Minutes

Joint Meeting - Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement | Committee on Finance & Budget
Monday, September 29, 2025 – 3:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 1277
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco Webex

Judiciary & Law Enforcement Members Present: John Folstad, Brett Geboy, and Gerald Wilkie.

Finance & Budget Member Present: Jim Dunning, Jim Schumacher, Bob Swanson, Stella Pagonis, and Dane Zook.

Others Present In Person: Supervisor Connie Russell, County Administrator Jon Johnson, Corporation Counsel Sharon McIlquham, Assistant Corporation Counsel Chauncey Ellefsen, Human Resources Director Angela Eckman, Judge Emily Long, Judicial Assistant Manager Angela Marinello, Clerk of Circuit Court Cherie Norberg, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court Christie Knutson, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner, Medical Examiner Marcie Rosas, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Lynn Johnson, Finance Director Jason Syzmanski, Assistant Finance Director Heidi Syvinski, TRY Medication Executive Director Jacob Stansberry, TRY Mediation Interim Executive Director Travis Quella, and Eric Huse.

Others Present via Cisco Webex: County Clerk Sue McDonald, Sheriff Dave Riewestahl, Administrative Services Division Director Katrina Ranallo, Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts, Executive Office Administrator Samantha Kraegenbrink, Financial Analyst Erika Gullerud, Fiscal Associate Jennifer Porzondek, and HR Generalist Janet Quinn.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairs Wilkie and Pagonis at 3:04 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice
The Clerk confirmed the meeting was properly noticed to the public.

Call of the Roll
The Clerk called the roll. Attendance is noted above.

Public Comment
No public comment was made.

2026 Department Budget Presentations

- **TRY Mediation**
  - TRY Mediation Interim Executive Director Travis Quella introduced new TRY Mediation Executive Director Jacob Stansberry. Quella and Stansberry presented the 2026 budget request which is approximately a 2.5% increase from the previous year. The Committees engaged in discussion and asked questions.

- **Medical Examiner**
  - Medical Examiner Marcie Rosas presented the 2026 budget request which is less than a 1.0% increase from the previous year. The Committees engaged in discussion and asked questions.

- **Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court**
  - Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner presented the 2026 budget request which is approximately a 2% increase in taxy levy from the previous year. The Committees engaged in discussion and asked questions.
  - Supervisor Folstad moved to approve the budget as presented. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

- **Circuit Court**
    - Judicial Assistant Manager Angela Marinello and Judge Emily Long presented the 2026 budget request which is approximately an 18% decrease in tax levy request from the previous year despite an approximately 22% increase in total budget due to increase state funding for circuit courts. The Committees engaged in discussion and asked questions.
    - Supervisor Geboy moved to approve the budget as presented. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

- **Clerk of Courts**
    - Clerk of Circuit Court Cherie Norberg presented the 2026 budget request which is approximately a 5% decrease in taxy levy request from the previous year. The Committees engaged in discussion and asked questions.
    - Supervisor Folstad moved to approve the budget as presented. Chair Wilkie called for a roll call vote: FOLSTAD, aye; GEBOY, aye; WILKIE, aye. The motion was **passed** by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement.

Future Meeting Dates
The Committee on Finance & Budget will meet on October 02, 2025 at 1:00 PM.
The Committees on Judiciary & Law Enforcement and Finance & Budget will jointly meet on October 02, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

Announcements
No announcements were made.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned by Chairs Wilkie and Pagonis at 4:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse

Eric Huse
Clerk, Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement