



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

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1301/1302  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

**Members Present:** Supervisors John Folstad, Robin Leary, Cory Sisk (Webex), Dane Zook, Nancy Coffey (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Jim Dunning

**Other Supervisors Present:** Jerry Wilkie (Webex), Allen Myren (Webex), Stella Pagonis

**Staff Present:** Angela Eckman, Human Resources Director; Samantha Kraegenbrink, Assistant to the County Administrator; Chelsey Mayer, DHS Accountant; Dave Riewestahl, Sheriff; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Matt Theisen, Facilities Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

**Others Present:** Brian Reilly, Ehlers; Josh Low, Ehlers; Jason Szymanski, appointed Finance Director

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

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

No members of the public were present.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Leary moved approval of minutes as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Ordinance 23-24/034 “To Create Section 4.35.300 of the Code: Public Electric Vehicle Charging Port Fee”**

Motion: Folstad moved approval with the addition of “there will be a quarterly report to the Committee on Finance & Budget for at least the first year.”

Vote: Sisk, Folstad, Zook YES; Leary NO; motion passes 3-1

**Short-Term Borrowing**

Brian Reilly from Ehlers presented information on short-term borrowing. The authorization process would need to be completed prior to setting and approving the next years’ property tax levy. The debt levy cannot be calculated without outstanding debt to support it.

Supervisor Folstad was adamantly opposed because it does not make sense and is not transparent. He believes that the county has sufficient fund balance and that the county needs to live within the budget. He added that the county should go out to referendum to add the additional funding needed.

Supervisor Leary suggested that the supervisors should review the recommended budget first.

The committee noted that any decision on short-term borrowing is premature.

Motion: Folstad made a motion to reject short-term borrowing at this time

Vote: Folstad, Sisk YES; Zook, Leary NO; motion failed 2-2 via voice vote

Motion: Leary moved to postpone discussion/action to October meeting

Vote: Sisk, Leary, Zook YES; Folstad NO; motion passes

**Compensation Plan Update**

Angela Eckman presented an update on the compensation plan. Compensation is an umbrella and includes wage rate, benefits, work environment, work flexibility.



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**Proposed Resolution 22-23/041 “Abolishing Two (2.0 FTE) Corporal Positions in the Eau Claire County Sheriff’s Office and Creating Two (2.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeants”**

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Resolution 22-23/042 “Abolishing Twelve (12.0 FTE) Correctional Officer Positions in the Eau Claire County Sheriff’s Office and Creating Twelve (12.0 FTE) Training Corporal Positions”**

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Nancy Coffey left the meeting at 5:36 pm.

**Proposed Ordinance 23-24/009 “To Amend Sections 4.14.101 B....4.15.010 A ....4.35.090 ...4.35.092 ... 4.35.095 ... 4.35.110...4.35.135...4.35.160 D., E. & F....15.01.110...15.01.120...and 16.30.040 of the Code...”**

Motion: Sisk moved approval as presented.

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

**DHS 2022 Financial Results**

Amy Weiss reviewed the 2022 financial results for the Department of Human Services.

**Sales Tax Report**

The committee reviewed the sales tax report.

**2024 Budget Process**

The committee set the budget wrap-up meetings:

Monday, 10.16.23 10:00-2:00 pm

Wednesday, 10.18.23 1:00-5:00pm

**Future Meetings:** budget wrap-up 10.16.23 and 10.18.23

**Agenda Items:** contract review, code section review, short-term borrowing

The committee adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk