



MINUTES
Committee on Finance & Budget

Thursday, June 13, 2024

4:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Supervisors Jim Dunning, Stella Pagonis, Jim Schumacher, Bob Swanson (4:03 pm), Dane Zook, Nancy Coffey (ex-officio)

Other Supervisors: Connie Russell, Jerry Wilkie (via Webex)

Staff Present In-Person: Jason Szymanski, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Assistant Director of Finance; Sharon McIlquham, Corporation Counsel; Glenda Lyons, Treasurer

Staff Present Online: Linda O'Mara; Sue McDonald; Samantha Kraegenbrink, Executive Office Administrator; Jake Brunette, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Chelsey Mayer, DHS Accountant; Stacy Stabenow, Payroll Specialist

Chair Pagonis 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 or wished to speak.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Zook moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 24-25/044 “Granting the Use of Additional Contingency Funds to Repair the Altoona Dam”

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via roll call vote

In Rem Properties

Jake Brunette and Glenda Lyons presented information on the next batch of properties eligible for the in rem process.

Motion: Zook moved approval to accept report, and to allow Treasurer to move forward in process and return with resolution

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Debt and General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance: Review and Strategy, 2024 and Beyond

Sean Lentz presented a framework of the county’s current fund balance and debt strategy and offered considerations for updated policies and strategies. Rating agencies tend to view policy management and updates more favorably than ignoring the policy and operating outside of it each year.

Proposed Dog License Fee Increase

Sue McDonald presented information on a proposed increase in the county dog license fees. This is needed to cover the contracted rates for the Human Association. This received support from the committee, and will be added to the October general fee increase resolution for all county departments.

Glenda Lyons, Sue McDonald, and Jason Szymanski reviewed the quarter 1 financial results for their respective departments.



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The committee reviewed the memorandums on county processes, issued by Corporation Counsel.

2025 Budget Update

Jason Szymanski provided a brief update on 2025 budget preparation.

Future Meetings: July 1; 2025 capital review

Agenda Items: in rem properties resolution, debt policy review, 2023 unassigned fund balance detail by category, 2025 budget calendar (include public input sessions)

Announcements

The committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Amy Weiss
Committee Clerk