

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance and Budget
Monday, April 4, 2016 / 4:30 pm

721 Oxford Avenue
Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 1273
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Members present: Supervisors Stella Pagonis, Mike Conlin, Jim Dunning,
Members excused: Supervisors Robin Leary, Nick Smiar

Staff present: Keith Zehms, Corporation Counsel; Janet Loomis, County Clerk; Glenda
Lyons, County Treasurer; Sharon Rasmusson

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stella Pagonis at 4:33 pm.

Proposed Resolution / File No. 15-16/155 “Authorizing the Sale of Tax Deed Property to the Village of Fairchild for \$1.00; . . .” / Discussion-Action

Janet Loomis, County Clerk, was present to discuss the blighted property in the Village of Fairchild. Village officials met and thought they could use grant money to tear down the facility; however, found out that grant money cannot be used for this purpose. Village did not take action. Not happy in paying back taxes.

Keith Zehms, Corporation Counsel stated that this is a village issue and he suggests that the committee vote against taking the property on tax deed. If the structure is in danger of falling down, you do not have to do an environmental assessment before you raze it. In fact, the assessment is cheaper after it is demolished. DNR will work with the village. Supervisor Pagonis does not want to commit to this property until the village demolishes it. A suggestion was made for the Village to secure a Brownfield grant. Motion by Supervisor Conlin to table resolution. Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance / File No. 15-16/150 “To Repeal and Recreate Section 4.40.010 of the Code; Cash on Hand” / Discussion - Action

Glenda Lyons, County Treasurer present. County Treasurer requested that more cash be on hand in the County Treasurer’s office in order to fulfill other department needs (cashing county issued checks or the handling of large bills). This would give discretion of having up to \$20,000 on any given day in the County Treasurer’s office. Motion by Supervisor Dunning to approve of File No. 15-16/150 as written.

Future Agenda Items / Set Next Meeting

It was determined to cancel the April 14, 2016, meeting.

Committee adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rasmusson
Committee Clerk

