



MINUTES
Committee on Finance & Budget

Thursday, February 8, 2024

4:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff Present In-Person: Regan Watts, Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator; Matt Thiesen, Facilities Director; Jason Szymanski, Finance Director; 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; Stacy Stabenow, Payroll Specialist; Vickie Gardner, DHS Fiscal Manager; Sharon McIlquham, Corporation Counsel; Angela Eckman, Human Resources 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 of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Electric Vehicle Charging System Review

Regan Watts and Matt Thiesen presented information on law changes that impact the collection of electric vehicle charging fees.

Proposed Resolution 23-24/043 “Authorizing the Cancellation of Checks That Are Over Two Years Old; Directing That Said Total Be Transferred to the Unclaimed Trust Account and Credited to the General Fund”

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 23-24/072 “Authorizing a 2023 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2023 Grant Awards, Donations, and Other Revenue Given to Eau Claire County”

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Folstad requested additional information on the LATCF funds and how they may be spent.

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

2022-2023 Capital Project Status Update

The committee reviewed the 2022-2023 capital project status report. The committee would like additional information on overages and why specific projects have not been started or completed.

Investment Policy Review and Update

Jason Szymanski reviewed a proposed investment policy.

Sales Tax Report

The committee reviewed the sales tax report for sales through November 2023.



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Impact of HSHS Closures & General Fund Balance

Jason Szymanski and Kathryn Schauf reviewed risk factors surrounding the level of unassigned fund balance the county should maintain.

Finance Department Update

Jason Szymanski gave an update on the Finance Department. Preliminary year-end reports have been provided to departments, and these are expected to be updated several times prior to the final closure of the books.

Future Meetings: March 14, 2024

Agenda Items: Code Section & Financial Policy Review, EV Charging Ordinance update (ordinance/action), investment policy review (action)

The committee adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk