

Committee on Administration

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

2:30 p.m. Courthouse – Room 3312 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

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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 and approval of meeting minutes Discussion/Action
 - November 14, 2023
 - November 20, 2023
- 5. Distribution of ARPA Funding (process, suggestions on projects/use of remaining funding) Discussion/Action
 - File No. 23-24/061: Resolution designating America Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds to be used for the jail remodel project located at 710 2nd Ave., Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703
 - File No. 23-24/065: Resolution to use a portion of the remaining American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds for Capital Projects at Beaver Creek Reserve
 - Request from Visit Eau Claire
- 6. Discussion of policy discussion for Veteran Services donation Discussion/Action
- 7. File No. 23-24/063: Resolution authorizing the extension of the Special Committee to explore countywide Emergency Medical Services **Discussion/Action**
- 8. File No. 23-24/056: Ordinance to create section 2.05.061 of the Code: Economic Development Committee **Discussion/Action**

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink

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- 9. File No. 23-24/060: Resolution approving the Eau Claire County Opioid Task Force to expend funding for peer support training in Eau Claire County **Discussion/Action**
- 10. File No. 23-24/066: Resolution approving the Eau Claire County Opioid Task Force to expend funding for a Public Health Specialist in the Eau Claire City-County Health Department **Discussion/Action**

11. County Code Revisions - Information/Discussion

- Prioritize
- Progress Update

12. Administrator Report – Information/Discussion

- Update on Strategic Plan
- Compensation Study Organizational Change Actions

13. Appointments – Discussion/Action

- Committee on Administration i. Supervisor Nathan Otto
- Committee on Human Resources i. Supervisor Kirk Dahl
- Opioid Settlement Task Force
 - i. Kerry Bauer (new appointment)
- City-County Board of Health i. Dr. Don Bodeau (reappointment)

14. Future Committee Meeting Time - Discussion

15. Future Agenda Items – **Discussion**

16. Adjourn

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Present: Connie Russell, Todd Meyer, Gerald Wilkie (remote), Nancy Coffey, Allen Myren (ex-officio) Dane Zook (ex-officio)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator, Eric Killen, Megan Brasch, Sonja Leenhouts, Matt Theisen, Sharon McIlquham, Kathryn Schauf, Jason Szymanski, Greg Dachel, Supervisor Brett Geboy, Sue McDonald (remote), Amy Weiss (remote), Eric Huse (remote)

Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. and meeting notice was confirmed.

Roll Call

Roll call is listed above under present and the room offered introductions.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

County Board of Supervisors Interviews for District 14 Vacancy

The following individuals were interviewed for the District 14 vacancy.

- Wayne Peters
- Kirk Dahl

Sekaidah Rogers was unable to attend. A special meeting will be called to complete this interview.

Review and approval of meeting minutes

Motion by Supervisor Russell to approve the minutes for October 4, 2023, seconded by Supervisor Meyer. Motion by Supervisor Meyer to approve the minutes for October 17, 2023, seconded by Supervisor Russell. All in favor.

Department Q3 Reports

The committee had the opportunity to review/discuss and ask questions regarding the following Q3 financial and narrative reports.

- Child Support
- Corporation Counsel
- Information Systems
- Facilities
- Veteran Services
- Risk Management



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Administration

Conversational Group for Local Legislators

Administrator Schauf provided background on the request from Councilperson Jill Christopherson. The committee had the opportunity to discuss.

One-on-One meetings Debriefing

Chair Coffey and Administrator Schauf provided an overview of the one-on-one meetings with County Board supervisors.

Process for amending the County Code

Administrator Schauf provided overview of the request to have a committee that would review policy and procedure for amending the County Code. Discussion was that an additional committee "Legislative Committee," would be more cumbersome rather than having the current standing committees complete the work. It is recommended that the Committee on Administration review the procedure and make recommendations to the board on future policy and procedure to update the code.

Committee chair scope and function

Chair Coffey provided information on the chair scope, function, and opportunity in place of setting up a Committee on Committee Chairs. In discussion, it was addressed that Robert Rules states ex-officio members of Administration are also voting members where in the County Code, it advises they are not. There was a suggestion to potential build out the Committee on Administration to also include all Committee Chairs as voting members.

Ordinance: Economic Development Committee

Supervisor Geboy provided background on the request for Ordinance File No. 23-24/056 "to create section 2.05.061 of the Code; Economic Development Committee.

Motion by Supervisor Meyer, seconded by Supervisor Russell.

Supervisor Wilkie motions to amend the ordinance:

On line 16 strike "Committee members shall be appointed by the county board."

On line 19 strike "collaborate and support the Eau Claire County Economic Development Corporation" and add "collaborate and work with all economic entities in the County, region and state"

On line 13 remove "Planning and Development Director"

Supervisor Meyer motions to postpone ordinance 23-24/056 until the next Committee on Administration meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Russell. All in favor.



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ARPA Fund Update

Finance Director Szymanski provided an update to the ARPA fund.

Future Agenda Items

- Order to update the code (identify priority sections)
 - i. Report to the board from this committee on plan to begin to update the code
- Update on updating the code (standing item)
- Distribution of ARPA Funding (process, suggestions on projects/use of remaining funding)
- File No. 23-24/056

The committee moved into closed session on roll call at 4:44 p.m.

Roll call: Connie Russell, Todd Meyer, Nancy Coffey, Gerald Wilkie (remote), ex-officio Allen Myren

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink, Sharon McIlquham, Kathryn Schauf.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink - Assistant to the County Administrator



Monday, November 20, 2021

2:00 p.m. Courthouse – Room 3312 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Present: Connie Russell, Gerald Wilkie, Todd Meyer, Nancy Coffey, Dane Zook (ex-officio)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Assistant to the County Administrator, Kathryn Schauf, Sonja Leenhouts, Sue McDonald, Jason Szymanski, Sekaidah Rogers (interviewee)

Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice

Chair Coffey called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Roll call is listed above under present.

County Board of Supervisors Interviews for District 14 Vacancy

The Committee had the opportunity to interview Sekaidah Rogers for the District 14 Vacancy.

Once the Committee concluded the interview; supervisors discussed the three candidates. The recommendation is Dr. Kirk Dahl from Chair Coffey.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink

FACT SHEET For FILE NO. 23-24/061

Presently, there are approximately \$1,700,000 in unassigned funds in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) This resolution requests directing \$1,000,000 of the remaining funds toward the Jail Remodel Project, which received approval as part of the 2024 budget. The Eau County Board of Supervisors has tasked the Director of Finance, the Administrator, and the Committee on Finance and Budget with exploring alternative funding sources for various projects.

The safety of our correctional officers as well as safety concerns for the detainees suggests the need to prioritize the Jail Remodel Project. Utilizing a portion of the ARPA funds for the project will certainly help to move this needed remodel forward and hopefully get this project on the docket for completion in FY 2024.

ARPA funds must be designated for use by the end of 2024. This project would be of benefit to the County for several years giving the County a long-term benefit through the utilization of ARPA dollars.

Should the request be denied, and bonding be required for the Jail Remodel Project. A short-term bond would (\$1,000,000 @ 4% interest for 60 months) cost the County approximately \$150,000 in interest. This additional cost would provide nothing of benefit to the County.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,000,000 from the ARPA fund

Respectfully submitted by,

Supervisor Larry Hoekstra District 5

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FACT SHEET for 23-24/065 Allocating American Rescue Plan Funds for Beaver Creek Reserve

Beaver Creek Reserve (BCR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education of both youth and adults. The Reserve comprises the Wise Nature Center, a youth camp, citizen science center, and a charter school and serves West Central Wisconsin. The original reserve was created by Eau Claire County and remains county property. Since 2008 BCR has been operated by the Friends of Beaver Creek. The county financial contribution to the reserve's operations is about 20%. The county provides \$100,000 for capital improvements. Beaver Creek also relies on donations to the Beaver Creek Endowment.

Currently, BCR includes about 400 acres of trails and diverse habitats for exploration. There are five primary structures, including the Citizen Science Center used by Wildlands School, the Main Lodge that includes a kitchen and is available for group rental, the Nature Center where the Discovery Room and gift shop are located, the Cedar Lodge, which also has a kitchen and dormitories for group rentals, and the Hobbs Observatory used by both the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society, as well as Wildlands School. Additionally, there are five cabins used for youth sleeping cabins for group use and rental.

Given the number of structures and the extent of the camp acreage, there are multiple capital projects for BCR to accomplish for safety, general maintenance, and enhancement.

This proposal asks for \$450,000 of American Rescue Plan funding to assist in the maintenance, repair, and improvement in the grounds and buildings. The intent is to assure long-term growth of youth programming and environmental education, and to provide a vibrant and safe location for youth camping. The investment of \$450,000 would allow Beaver Creek to accomplish about one-third of the capital projects identified on their property/grounds improvement lists.

Respectfully submitted

Heather DeLuka – district 24 Dane Zook – district 6

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/063

Background: The Eau Claire County EMS Committee was created in June 2023 to study the current state of EMS in Eau Claire County and research options for Eau Claire County's involvement in countywide EMS with a recommendation to the Eau Claire County Board by December 31, 2023. The committee has been meeting on a regular basis reviewing information related to EMS and engaging with local and state representatives to understand how countywide EMS can work in Eau Claire County. The committee needs additional time to review options and better understand how countywide EMS could impact tax levies. The committee is requesting the governing body be extended until the end of the current legislative session or until April 16, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Respectfully Submitted,

Jake Brunette Assistant Corporation Counsel

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/056

This ordinance creates Section 2.05.061 for the creation of the Economic Development Committee. Eau Claire County is one of the fastest growing counties in Wisconsin and the county needs to be more active in pursuing economic development for the benefit of its residents. Local economic development is an essential investment that will produce returns by growing the tax base while enhancing opportunities and services for our residents.

The committee shall review and identify economic needs while working to improve the industrial/commercial climate in the county; collaborate and support the Eau Claire County Economic Development Corporation and other economic development groups that support Eau Claire County; and execute and monitor progress of the economic development goals and objective set forth in the Eau Claire County Comprehensive Plan.

Fiscal Impact: Outside of per diem and mileage for committee members, no direct fiscal impact based on the creation of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor Brett Geboy

1	Enrolled No.	ORDINANCE	File No. 23-24/063			
2 3	TO CREATE SECTIO	N 2.05.061 OF THE CODE; ECONOMIC	DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE			
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FACT SHEET for File No. 23-24/060

The Opioid Settlement Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to allocate \$14,300 in Opioid Settlement funding for the support of Peer Support Training in Eau Claire County. This proposal aims to provide training and technology assistance (if needed) to a maximum of 18 individuals within the county. The Opioid Settlement Task Force, endowed with the authority to:

- Make specific requests for trainers based on lived experience, particularly when the training is tailored to a specific community. The Wisconsin Peer Specialist Employment Initiative (WIPSEI) retains the final decision-making power regarding the selection of two trainers to ensure fairness and equity in training opportunities.

- Define "secondary eligibility criteria" to limit who can apply for training. The Task Force can also establish a selection preference if outlined before the training announcement and application period. Some exceptions may apply, and the final approval for secondary eligibility criteria and selection preference rests with the WIPSEI.

- Actively participate in determining the appropriate training schedule. The training timeline and schedule must align with the parameters outlined in the attached process documents (with some exceptions allowed to support accessibility for participants/trainers). Any proposed alternatives must receive approval from the WIPSEI.

- Specify that individuals eligible for the program must be residents of Eau Claire County with a background in opioid use or lived experience.

Respectfully submitted by,

Renee Sommer Vice-Chair of the Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Taskforce

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FACT SHEET for File No. 23-24/066

Funding Proposal: Coordination of Opioid and Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiatives

Through September 2023, grant funding sustained the efforts of a Public Health Specialist at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. The specialist's responsibilities encompassed:

1. Coordinating the distribution of harm reduction tools (Narcan, fentanyl test strips) and medication safety supplies (lock bags, boxes, medication deactivation kits).

2. Conducting educational initiatives and awareness campaigns on opioid and overdose prevention through workshops and materials aimed at equipping community members with knowledge and tools to address the opioid crisis.

Educational efforts included:

- "What do you know about opioids?" workshop covering local opioid data, opioid basics, recognizing and responding to an opioid overdose, safe storage, and disposal of medication, and how to use Narcan[®] and FTS.

- Development of educational videos: a 60-second Medication Safety video, a series of drop box location videos, a 30-second video on understanding opioids, and a 30-second video on recognizing an overdose.

- Creation and distribution of print materials, covering topics such as recognizing and responding to an opioid overdose, using Narcan and fentanyl test strips, and a comprehensive resource packet titled "This Packet Can Save a Life."

Over the past few years, these programs have expanded, reaching around 800 community members through workshops in 2022 and 2023. In 2023 alone, over 1500 doses of Narcan, more than 2300 fentanyl test strips, and over 2000 medication safety tools have been distributed. Communication strategies, including TV, gas station TV, social media, billboards, and bus ads, have reached thousands of community members in 2023. However, sustaining these efforts requires ongoing funding for staffing, particularly due to changes in the Wisconsin DHS program that led to a loss of financial support for these initiatives.

Fiscal Impact: We are requesting funding for 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for this position, amounting to \$44,170. This support is crucial for maintaining the program's impact and momentum, including the ECCCHD projects approved by the OSTF for the current year, such as drug/medication/sharps disposal and harm reduction supply distribution. The department has secured the remaining 50% of the costs from an alternative source, emphasizing the need for external funding to ensure the program's continuation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lieske Giese Eau Claire City-County Health Department Director

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