



HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday November 9, 3:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

John Robinson, Chair	Present
Alyson Leahy, Vice-Chair	Present
Kurt Gibbs	Present
Gayle Marshall	Present
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	Present (3:05)

Staff Present – Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Kristi Palmer, Theresa Wetzsteon, Chad Billeb, Mort McBain, Laura Scudiere, Laurie Miskimins (WebEx), Gerry Klein, Kyle Mayo, Diane Hanson (WebEx), Bill Millhausen, Jamie Polley, Gary Olsen, Judge Cveykus

Supervisors Present – Tom Seubert, David Baker, Craig McEwen, Bobby Niemeyer, Ron Covelli, Stacey Morache, Jason Wilhelm, Jacob Langenhahn, Chris Dickinson, Jennifer Aarrestad, Tom Rosenberg, Bruce Lamont (WebEx), David Oberbeck (WebEx), Jean Maszk (WebEx), Michelle Van Krey (4:55)

Others Present - Members of the public and media

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke in favor of budget amendments:

Joanne Leonard (general support)

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the budget amendments:

Christine Salm – Nurse Family Partnership

Christine Martens – Nurse Family Partnership

Leann Isham-Her – Nurse Family Partnership

Kay Gruling – Nurse Family Partnership

Randy Westgate – Non Profits / Judicare Mediation

Jill Stukenberg - Library

Sharon Hunter - Library

Tom Neal – General opposition to amendments

4. Approval of the October 25, 2022 Human Resources, Finance, & Property Committee meeting minutes –
Motion by Leahy, Second by Lemmer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.

5. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:

A. Follow-up on the Baker Tilly Reporting and Insights from the 2021 Audit – Finance Director Kristi Palmer talked through the document in the packet that highlights the response to the 2021 audit. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Chair Gibbs requested a future updated on the airport audit. Motion by Xiong, Second by Marshall to accept the report as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.

6. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:

A. Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC:

- Utility Easement – Curling Way (Parcel ID Number 291-2808-063-0996) – Corporation Counsel updated the committee on the requests they made to him at the October 25 meeting. The easement was amended as requested and WPS offered a \$1000 payment for the easement. Motion by Gibbs Second by Leahy to authorize the appropriate officials to effectuate the sale of the easement and execute the appropriate documents. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board for Consideration:**
1. 2022 Interdepartmental Budget Transfers – Motion by Leahy, Second by Marshall to approve the budget transfers. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 2. 2023 Budget Amendments – Comments by HRFC Chair Robinson, Administrator Leonhard, and Chair Gibbs regarding the budget and the proposed amendments and the history behind why County finances are structured the way they are. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
 - 1) Amendment to 2023 Budget to Internally Restructure Outstanding General Obligation Debt for NCHC Campus Remodel – Robinson. HRFC Chair Robinson explained that this amendment was put together by staff based on discussions during and after the Thursday County Board meeting. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Questions were asked of Gary Olsen, Finance Director for NCHC. Motion by Xiong, Second by Leahy to recommend Amendment #1 to the full board. Motion by Marshall to reduce the amendment amount by half. Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion to recommend the Amendment #1 to the full board carried on a voice vote, with Supervisor Marshall voting no.
 - 2) Decrease of full-time wages and salaries accounts across multiple departments – Dickinson. Supervisor Dickinson stated that all five of his submitted amendments have the goal of decreasing the budget, the tax levy, or both. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Leahy, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #2 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 3) Decrease of supplies and expenses accounts across multiple departments – Dickinson. Motion by Xiong, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #3 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 4) Decrease of Social Services department budget – Dickinson. Supervisor Dickinson stated the intent of this amendment revolves around the fact that the Social Services budget had a 12% increase in their budget. He would like to have an explanation at tomorrow's board meeting as to why the significant increase is in place and is requesting to withdraw the amendment at this time and may offer it to the full board at tomorrow's meeting.
 - 5) Removal of funding for non-profit agencies – Dickinson. Supervisor Dickinson addressed the principle of government not funding non-profit entities and the fact that the County Board has been moving in that direction for many years. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Hart, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #5 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 6) Decrease of budget allocation to Marathon County Public Library – Dickinson. Supervisor Dickinson raised three considerations in regard to his proposal to decrease the library funding. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Leahy, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #6 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 7) Creation of County Auditor position using ARPA funds – Baker. Supervisor Baker stated the reasoning for the amendment. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Corporation Counsel spoke to the statutes governing this issue. Motion by Leahy, Second by Xiong to not recommend Amendment #7 to the full board. Further discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote, with Marshall voting no.
 - 8) Creation of County Auditor position with funding from eliminated Data Officer position – Baker. Supervisor Baker is withdrawing Amendment #8.
 - 9) Removal of \$50,000 EEED Committee support budget line item – Marshall. Supervisor Marshall explained the amendment. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. No action was taken on Amendment #9.
 - 10) Increase of 2023 Budget for County ERP project and removal of \$50,000 EEED Committee support budget line item – Baker. Supervisor Baker stated that there have been no discussions at the committee level regarding these funds and the committee did not request the funds. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. No action was taken on Amendment #10.
 - 11) Reduction in Program Cost for Health Department Nurse Family Partnership Program – Marshall. Supervisor Marshall explained the reasoning behind the amendment. Discussion was had and

questions were asked and answered. Motion by Lemmer, Second by Leahy to not recommend Amendment #11 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, with Supervisor Marshall voting no.

- 12) Reduction in Program Cost for Health Department Nurse Family Partnership Program – Sondelski. Supervisor Sondelski is not present. Motion by Xiong, Second by to not recommend Amendment #12 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - 13) Removal of funding for Family Keys – Sherfinski. Supervisor Sherfinski is not present. Motion by Leahy, Second by Xiong to not recommend Amendment #13 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, with Supervisor Marshall voting no.
 - 14) Removal of funding for Library Chiller CIP Project – Sondelski. Supervisor Sondelski is not present. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Xiong, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #14 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 15) Removal of funding for Dells of the Eau Claire Parking lot CIP Project – Sondelski. Supervisor Sondelski is not present. Motion by Xiong, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #15 to the full board. Discussion followed. Parks Director Jamie Polley was available for questions. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 16) Removal of funding for DC Everest Park Vault Toilet CIP Project – Sondelski. Supervisor Sondelski is not present. Motion by Xiong, Second by Gibbs to not recommend Amendment #16 to the full board. Discussion followed. Parks Director Jamie Polley spoke to the project. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 17) Removal of funding for Demolition of Cold Storage CIP Project – Sondelski. Supervisor Sondelski is not present. HRCF Chair Robinson talked about the history of the cold storage building. The city is going to be issuing a raze order if the work is not done soon. Motion by Hart, Second by Xiong to not recommend Amendment #17 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote, unanimously.
 - 18) Removal of funding for iPad Refresh – Niemeyer. Supervisor Niemeyer is no longer present. Supervisor Baker spoke to the intent of the amendment. The suggestion is that the end of the term in 2024 is a more appropriate time to swap out the iPads. Discussion followed and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Xiong, Second by Gibbs to not recommend Amendment #18 to the full board. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - 19) Modification of funding source for NCHC Projects – Baker. Amendment moved up in the agenda and discussed in conjunction with Amendment #1. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Xiong, Second by Lemmer to not recommend Amendment #19 to the full board. Additional discussion followed. Motion carried on a voice vote, with Supervisor Marshall voting no.
3. Review of 2023 Budget Resolution and CIP – HRCF Chair Robinson suggested creating a substitute budget resolution based on the recommendations by the committee at this meeting. Discussion followed. Amendments will be dealt with tomorrow.

7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion** – None.

8. **Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

B. Next Scheduled Meeting November 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Hart to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A quorum of members of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its subordinate bodies may be present at this meeting at the above date and time to gather information relative to the proposed 2023 budget and proposed amendments to that budget. The County Board of Supervisors and its subordinate bodies, other than the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee, will not hold formal meetings at this time. No action or vote will be taken by the board or its committees, other than the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee, during this session. This notice is provided in accordance with *State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd.*, 173 Wis.2d 553,494 N.W.2d 408 (1993).