



AGENDA
Committee on Finance & Budget

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

Join by Phone:

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A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting;
however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Meeting Minutes / Discussion – Action
5. Proposed Resolution 23-24/053 “Denying the Claims of Randal Creviston Against Eau Claire County; Directing the County Clerk to Notify the Claimant of Said Denial” / Discussion – Action
6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items / Discussion
 - a. Regular December meeting
 - b. Contract Review
 - c. Code Section Review
7. Adjourn

Prepared by: Amy Weiss

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JOINT MINUTES
Committee on Finance & Budget
Committee on Human Resources

Monday, October 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1301/1302

721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Supervisors Present – Committee on Finance and Budget: Zook, Dunning, Leary, Folstad, Sisk (online)

Supervisors Present – Committee on Human Resources: Myren, Hoekstra, Schneider, Sisk (online)

Other Supervisors: Pagonis (online)

Staff Present in Person: Weiss, Schauf, Szymanski, Dachel, Weideman, Riewestahl, Eckman

Staff Present Online: Huse, Gullerud, O'Mara, Porzondek, Struck, Eslinger, Kraegenbrink, Holbrook, Gardner, Schaffer, McDonald, Simet, Harris, Zich, McIlquham, Glenna, Johnson, Schalinske, Bohl, Ranallo, Welke, Fedie, Edlin, Quinn, Bremer

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. 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 or wished to comment.

The committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes.

Motion: Sisk to approve as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Administrator Schauf reviewed the budget amendment process, specifically noting that amendments must be balanced (revenue increase/decrease equals expenditure increase/decrease).

The committee reviewed the sales tax report. Jason Szymanski noted that current YTD collections are \$188k over YTD prior year. Schauf noted that the recommended budget includes an increase of \$800k. Sales tax is very volatile and the county has historically budgeted conservatively.

The committee reviewed the Administrator's Recommendation for the 2024 budget. Amendments mentioned or proposed during this meeting were formally presented and voted upon at the October 18, 2023 meeting. The committee walked through each tabbed section of the recommended budget Book One and each department in the recommended budget Book Two.

It was noted that debt utilization increased when the board reduced the property tax levy to implement sales tax and then the state capped the allowable levy with levy limits. Folstad would normally be very supportive of borrowing for the jail legacy capital expenditures, but not in favor since the county is above the debt limit in the policy. Schauf noted that short-term borrowing is close to "pay as you go," and is another "tool in the toolbox."

The committee spent time reviewing the budget strategy for the internal service funds.

Folstad believes that the budget is not sustainable with the current number of employees (not department specific, general county comment on personnel).

Chair Myren called the Committee on Human Resources to order at 1:07 p.m.

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

Proposed Resolution 23-24/048 "Abolishing the Maintenance Technician I Position at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport"

Motion: Schneider moved approval as presented for HR

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented for F&B

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote



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Proposed Resolution 23-24/046 “Authorizing the Eau Claire County Human Resources Department to Adopt the Identified Salary Matrix Recommended to be Utilized through the Compensation Project”

Motion: Scheider moved approval as presented for HR

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented for F&B

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Both committees adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk



MINUTES
Committee on Finance & Budget

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1301/1302
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Supervisors Present: Zook, Dunning, Folstad, Sisk, Leary (at 1:19 pm)

Other Supervisors: Wilkie (online), Pagonis (at 1:20 pm)

Staff Present in Person: Weiss, Schauf, Szymanski, Schmidt, Riewestahl, Gardner, Eslinger

Staff Present Online: Holbrook, O'Mara, Warner, Kraegenbrink, Ranallo, Mayer, Pederson, Stabenow, Gullerud, Porzondek, Harris, Weideman, Zich, Pommier, McIlquham, Struck, Huse, Fedie

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 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 or wished to speak.

Administrator Schauf reviewed the budget amendment process, specifically noting that amendments must be balanced (revenue increase/decrease equals expenditure increase/decrease). Chair Zook confirmed that proposed amendments that fail in committee will not move forward to board, unless an individual supervisor chooses to present to board.

The committee completed their review of the Administrator's Recommendation for the 2024 budget.

Committee's Recommended Amendments on the 2024 Administrator's Recommended Budget to Advance to the County Board:

Folstad planned to introduce reductions to number of supervisors in DHS, due to estimated deficit at 06.30.23, but after discussion with Angela Weideman, these will not be introduced at this time.

1. Allowable Levy Increase: \$15,819 allowable levy increase to fund balance
Motion: Folstad moved approval
Vote: Fy, Sy, Zy, Ly, Dy – motion passes
2. Contingency Increase from \$300k to \$500k, all funded by general fund balance
Motion: Zook moved approval
Vote: Fy, Sn, Zy, Ly, Dn – motion passes
3. Eliminate \$3M jail booking remodel
Motion: Folstad moved approval
Discussion:
Dunning believes that the proposal should be taken back to oversight committees and related departments
Pagonis noted that maintaining the jail is a statutory obligation and the Sheriff is statutorily obligated to maintain operations
Leary is against amendment because it opens the county up for additional risk if the Sheriff's recommendation isn't followed
Zook is in favor, even though it is ahead of when the other jail borrowings fall off debt load
Vote: Fy, Sn, Zn, Ln, Dn – motion fails
4. Fund P&D and Parks replacement trucks (\$44,000 and \$40,000) with short-term borrowing instead of general fund balance, total \$84,000 added to short-term borrowing
Motion: Zook moved approval
Discussion:
Folstad believes this does not make sense because there is adequate general fund balance to cover the net cost
Zook believes this keeps all vehicles treated the same and sets a trend
Vote: Fn, Sn, Zy, Ln, Dy – motion fails



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5. Lake Rehab \$389,467 and Sheriff fleet from short-term to general fund balance
Motion: Folstad
Vote: Fy, Sy, Zn, Ly, Dn – motion passes

6. Fulfill the request of the Boys and Girls Club of \$10,000 by reducing funding to the EDC of \$10,000
Motion: Leary
Discussion:
Folstad is opposed to adding more agencies
Pagonis: community agencies are prevention programs that reduce the pressures on the county
Vote: Fn, Sy, Zy, Ly, Dy – motion passes

7. Cth F \$119,134 bonding to general fund balance
Motion: Folstad
Vote: Fy, Sy, Zy, Ln, Dy – motion passes

8. Cth SS \$862,000 bonding to ARPA
Motion: Folstad
Discussion:
Folstad selected this road for ARPA because public comment indicated that Cth SS needs attention
Leary and Dunning would like to see remaining ARPA go to something other than roads
Zook: leave in bonding and address when board decides to issue debt later in year
Vote: Fy, Sy, Zn, Ln, Dn – motion fails

9. Funding for Project Lifesaver in the amount of \$2,000 from fund balance
Motion: Sisk
Vote: Fn, Sn, Zy, Ly, Dy – motion passes

Future Meetings: no regular November meeting, but will schedule if needed; December 14

Agenda Items: contract review, code section review

The committee adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/053

Two claims were filed by Randal Creviston, one on July 11, 2023 and the second on July 14, 2023, along with a Small Claims form alleging damages and personal injury in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Creviston alleges that he was wrongly arrested and falsely imprisoned by the Eau Claire County Circuit Court and the District Attorney's Office, both of which are not county employees.

WMMIC, the county's insurance carrier has tendered defense of this matter to the law firm of Crivello, Nichols & Hall. Attorney Amy Doyle has reviewed the information and has recommended that the County formally disallow this claim. WMMIC and the Office of Corporation Counsel agree with this recommendation of denial.

To meet the statutory timelines this claim must be formally disallowed by November 8, 2023.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon McIlquahm
Corporation Counsel

1 Enrolled No.

2 RESOLUTION

3 File No. 23-24/053

4 DENYING THE CLAIMS OF RANDAL CREVISTON AGAINST EAU CLAIRE COUNTY;
5 DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE CLAIMANT OF SAID DENIAL

6 WHEREAS, Randal Creviston filed two claims against the County of Eau Claire, one filed
7 on July 11, 2023 and the other filed on July 14, 2023 along with a small claims form that he never
8 filed with the Clerk of Courts Office with an amount listed for damages of \$10,000 and personal
9 injury of \$5000; and

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11 WHEREAS, Randal Creviston alleges that he was wrongly arrested and falsely imprisoned
12 by the Eau Claire County Circuit Court and the District Attorney, both of which are not Eau Claire
13 County employees; and

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15 WHEREAS, Attorney Amy Doyle of Crivello, Nichols & Hall, acting on behalf of the
16 County's insurance carrier, and Corporation Counsel have recommended the denial of said claim.

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18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
19 hereby formally denies the claim of Randal Creviston against the County of Eau Claire.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is hereby directed to notify the
22 claimant and their attorney of said denial.

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35 Committee on Finance and Budget

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38 Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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43 Ordinance/Resolution