

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire convened at the Courthouse in the City of Eau Claire on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, and was called to order by Chair Nick Smiar at 7:00 p.m.

The Board honored the flag with the pledge of allegiance.
Moment of reflection was presented by Supervisor Martha Nieman.

Roll Call: 27 present: Supervisors Gary G. Gibson, Sandra McKinney, Joe Knight, Stella Pagonis, Bert Moritz, Steve Chilson, Kevin Stelljes, Donald Mowry, Nancy Coffey, Ray L. Henning, Colleen A. Bates, Connie Russell, Judy Gatlin, Nick Smiar, Lydia Boerboom, Martha Nieman, James A. Dunning, Gerald L. Wilkie, Nathan Anderson, Mark Beckfield, Sue Miller, Robin J. Leary, Heather DeLuka, Tami Schraufnagel, Zoe Roberts, Kimberly A. Cronk, Patrick L. LaVelle
2 absent: Supervisors Carl Anton, Melissa Janssen
*Supervisor Janssen arrived later in the meeting.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS (October 15, 2019)

On a motion by Supervisor Leary, seconded by Supervisor Boerboom, the Journal of Proceedings was approved via voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL BUDGET

County Administrator Kathryn Schauf gave a presentation on the budget process and what the budget document represents.

*Supervisor Janssen arrived at this time.

Chair Smiar declared the public hearing on the budget open.

The following individuals addressed the county board:

Mary Pica Anderson spoke about the L. E. Phillips Senior Center.

Dan Ziegler, Kaye Olson, and Joe Heil spoke about the Veterans Tribute.

Dianne Robertson spoke in support of the Human Services Department.

Chair Smiar declared the public hearing on the budget closed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Corporation Counsel Tim Sullivan provided a memo regarding the annual budget procedure and order of business.

There were no objections to taking up Ordinance 19-20/073 at this time.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER
2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

Human Services Board

Ordinance 19-20/073 TO AMEND SECTION 4.14.010 B. OF THE CODE: DAILY JUVENILE DETENTION RATE ESTABLISHED

Motion by Supervisor Beckfield, seconded by Supervisor Nieman, for enactment.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order and referred the ordinance to the Committee on Finance and Budget.

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Chair Smiar stepped down and First Vice Chair Bates assumed the chair.
The board reviewed the budget book.

Supervisor Nieman offered an amendment to remove two policy statements from the first page of the budget book and place them on a future county board meeting agenda for further discussion. The two policies to be removed are as follows:

1. "Given the current difficult fiscal condition of the county, effective upon the adoption of the 2020 budget, all current and future vacant positions in the county are placed on hold, pending review of the position by the County Administrator, the oversight committee of the department requesting the position, the Human Resources Committee, and the Committee on Finance and Budget. If the position is denied by any of the above, the oversight committee may bring the position request to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration."

2. "Adherence to the budget is required by each county department. When a department becomes aware of a potential shortfall, or a net deficit, the department must alert their oversight committee and the Committee on Finance and Budget. Steps to mitigate and correct the shortfall must be taken immediately. The department is responsible for providing timely and accurate information regarding the shortfall, whether it is due to over-expenditures or under-realization of revenue, and the department must provide a mitigation strategy to correct the shortfall."

Motion by Supervisor Cronk, seconded by Supervisor Gatlin, for approval.

Motion by Supervisor Pagonis, seconded by Supervisor Stelljes, to amend the amendment to remove only the first policy statement.

Following discussion, Supervisor Smiar requested that the question be called.

On a roll call vote, the amendment to the amendment was approved via roll call vote as follows:

25 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Moritz, Chilson, Stelljes, Coffey, Henning, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Nieman, Dunning, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Miller, Leary, DeLuka, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Cronk, LaVelle

3 noes: Supervisors Mowry, Bates, Boerboom

1 absent: Supervisor Anton

On a roll call vote, the amendment, as amended once, was approved via roll call vote as follows:

17 ayes: Supervisors McKinney, Knight, Moritz, Mowry, Coffey, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Boerboom, Nieman, Dunning, Anderson, DeLuka, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Cronk

11 noes: Supervisors Gibson, Pagonis, Chilson, Stelljes, Henning, Wilkie, Beckfield, Miller, Leary, Janssen, LaVelle

1 absent: Supervisor Anton

Review of the budget document by department began.

Eau Claire City-County Health Department: There were no objections to allowing Assistant Director Marisa Stanley to speak.

Human Services: There were no objections to allowing Director Diane Cable to speak.

Motion by Supervisor Pagonis, seconded by Supervisor Leary, to amend the 2020 Library Allocation on page 217 by subtracting \$1,198, which would change the total of \$805,401 in the budget document to be \$804,203. The reduced allocation was approved via voice vote.

Planning and Development: There were no objections to allowing Director Rod Eslinger to speak.

Motion by Supervisor Coffey, seconded by Supervisor Dunning, to amend, on page 22, the Finance and Budget Committee's recommendation to the Sheriff's budget by decreasing it by \$166,848 for two correctional officers; by increasing the Sheriff's budget for overtime by \$63,424; and by increasing the Contingency Fund by \$103,424.

First Vice Chair Bates called the question.

On a roll call vote, the amendment failed as follows:

12 ayes: Supervisors Moritz, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Nieman, Dunning, DeLuka, Roberts, Cronk

16 noes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Chilson, Henning, Smiar, Boerboom, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Miller, Leary, Janssen, Schraufnagel, LaVelle
1 absent: Supervisor Anton

Motion by Supervisor Pagonis, seconded by Supervisor Beckfield, to increase debt service by \$215,562 and to increase the tax levy by \$215,562.

On a roll call vote, the amendment was approved as follows:

27 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Chilson, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Henning, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Boerboom, Nieman, Dunning, Wilkie, Anderson, Beckfield, Miller, Leary, DeLuka, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Cronk, LaVelle

1 no: Supervisor Moritz

1 absent: Supervisor Anton

Resolution 19-20/076 ADOPTING THE 2020 EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

On a motion by Supervisor Smiar, seconded by Supervisor Boerboom, the resolution was adopted via roll call vote as follows:

26 ayes: Supervisors Gibson, McKinney, Knight, Pagonis, Moritz, Stelljes, Mowry, Coffey, Henning, Bates, Russell, Gatlin, Smiar, Boerboom, Nieman, Dunning, Anderson, Beckfield, Miller, Leary, DeLuka, Janssen, Schraufnagel, Roberts, Cronk, LaVelle

2 noes: Supervisors Chilson, Wilkie

1 absent: Supervisor Anton

First Vice Chair Bates stepped down and Chair Smiar resumed the chair.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS UNDER
2.04.160 AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

Committee on Planning and Development

Ordinance 19-20/063 AMENDING THE 1982 OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP FOR THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON

On a motion by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Russell, the ordinance was unanimously enacted via roll call vote.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES BY COMMITTEES

Committee on Finance and Budget

Ordinance 19-20/071 TO AMEND SECTION 4.35.200 OF THE CODE: OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

Action on said ordinance was referred to a future meeting of the county board.

APPOINTMENTS

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DR. TERRENCE MISKULIN TO EAU CLAIRE CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

On a motion by Supervisor Boerboom, seconded by Supervisor Henning, the appointment was unanimously approved via roll call vote.

The Board adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Loomis,
County Clerk