



## Minutes

Joint Meeting – Eau Claire County  
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement | Committee on Finance & Budget  
Tuesday, July 23, 2024 – 3:00 PM  
County Courthouse, Room 3312  
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703  
& Virtual via Cisco WebEx

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**Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement Members Present In Person:** Lorelee Clark, Brett Geboy, John Folstad, Allen Myren, and Gerald Wilkie.

**Committee on Finance & Budget Members Present In Person:** Jim Dunning, Stella Pagonis, Jim Schumacher, Bob Swanson, and Dane Zook.

**Others Present In Person:** Supervisor Connie Russell, County Administrator Kathryn Schauf, Finance Director Jason Szymanski, Assistant Finance Director Amy Weiss, Human Resources Director Angela Eckman, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner, Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Schaffer, Deputy Operations Manager Cherie Norberg, District Attorney Peter Rindal, and Eric Huse.

**Others Present via Cisco WebEx:** Judge Emily Long, Sheriff Dave Riewestahl, Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts, Financial Analyst Erika Gullerud, Accountant Linda O'Mara, and TRY Mediation Director Todd Johnson.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairpersons Wilkie & Pagonis at 3:05PM.

### **Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice**

The Clerk confirmed the meeting was properly noticed to the public.

### **Call of the Roll**

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance is noted above.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

### **2025 Department Budget Presentations**

- **TRY Mediation**
  - TRY Mediation Director Todd Johnson presented the TRY Mediation budget request. The Committees asked questions and engaged in general discussion.
  - Supervisor Geboy moved to support the TRY Mediation budget request. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.
- **Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court**
  - Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner presented the Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court budget request. The Committees asked questions and engaged in general discussion.
  - Supervisor Folstad moved to support the Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court budget request. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.
- **Clerk of Courts**
  - Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Schaffer and Deputy Operations Manager Cherie Norberg presented the Clerk of Courts budget request. The Committees asked questions and engaged in general discussion.

- Supervisor Folstad moved to support the Clerk of Courts budget request. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.
- **Circuit Court**
  - Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Schaffer presented the Circuit Court budget request. The Committees asked questions and engaged in general discussion.
  - Supervisor Folstad moved to support the Circuit Court budget request.
    - **AMENDMENT ONE:** Chair Wilkie moved to amend the motion to decrease 04-Intergovernmental Grants and revenue by \$10,000 and increase 01-County Funding revenue by \$10,000. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote on the amendment: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. Amendment one was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.
    - **MAIN MOTION:** On the main motion, as amended once, Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.
- **District Attorney**
  - District Attorney Peter Rindal and Legal Services Director Eric Huse presented the District Attorney budget request. The Committees asked questions and engaged in general discussion.
  - Supervisor Myren moved to support the District Attorney budget request. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

**File No. 24-25/054 – Resolution Authorizing Reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Funds from Criminal Trial Backlog Project to Office Remodel Project in the District Attorney’s Office**

- District Attorney Peter Rindal and Legal Services Director Eric Huse provided background on the resolution. The Committees asked questions and engaged in general discussion.
- Supervisor Myren, of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement, moved to approve the resolution and forward to the full County Board for consideration. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: CLARK, aye; FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; MYREN, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.
- Supervisor Zook of the Committee on Finance and Budget, moved to approve the resolution and forward to the full County Board for consideration. Chair Pagonis called for a roll call vote: DUNNING, aye; PAGONIS, aye; SCHUMACHER, aye; SWANSON, aye; ZOOK, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Finance and Budget.

**Future Meeting Dates**

- The next meeting of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement is scheduled for August 27, 2024 at 3:00PM.
- The next meeting of the Committee on Finance and Budget is scheduled for July 25, 2024 at 1:00PM.

**Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairpersons Wilkie & Pagonis at 5:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Eric Huse*

Eric Huse  
Committee Clerk  
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement

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3 AUTHORIZING REALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”)  
4 FUNDS FROM CRIMINAL TRIAL BACKLOG PROJECT TO OFFICE REMODEL  
5 PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE  
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7 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County initially received approximately \$20,295,000 from the  
8 federal government under the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”) of 2021; and  
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10 WHEREAS, among other things, permitted uses of ARPA funds allows counties to use  
11 their designated ARPA funds for a variety of projects consistent with the ARPA regulations and  
12 reporting requirements; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County Departments were encouraged to submit proposals for  
15 internal County projects for consideration of funding; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County District Attorney’s Office submitted a project titled  
18 “Criminal Trial Backlog,” which was approved for funding in the amount of \$775, 859; and  
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20 WHEREAS, a recent reconciliation of the Criminal Trial Backlog project funds indicates  
21 a surplus of \$26,881 at the conclusion of the project; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County District Attorney’s Office has identified an additional  
24 project that may be fully funded with the projected surplus from the Criminal Trial Backlog  
25 project, to remodel existing office space (“Office Remodel Project”) to accommodate the  
26 department’s projected growth in the next five years.  
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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
29 authorizes reallocation of \$17,700.00 from the Criminal Trial Backlog project to the Office  
30 Remodel Project.  
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32 ADOPTED:  
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34 **Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement**

	YAY	NAY	ABSTAIN
35 <u><i>Gerald Wilkie</i></u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36 Supervisor Gerald Wilkie			
37 <u><i>John Folstad</i></u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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39 <u><i>Brett Geboy</i></u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40 Supervisor Brett Geboy			
41 <u><i>Allen Myren</i></u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42 Supervisor Allen Myren			
43 <u><i>Loralee Clark</i></u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Committee on Finance & Budget**

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<u>Stella Pagonis</u> Supervisor Stella Pagonis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Jim Dunning</u> Supervisor Jim Dunning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Dane Zook</u> Supervisor Dane Zook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Jim Schumacher</u> Supervisor Jim Schumacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Bob Swanson</u> Supervisor Bob Swanson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024

**Committee on Administration**

	YAY	NAY	ABSTAIN
<u>Nancy Coffey</u> Supervisor Nancy Coffey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Connie Russell</u> Supervisor Connie Russell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Gerald Wilkie</u> Supervisor Gerald Wilkie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Steve Chilson</u> Supervisor Steve Chilson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Katherine Schneider</u> Supervisor Katherine Schneider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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