



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

**Monday, October 28, 2024:** 11:00 a.m.

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

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

**Other Supervisors Present:** Jerry Wilkie (online)

**Staff Present In-Person:** Jason Szymanski, Amy Weiss, Angela Eckman, Sharon McIlquham

**Staff Present Online:** Matt Theisen, Sonja Leenhouts, Linda O'Mara, Samantha Kraegenbrink, Jennifer Porzondek, Glenda Lyons, Erika Gullerud, Jacob Harris, Stacy Stabenow, Chelsey Mayer, Greg Dachel, Janet Quinn, Josh Pederson, Kimberly Watnemoe, Megan Brasch, Jon Johnson

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: Dunning approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Budget Amendment Process

Supervisor Pagonis gave an overview of the budget amendment process.

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

The committee focused their discussion on the capital improvement plan.

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

Motion: Zook made a motion to amend the capital budget as follows:

Short-term bonding for the following projects: convection oven, \$15,000; 3 county plow trucks, \$720,000; lake rehabilitation, \$250,000; Parks and Forest vehicle, \$44,500; and the Sheriff's fleet replacement, \$233,161; for a total of \$1,262,661

bonding for the following projects: DHS 1<sup>st</sup> floor office space, \$47,500; card access entry doors, \$40,000, carpet/flooring, \$30,000; exterior railing, \$26,000; highway road projects as presented in the recommended budget, \$1,701,633; Beaver Creek Reserve capital per contract, \$100,000; and the Communications Center capital, \$84,000; for a total of \$2,459,413

unassigned general fund balance: the jail booking remodel, \$2,921,393;

reallocate county funding to restore 1% COLA, \$307,000; and to restore funding to community agencies, \$127,250; for a total cost of \$434,250

Vote: 5-0 via roll call vote

Motion: Zook moved to approve operating budget as recommended, increased for capital outlay funding reallocated from capital for COLA and community agencies

Vote: 5-0 via roll call vote

2024 Debt Issuance Resolution

Motion: Zook moved to make a bond issuance of \$3,722,074 for 2025 capital projects and to prepare resolution for December 3, 2024 county board meeting for bonding to occur at a later date

Vote: 5-0 via roll call vote



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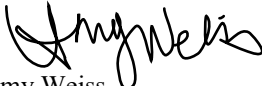
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Proposed Resolution 24-25/084 “A Budget Amendment to Fund Completion of the Jail Booking Area Remodeling Project by Transferring Two Million Eight Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,831,249.50) from Unassigned General Fund Balance to Complete the Construction of the Jail Booking Area Remodeling Project”  
not needed; no action taken

Future Meetings: meeting on October 29, 2024 is not needed; regular meeting on November 14, 2024

The committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

  
Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk