



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

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1302/1302  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

**Members Present:** Supervisors Jim Dunning, John Folstad, Robin Leary, Dane Zook, Cory Sisk (3:45 pm)

**Other Supervisors Present:** Stella Pagonis, Katherine Schneider

**Staff Present:** Jake Brunette, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Greg Dachel, Information Systems Director; Vickie Gardner, Fiscal Services Manager DHS; Norb Kirk, Finance Director; Samantha Kraegenbrink, Assistant to the County Administrator; James LeDuc; Glenda Lyons, Treasurer; Sue McDonald, County Clerk; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Ron Schmitt, Deputy Director DHS; Angela Weideman, Human Services Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

**Others Present:** Deborah Rathermel, WI DHS

Chair Zook called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 3:35 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

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

Without objection, public comment was held until after 4:00 pm.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented, Dunning second

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Sue McDonald presented the 2024 budget request for the County Clerk. The biggest change to the annual budget is due to elections. There will be four in 2024, compared to two in 2023.

Motion: Folstad moved to accept as submitted

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Glenda Lyons presented the 2024 budget request for the Treasurer. Due to Act 216, Treasurer is considering going back to tax deed for delinquent properties. The county can recoup the administrative costs, but is not allowed to keep the sales proceeds. There is uncertainty in the interest income amount.

Motion: Dunning to accept as submitted

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Norb Kirk presented the 2024 budget request for the Finance Department. The need for budget software to assist with compiling the county's complicated budget was highlighted. Supervisor Folstad inquired about additional costs associated with moving DHS fiscal staff under the Finance department.

Motion: Leary moved approval as submitted

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Public Comment:

Savannah Bertrand, 522 Churchill St, EC: speak in favor of CLTS positions

Kara W 1841 Menomonie St, EC: speak in favor of CLTS positions

Elise H 1223 Barron St, EC: speak in favor of CLTS positions



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Proposed Resolution 23-24/025 “Authorizing a 2023 Budget Amendment to Fund the Addition of Ten (10.0 FTE) CLTS Case Managers, One (1.0 FTE) CLTS Supervisor, and One (1.0 FTE) CLTS Resource Specialist in the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services” with Deborah Rathemmel from the WI DHS

Supervisor Schneider, Deb Rathemmel, Angela Weideman, and the DHS team presented information on the county’s CLTS program and the reason behind the additional staffing request. The county’s long term care support program is extremely out of state compliance, and has been for 3 years. To be in compliance with state wideness, counties may not have a waiting list that is greater than 90 days. Supervisor Zook notes that a program cannot be fully funded if there is a maintenance of effort required.

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented, Dunning second

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Without objection, the committee reviewed the Proposed Resolution 23-24/020 “Authorizing a Transfer from the 2023 Contingency Fund in the Amount of \$33,500 to Reimburse the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the Unbudgeted Rent Required to Continue in the Fall Creek Kitchen Pending the Move into the New Kitchen”

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Jake Brunette reviewed the proposed State Debt Collection Policy.

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

The committee briefly reviewed the 2024 Budget Calendar.

The committee would like to invite Community Agencies requesting funding for the 2024 budget to the public input sessions in August.

Motion: Folstad moved approval of accepting 2024 budget calendar and community agency process

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Village of Fairchild & Town of Fairchild Library Exemption Requests

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Future Meetings: see budget calendar for joint meetings

Agenda Items: Contract Review, Code Section Review

The committee adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk