

MINUTES

Committee on Finance and Budget
Thursday, August 10, 2017 / 4:30 pm

LE Phillips Memorial Public Library / Chippewa Room
400 Wisconsin St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

The Committee on Finance & Budget will meet at 4:30 pm for their regular business meeting; public input / listening session regarding the 2018 county budget to follow at 6:30 PM.

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

Staff present: Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Amy Wong, Finance Director; Keith Zehms, Corporation Counsel; Glenda Lyons, County Treasurer; Janet Loomis, County Clerk; Honorable Judge Gabler; Sharon Rasmusson

Others present: Brock Geyen, CliftonLarsonAllen

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Meeting posted properly.

Public Comment Period

Supervisor Pagonis attended a Joint Review Board for TID #12 – in the area of Water St. There is an expectation that project costs will be spent in the Randall Park Neighborhood for the purposes of renovating the neighborhood as well improvements to the bike trail.

Proposed Resolution / File No. 17-18/045 “Disallowing the Claim of Xue Vang Filed on July 14, 2017 Against Eau Claire County . . .” / Discussion – Action

The claim is against the City of Eau Claire. County’s insurance company recommends denial. Motion by Supervisor Conlin to disallow the claim of Xue Vang. Motion carried.

Proposed Resolution / File No. 17-18/049 “Disallowing the Claim of Nesreen Khraisha Filed on July 26, 2017 Against Eau Claire County. . .” / Discussion – Action

Insurance company states that Eau Claire County is not liable for the fall and recommends disallowance of claim. Motion by Supervisor Pagonis to disallow the claim of Nesreen Khraisha. Motion carried.

Proposed Resolution / File No. 17-18/052 “Affirming the Need for a Sixth Circuit Court Judge for Eau Claire County” / Discussion – Action

Judge William Gabler was present at the meeting and discussed the need for a sixth circuit court. Motion by Supervisor Leary to approve of a resolution affirming the need for a sixth circuit court judge for Eau Claire County. Motion carried.

2016 County Audit Review / by: Brock Geyen, CliftonLarsonAllen

Brock Geyen of CliftonLarson Allen was present and walked the Committee through the 2016 county audit. Brock will also provide a presentation of the 2016 county to the full county board at their meeting on August 15, 2017.

2018 Departmental Budget Presentation / Discussion – Action

County Clerk

Janet Loomis, County Clerk, present. With four elections in 2018, there will be more costs for ballots and publications. Office will program own equipment. Motion by Supervisor Conlin to approve of the county clerk's budget and to move budget to the next level.

Consideration to Increase Board of Canvas Compensation / Discussion-Action

Proposal is to increase the pay for the Board of Canvas from \$8 per hour to \$15 per hour (for 2 representatives). Motion by Supervisor Conlin to approve of a pay increase for the Board of Canvas from \$8 to \$15 per hour. Motion carried.

County Treasurer

Glenda Lyons, County Treasurer present. New in 2018: investment interest and interest/penalties on property taxes has been realigned with the Treasurer's budget. No longer require tax levy dollars for the Treasurer's budget. Motion by Supervisor Leary to approve of the county treasurer's department budget and to move budget to the next level. Motion carried.

Finance Department

Amy Wong, Finance Director, present. Amy told the committee that the department is working on improving processes within the department. Motion by Supervisor Conlin to accept budget request. Motion carried.

2017 County Budget / 2nd Quarter Update / Discussion

Finance Director Amy Wong reviewed with the committee an updated 2nd quarter budget report. Discussion only.

Financial Activity Updates / Finance Director / Discussion – Action

County Sales Tax Report

Committee reviewed the updated sales tax report. Discussion only.

County Board Chair Vouchers

None.

Line Item Transfers

None.

2018 Budget Process / Update / Discussion – Action

Administrative staff will meet with departments the week of August 28th; County Administrator budget will be drafted and presented to the county board September 19, 2017. Committee on Finance & Budget will meet with departments the week of October 2nd, with wrap up occurring on October 9th.

Review/Approve of Committee Minutes / Discussion – Action

- July 13, 2017
- July 27, 2017

Motion by Supervisor Pagonis to approve of the minutes of July 13, 2017 and July 27, 2017 as amended. Motion carried.

Committee took a 10 minute break prior to the public input session.

Meeting was called back to order by Chairperson Jim Dunning at 6:30 pm. Motion by Supervisor Smiar to move into the public session. Motion carried.

Committee members were introduced, followed by a brief discussion and overview of the 2018 county budget process by the Committee Chair.

Seventeen (17) **individuals** attended the public input session.

Those wishing to speak during the public input session were as follows:

- Eleanor Wolfe: living wage; para-transit transportation issues
- Barb Geurink: LE Phillips Sr. Center (exercise program; educational programming)
- Starr White: LE Phillips Sr. Center
- Gary Mathis: LE Phillips Sr. Center (enjoys exercise program and those that attend the center)
- Mary Pica Anderson: LE Phillips Sr. Center
- Marty Green: LE Phillips Sr. Center (enjoys the people; camaraderie)
- Tom/Annie Grewe: LE Phillips Sr. Center (exercise programs; friendships)
- Nancy Hallin: LE Phillips Sr. Center (feels Eau Claire values their seniors)
- Roger Adams: LE Phillips Sr. Center
- Patricia Anderson: LE Phillips Sr. Center
- Tom Jewel: LE Phillips Sr. Center (exercises at center; many things to do at the Center)

With no others wanting to speak, the public input session was adjourned.

Motion by Supervisor Smiar to adjourn the public input session.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Rasmusson
Committee Clerk