

Members present: Tom Dorner, Lynn Eberl, Mike Flint, Marty Krueger and Tim McCumber

Others present: Kerry Beghin, Amanda Blomberg (virtually), Stephanie Box, Dan Brattset, Dave Bretl, Wally Czuprynski, Liz Geoghegan, Bryant Hazard, Lynn Horkan, Dale Knapp (virtually), Tom Kriegl, David Murphy, Rob Nelson, Jared Pinkus, Rebecca Roecker, Bev Vaillancourt, Ed White

The meeting was called to order by Krueger at 8:30 AM. Certification of open meeting compliance was given. **Motion by Eberl, second by McCumber to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: Tom Kriegl – Spoke in favor of Veterans Counselor position and commented jail expenditures are too high.

Communications: None

Presentation and review of 2019 audited financial statements, communications letters, and report on federal and state awards.

Amanda Blomberg, Firm Director with Baker Tilly, presented summary information about Sauk County's 2019 general fund balance, debt service, and audit of Federal and State programs. There were two findings related to specialized transportation in the ADRC.

Discussion and action on 2021 budget recommendation to the County Board.

Dale Knapp with Forward Analytics discussed sales tax projections. Forecasting into next year is a big challenge, the estimates include modest observations the last half of the year. Meant to be used as a starting point along with knowledge about what is going on in specifically Sauk County. Czuprynski commented on sales tax and Wisconsin Dells activities. The committee discussed factors impacting sales tax. Nelson spoke in support of the Arts & Humanities programs and commented on the challenge of the 2021 budget.

Murphy and Vaillancourt reviewed the outside agency request for Friends of the Baraboo River, clean up and the group's budget. Still dealing with 2018 flood clean up, to be most effective the current focus will be on parts of river used most. Between the outfitters and friends group the previous cleared areas should be able to be maintained. Through technology anticipate to fund more with donations, committed to looking at other funding outside of the county. Local municipality and outfitter funding was discussed.

White reviewed Sauk County Development Corporation (SCDC) budget, funding and the efforts of the corporation. The committee discussed various community economic areas, SCDC roles and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) partnership. The committee discussed the history and structure of SCDC, redefining roles and determining a matrix to measure success.

Brattset reviewed the services and efforts for the Department of Human Services (HS). He commented on the need for a strategic plan for homelessness in the County. He commented on mental health during COVID and increased need for mental health services for children, use of technology and work from home. He noted that HS has a complex formula of funding sources that is always changing. He reviewed the two staff reclassifications as part of the budget request. Committee discussed the requested Veterans mental health position and Human Services. Brattset commented on the trends in the alcohol other drug abuse (AODA) and mental health service areas. Discussed funding and trends.

**Recess at 11:47 AM until 1:00 PM.**

**Resume meeting at 1:00 PM.**

Roecker distributed the most recent Corporation Counsel budget. She reviewed the direction of the Corporation Counsel and the outsourced contracted legal services. Roecker proposed a hybrid model of staffing to include in-house associate level attorneys and maintain lead corporation counsel with an outsourced contracted firm. Bretl commented the decision how to proceed is in the hands of the committee. He also noted additional costs on recent invoices for services outside the scope of the contract; there are currently no dollars in the 2021 budget for these additional charges. He recommended budgeting enough moving forward for the services outside the scope of the contract. Roecker commented on services and expertise provided by the von Briesen & Roper firm. Committee discussed the monthly retainer and possible additional

charges for services outside the contract for the legal counsel. Discussed hiring all in house counsel and transition time, costs and contract with von Briesen & Roper.

Presentation of County financial reports.

Beghin noted no reports to present at this time, postpone until next meeting.

Treasurer's Department Update.

Geoghegan reviewed departmental activities, year-to-date budget report and investments. She noted tax collections are good. **Motion by McCumber, second by Flint to approve invoices of \$183,209.47. Motion carried.**

Accounting Department Update.

Beghin reviewed departmental activities including audit, financial reports and year-to-date budget report. **Motion by McCumber, second by Eberl to approve invoices of \$21,301.10. Motion carried. Motion by McCumber, second by Flint to approve Committee payments in the amount of \$16,183.70. Motion carried.**

Next meeting:

October 7, 2020, 12:00pm—special meeting to finalize budget recommendation to county board.

November 4, 2020, 8:30 am – Regular meeting

**Motion by Flint, second by Dorner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Eberl  
Finance Committee Secretary