



MINUTES
Committee on Finance & Budget

Thursday, January 11, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #3312
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Members Present: Supervisors Jim Dunning, John Folstad, Cory Sisk, Dane Zook, Robin Leary

Staff Present In-Person: Jason Szymanski, Finance Director; Glenda Lyons, Treasurer; Sharon McIlquham, Corporation Counsel; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator

Staff Present Online: Linda O'Mara, Accountant; Samantha Kraegenbrink, Assistant to the County Administrator; Jacob Harris, Internal Control Specialist; Erika Gullerud, Financial Analyst; Stacy Stabenow, Payroll Specialist

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

The Finance Director took roll call. Members present are indicated above.

No members of the public were present.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Folstad as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Disposition or Sale of In Rem Properties: Village of Fairchild and City of Eau Claire

The committee discussed the minimum bid amount for the Fairchild property.

Motion: Folstad moved to put property up for auction at \$12,000

Amendment: Dunning moved to add additional expenses incurred over \$12,000

Folstad withdrew original motion

Motion: Sisk moved to set the minimum bid at the actual incurred expenses, as stated by the Treasurer

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Motion: Folstad moved to use Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Motion: Folstad moved to direct Treasurer to offer vacant property to current owner of Ace Hardware

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Community Agency Funding – Children's WI

Sisk in favor of letting Children's WI keep the entire \$20,000. It was very considerate for the program to notify the county of the change when they could have transferred the dollars without notification.

Motion: Dunning moved to approve transfer of \$10,000 from Building Families to Child Advocacy Center, keeping total funding to Children's WI at \$20,000

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Community Agency Budgeting & Funding

The committee had a brief discussion regarding funding for Community Agencies and will add this discussion item to a future agenda for further discussion.

Ehler's Contract

The committee reviewed the most recent contracts with Ehlers for bond issues and continuing disclosures.



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Finance Department Update

Jason Szymanski gave an update on the Finance Department. The current focus is on year-end and the first soft close of 2023. Other year-end projects include W2 and 1099 preparation. The committee received an update on the newest GASB standard, GASB 96. Szymanski has started reviewing code and policy and is working on drafting an investment policy for the committee to review.

The committee reviewed the sales tax report, collections through October sales.

Future Meetings: February 8, 4:00 pm

Agenda Items: code section & financial policy review, update on capital projects

The committee adjourned at 5:28 p. m.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk