 4-1, motion passes via voice vote

**Financial Policy and Related Code Section Review**

**Carryforward/Nonlapsing Accounts**

Motion: Sisk to approve as is

Vote: 5-0, motion passes via voice vote

**Revenue Availability**

Motion: Leary to approve as is

Vote: 5-0, motion passes via voice vote

**Budget Deviation**

Motion: Dunning to approve as is

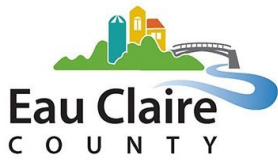
Vote: 5-0, motion passes via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 23-24/014 “Authorizing a Budget Amendment for Carryforward of Funds from 2022 Budget into 2023 Budget”

Motion: Sisk moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0, motion passes via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 23-24/015 “Authorizing a 2023 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2023 Grant Awards and Donations to Eau Claire County”



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The committee reviewed the quarter 1 investment report.

Supervisor Sisk left at 5:15 pm.

Norb Kirk presented some rough projections for annual bonding in the \$5M-\$6M range for the next five years. Folstad wants a referendum in lieu of any borrowing strategy. Folstad would support an annual referendum of \$6M for specific purposes. The committee is open to a total borrowing amount of \$5M, with additional projects up to \$6M total, in the 2024 budget. The committee discussed options for short-term borrowing for smaller, recurring projects like squad cars and the lake district projects.

Advisory vote: capital should stay \$5M or less, 4-0 via voice vote

Addendum Item: 2024 Budget Guidance

Kathryn Schauf reviewed the 2024 budget guidance. The committee would prefer to see a 5% reduction required.

Future Meetings: May 25, 8:00 am; June 8, 4:00 pm

Agenda Items: 2024 capital plan, scheduling for public hearings

The committee adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk