



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, October 23, 2024:** 11:00 a.m.

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

**Attendance: Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**Members Present:** Supervisors Jim Dunning, Stella Pagonis, Jim Schumacher, Dane Zook

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Bob Swanson

**Other Supervisors Present:** Connie Russell, Jerry Wilkie (online), Heather DeLuka, Deirdre Jenkins

**Staff Present In-Person:** Jason Szymanski, Amy Weiss, Kathryn Schauf, Angela Eckman, Greg Dachel, Cherie Norberg, Judge Emily Long, Angela Marinello, Jon Johnson, Dave Riewestahl, Sharon McIlquham, Angela Weideman

**Staff Present Online:** Sue McDonald, Stacy Stabenow, Vickie Gardner, Jacob Harris, Glenda Lyons, Rod Eslinger, Lieske Giese, Erika Gullerud, Jennifer Porzondek, Linda O'Mara, Samantha Kraegenbrink, Sonja Leenhouts, Megan Brasch, Kathy Welke, Bryan Bessa, Bethany Bremer

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The committee chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m 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 for 09.12.24

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Motion: Schumacher moved approval as presented for 09.26.24

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Resolution 24-25/019 "Abolishing Current Policy 521 – On Call Pay and Replacing it with Proposed Policy 521 – On Call Pay"**

Angela Eckman presented the proposed on-call pay policy and rationale for the proposed policy changes.

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via roll call vote

**County Board Chair Reimbursement Request / Discussion – Action**

Motion: Zook moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote



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Budget Amendment Process: no discussion

Sales Tax Report

The committee reviewed the current sales tax report and discussed reasons for the conservative nature of sales tax over the last several years. The county has been able to become comfortable with the level of sales tax collections after the pandemic and can tolerate a more aggressive budget.

Budget Wrap-Up Session: Budget Documents: <https://www.eauclairecounty.gov/our-government/government-resources/2025-county-budget-information>

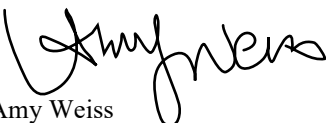
The committee reviewed the Administrator's Recommendation for the 2025 budget. The committee walked through each tabbed section of the recommended budget Book One and each department in the recommended budget Book Two. Amendments will be considered at the meeting on October 28 (and October 29, if needed).

Committee's Recommended Amendments on the 2025 Administrator's Recommended Budget to Advance to the County Board

The committee did not make any formal amendments at either the October 22 or October 23 meeting.

Future Meetings and Agenda Items: no discussion

The meeting was recessed on October 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. until October 23, 2024 at 11:05 a.m. The committee adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2024.

  
Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk