

AGENDA



Committee on Administration
Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Government Center (721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI)
Room 3312

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For those wishing to make public comment, you can submit your request to speak and/or written comment to Samantha Kraegenbrink at samantha.kraegenbrink@eauclairecounty.gov at least 60 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

*A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting.
However, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.*

1. Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review of meeting minutes from: - **Discussion/Action**
 - March 6, 2025
 - March 11, 2025
 - March 18, 2025
 - April 2, 2025
 - April 2, 2025 (joint meeting with Committee on
5. 25-26/007: Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin biennial budget include funding to ensure matching funds for continuation of Wisconsin related Passenger Rail corridor studies – **Discussion/Action**
6. County Administrator Hiring Process – **Information/Discussion**
7. County Administrator Recruitment Search Firm- **Discussion/Action**

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Executive Office Administrator

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8. One-time Sojourner House Funding potential – **Discussion/Action**

9. Outside Agency Funding – **Discussion**

10. Appointments – **Discussion/Action**

- ADRC Board
 - Jean Doty (reappointment)
- Airport Commission
 - Peter Hoeft (reappointment)
 - Bill Hilgedick (reappointment)
- Conduct Inquiry Board
 - Carol Craig (reappointment)
- Housing Authority
 - Philip Swanhorst (reappointment)
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - Darrell Christy (reappointment)
 - Jamie Burkhardt (reappointment)
 - Robert King (reappointment)
 - Jesse Henning (reappointment)
 - Brian Dollinger (reappointment)
 - Frank Neibauer (reappointment)
- Veterans Services Commission
 - David Lance (new appointment)

11. Adjournment

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Executive Office Administrator

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MINUTES

Joint Meeting: Committee on Finance & Budget and Committee on Administration

Thursday, March 6, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room 1301/1302

721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Present (Administration): Supervisors Steve Chilson, Nancy Coffey, Connie Russell, Dr. Katherine Schneider, Jerry Wilkie (online)

Present (Finance & Budget): Supervisors Jim Dunning, Stella Pagonis, Jim Schumacher, Bob Swanson, Dane Zook

Staff Present In-Person: Kathryn Schauf, Sharon McIlquham, Jason Szymanski, Leah Simington, Erika Gullerud, Greg Dachel, Angela Eckman, Rod Eslinger, Jon Johnson, Samantha Kraegenbrink, Sonja Leenhouts, Matt Theisen

Staff Present Online: Greg Bowe, Jacob Harris, Jennifer Porzondek, Linda O'Mara, Stacy Stabenow, Bryan Bessa, Megan Brasch, Josh Pederson, Sheriff Dave Riewestahl

Public: Present

Chair Coffey (Committee on Administration) called the meeting to order for both committees at 1:00 p.m. and confirmed compliance with open meetings law. Roll call for each committee is indicated above under Present.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Capital Budget and Debt Planning

Director Szymanski presented information on the projected capital amounts for 2026-2030 and financing options using long-term and/or short-term borrowing.

A consensus was reached among the ten committee members: "To direct the Administrator to create two scenarios for the 2026 Capital plan, \$5.5M and \$6M respectively, with corresponding scenarios for funding that incorporates both short and long term borrowing. All projects will be ranked by the departments and also by Administration in priority order."

Chair Coffey adjourned the Committee on Administration at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Erika Gullerud
Committee on Finance & Budget Clerk (interim)

MINUTES



Committee on Administration
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

Government Center (721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI)
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Present: Connie Russell, Nancy Coffey (remote), Gerald Wilkie (remote), Katherine Schneider (remote), Steve Chilson

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Sharon McIlquham, Angela Eckman, Jason Szymanski, Greg Dachel, Matt Theisen, Sonja Leenhouts, Megan Brasch, Adam Kohls, Garrett Zastoupil (remote)

Public: Present

Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice

Vice-Chair Connie Russell called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Indicated above.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review and approval of meeting minutes for February 18, 2025

Motion by Supervisor Chilson. No deletions, corrections, additions. All in favor, minutes approved.

Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 7, 2025, as “National Public Health Week” in Eau Claire County

Motion by Supervisor Schneider. On a roll call vote: aye (Supervisors Coffey, Wilkie, Russell, Schneider) and no (Supervisor Chilson.) Motion approved.

Strategic Planning Exercise: Identify Primary Trends Impacting the County

Garrett Zastoupil provided and update on identifies primary trends impacting the County.

Quarter 4 Department Reports

The following presented the 2024 quarter 4 departmental report:

- Facilities – Matt Theisen
- Veteran Services – Adam Kohls
- Child Support – Megan Brasch
- Corporation Counsel – Sharon McIlquham

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- Information Systems – Greg Dachel
- Risk Management – Sonja Leenhouts
- Administration/County Board – Kathryn Schauf

File No. 24-25/118: Ordinance to amend section 2.05.060 of the Code: Eau Claire Economic Development Committee

Motion by Supervisor Chilson. On a roll call vote: aye (Supervisors Coffey, Russell, Wilkie, Chilson, Schneider) no (none.)

Time limits for oral reporting

The committee discussed guidance in having time limits for oral reporting. The Committee unanimously agrees to begin having presentations to the board be 7-10 minutes, with detail questions as needed at the end and allowing for clarifying questions when needed. Presenters will be advised ahead of the meeting of the time limit and in addition the county clerk will display a timer.

Impact of federal funding cuts

Kathryn Schauf provided a brief update.

Future Agenda Items

- Rules of the Board
- Community Agency Funding
- Impact of federal funding cuts

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk
Executive Office Administrator

MINTUES



Committee on Administration
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:45 p.m.

Government Center (721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI)
Room 1301/1302

Present: Nancy Coffey, Connie Russell, Gerald Wilkie, Katherine Schneider (remote)

Others: Kathryn Schauf, Sharon McIlquham

Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice

Chair Coffey called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Indicated above.

Public Comment

None.

Proclamation proclaiming April 4, 2025, through April 12, 2025, “Fair Housing Week” in the County of Eau Claire

Motion by Supervisor Schneider. All in favor, motion carried.

From addendum:

Proclamation proclaiming Severe Weather Awareness Week April 7-11, 2025

Motion by Supervisor Wilkie. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Schauf
County Administrator

MINUTES



Committee on Administration
Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Connie Russell, Gerald Wilkie, Nancy Coffey, Katherine Schneider, Steve Chilson, Allen Myren (ex-officio), Dane Zook (ex-officio), Stella Pagonis (ex-officio), Nick Smiar (ex-officio)

Others: Kathryn Schauf, Sharon McIlquham, Jason Szymanski, Angela Eckman, Eric Killen, Matt Theisen, Sonja Leenhouts

Public: Present

Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice

Chair Coffey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Indicated above.

Public Comment

None.

County Administrator Recruitment Process

Request for Proposal is paused so that the committee can review the RFP and discuss on the 8th. Cost containment has been sought. Additional companies could be added. If it went out on the 9th proposals could be returned by the following Friday. The committee will use the matrix to rank proposals and then meet to go over the rankings.

File No. 24-25/123: Resolution authorizing legislation in the matters referred to be carried over to the next legislation session

Motion by Supervisor Chilson. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Schauf
County Administrator



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Committee on Administration
and
Committee on Finance & Budget
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Present (Administration): Steve Chilson, Nancy Coffey, Connie Russell, Gerald Wilkie, Katherine Schneider (remote)

Present (Finance & Budget): Stella Pagonis, Bob Swanson, Dane Zook, Jim Dunning, Jim Schumacher

Others: Kathryn Schauf, Sharon McIlquham, Angela Eckman, Jason Szymanski, Matt Theisen, Sonja Leenhouts, Samantha Kraegenbrink

Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice

Chair Coffey called both committees to order at 6:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call (Committee on Administration)

Indicated above.

Roll Call (Committee on Finance & Budget)

Indicated above.

Public Comment

None.

Resolution: Authorizing a transfer of up to \$50,000 from the 2025 contingency fund to complete the search process for and retention of a new County Administrator, administered by the Committee on Administration

Motion by Supervisor Russell. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Schauf
County Administrator

FACT SHEET

to File No. 25-26/007

This resolution demonstrates Eau Claire County's support for the Chippewa-St. Croix Passenger Rail initiative, requesting that the State of Wisconsin's biennial budget include funding to secure matching funds for the continued development of Wisconsin-related Passenger Rail Corridor Studies.

In 2024, the Commission received a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Railroad Administration to begin Step 1, scoping studies, which are expected to be completed in 2025. To ensure the ongoing progress of this project and ultimately bring passenger rail to fruition, additional/continued funding is being requested from the State of Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink

*Executive Office Administrator/Clerk of the Chippewa – St. Croix Passenger Rail
Commission*

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN BIENNIAL BUDGET INCLUDE FUNDING TO ENSURE MATCHING FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION OF WISCONSIN-RELATED PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR STUDIES.

WHEREAS, passenger rail service currently provides valuable mobility and economic benefits to Wisconsin citizens and communities in select locations. The Chicago-Milwaukee Hiawatha train service has been one of the most successful services in the country, and strong ridership on the newly-implemented Borealis train between Chicago, Milwaukee, La Crosse and the Twin Cities demonstrates the pent-up demand for passenger rail service in our state and its neighbors.

WHEREAS, the expansion of passenger rail service to other high-potential Wisconsin corridors is a needed and worthwhile investment for the economic future of our state. Frequent service to more cities will help attract and retain business and the talent critical to its success; provide a convenient, economical, and environmentally-friendly alternative to driving; accelerate economic growth opportunities; improve quality of life; increase tourism; and add resiliency to our transportation system.

WHEREAS, the State Rail Plan envisions enhancement of current routes and expansion of passenger rail service to communities throughout the state including such cities as Eau Claire, Menomonie, Baldwin, Hudson, Madison, Superior, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Fox Cities, Green Bay, and others.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has made an initial commitment to the future mobility needs of our citizens and economic health of our communities through its participation and support of Step I Scoping studies underway for Wisconsin corridors in the Federal Railroad Administration’s (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development Program (CID). These are the same corridors included in the State Rail Plan.

WHEREAS, the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission is the sponsor of one of those studies, Eau Claire-Twin Cities, which was supported by WisDOT, and the Commission supported WisDOT’s CID applications.

WHEREAS, continued participation in the CID program provides the path needed to fully determine the feasibility of these corridors, the investments needed, and to calculate the benefits of bringing passenger trains to more cities across Wisconsin, including those in West Central Wisconsin along the Eau Claire-Menomonie-Baldwin-Hudson-Twin Cities corridor.

WHEREAS, With the Step I Scoping studies moving towards completion in 2025, it will be critical for all of these corridors to move into the next Step, Service Development Plans (SDPs). These plans are the heart of the program to provide the information necessary to identify the costs, benefits, value, and return on investment to determine the feasibility of these corridors and timeline for their implementation.

WHEREAS, the Chippewa-St. Croix Commission’s proposed corridor contemplates key innovations including a competitive process for selecting an operator, applying a direct access model for use of track capacity on the host railroad, and inclusion of transportation oriented economic development as an

1 integral part of its implementation. These innovations could provide significant benefits in terms of cost
2 effectiveness, reduced upfront capital requirements, and local economic development impact. As these
3 concepts are piloted on this corridor, value from lessons learned would also accrue to WisDOT and other
4 corridor sponsors as they chart future passenger rail development.
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6 WHEREAS, SDPs benefit from 90% federal funding under the CID program, requiring a 10%
7 state/local match to continue in the pipeline. Therefore, it will be important in the state's 2025-27 biennial
8 budget to include the resources to ensure that all of these studies move forward with the needed matching
9 funding.
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
12 respectfully request that the Wisconsin State Legislature, Governor Evers, and WisDOT ensure funding in
13 the 2025-27 biennial budget and technical support are available so that all of the CID corridors serving
14 Wisconsin successfully move into Step 2, Service Development Plans. This includes the four WisDOT-led
15 applications (including the Milwaukee-Madison-Eau Claire-Twin Cities route) and the Chippewa-St.
16 Croix Commission-led Eau Claire-Twin Cities regional corridor, as well as participating in an appropriate
17 way with the Minnesota DOT-sponsored Twin Cities-Superior-Duluth corridor, and the Big Sky Rail
18 Authority's North Coast Hiawatha corridor (Chicago-Milwaukee-Twin Cities-southern North Dakota-
19 southern Montana-West Coast).
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Clerk is hereby authorized and
22 directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Joint
23 Finance Committee, Wisconsin State Legislators, WisDOT, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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25 ADOPTED:

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27 **Committee on Administration**

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30	Connie Russell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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35 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk

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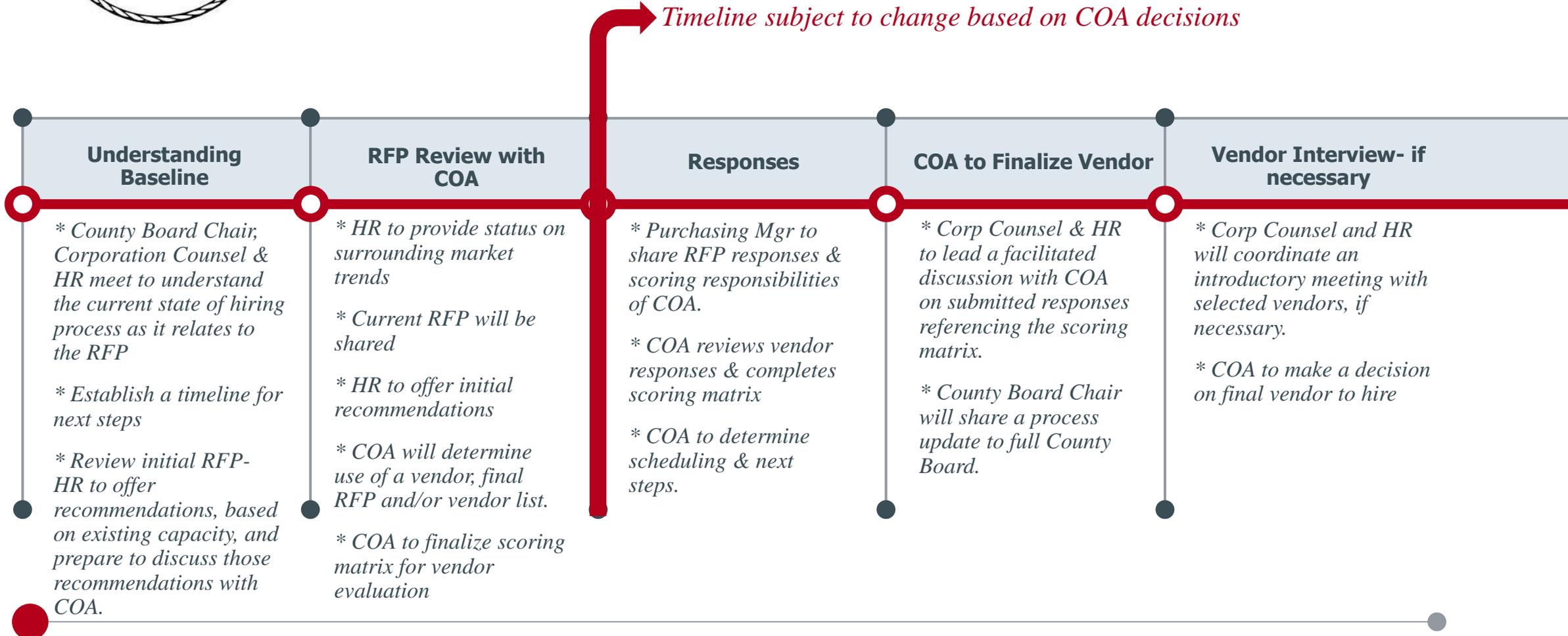
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HIRING PROCESS

Phase 1- Establishing Search Committee Strategy

Timeline subject to change based on COA decisions





Sojourner House: Addressing Our Financial Shortfall & Securing the Future

Sojourner House currently offers 53 beds but exceeded its capacity during inclement weather. This past year we served up to 73 guests with available cots. In addition to providing shelter, the second level of Sojourner House provides financial and housing counseling services, and office space for staff and other community meetings.

For over a decade, Sojourner House has been a critical refuge for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Chippewa Valley. However, due to a significant budget shortfall, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is facing difficult decisions about the shelter's future. Without additional funding, Sojourner House may be forced to reduce operations to a seasonal six-month model, leaving many without shelter during the summer months.

Understanding the Financial Crisis

Several factors have contributed to our current financial position:

- **Capital Campaign Shortfall:** Our recent campaign fell short of its financial goal, leaving a \$220,000 gap in funding for the new Sojourner House. The total construction cost was \$2.65 million, with grants covering \$2.3 million. We aimed to raise the remaining \$350,000 through the campaign, but only raised \$130,000.
- **Decline in Grant Support:** Key public and private foundational grants either shifted priorities or were not renewed in 2024. As a result, total grant funding received amounted to \$149,000, which is only 40% of the budgeted amount of \$365,000.
- **Reduction in General Donations:** Overall, philanthropic giving has declined gradually over the past few years, making it difficult to cover essential operational costs at the Sojourner House.
- **Rising Operational Expenses:** Due to inflation, the need to retain staff, and a decrease in volunteers, we faced increased costs for staffing, maintenance, and supplies, which further strained our budget.

In short, in 2024, the Sojourner House operated with a \$450,000 deficit, contributing to an \$800,000 shortfall across Catholic Charities. Direct shelter revenue for 2024 totaled \$349,801, while expenses amounted to \$846,975. Catholic Charities has been subsidizing these gaps with unrestricted funds, but this is not a sustainable solution moving forward.

The good news is that Catholic Charities has recently been notified that it has been awarded additional funding through the Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources (DEHCR). With this funding, Sojourner House will remain open at least through the end of June. We are committed to continuing our efforts until we secure funding for the entire year.

What This Means for Sojourner House

If immediate funding is not secured, Sojourner House will be forced to suspend summer operations. In that case, we will strive to offer limited essential services using donated resources, including:

- Showers and laundry access two to three days a week.
- Safe space for support and engagement during available shower and laundry access.
- Limited financial and housing counseling services along with community resource referrals.
- Distribution of clothing and hygiene items.

While these services are not a replacement for full shelter operations, they will help address some urgent needs.

Efforts to Secure Long-Term Sustainability

Catholic Charities has been actively working to prevent service reductions by:

- **Engaging Local Leaders:** We are working with the City and County of Eau Claire, the Diocese of La Crosse, the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, the Eau Claire Community Foundation, and state representatives to explore funding solutions.
- **Exploring Public & Private Funding:** We are advocating for additional government grants and seeking corporate and philanthropic partnerships.
- **Cost-Saving Measures:** We have reduced expenses by restructuring programs and streamlining operations but still face a significant gap.

A Community-Wide Challenge, A Community-Wide Solution

Homelessness is not a problem Catholic Charities can solve alone—it requires a collaborative, sustainable approach with community support. To keep Sojourner House open year-round, we need:

- **Increased Donations:** One-time and recurring donations directly impact shelter operations.
- **Corporate Sponsorships & Grants:** Businesses can help bridge the funding gap.
- **Advocacy & Awareness:** Community support can encourage greater funding commitments from local and state officials.
- **Volunteer Support:** Increased volunteer engagement can reduce operational costs and enhance services.

The Path Forward

Sojourner House currently needs approximately \$400,000 in committed annual support for 2025 which includes about \$175,000 in government grants. However, our annual operating costs are about \$850,000. Without a sustainable funding model, our ability to continue operations is at risk. We are committed to finding a solution, but we need the support of the community to ensure that our doors remain open for our most vulnerable neighbors.

For more information on how you can donate or volunteer, visit cclse.org or contact:

Rob Grover

Advancement Director, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse

Phone: 608-461-1073

Email: rgrover@cclse.org

Together, we can continue providing a safe haven for those who need it most.



Jean Doty – ADRC Board

I served on the ADRC-CW board for about 10 years and was the volunteer director at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield for 17 years. Our volunteer program had about 400 adult volunteers and 100+ teenage volunteers. Most of my adult volunteers were over the age of 60, so I became a strong advocate for my senior population. I have attended the Aging Advocacy Day in Madison, enrolled in ADRC's Strong Bodies exercise program for three years, attended the senior congregate meals provided at the L. E. Phillips Senior Center for two years and enrolled in several other ADRC sponsored programs. I believe the ADRC is the one-stop shop for seniors who want information on any "senior" issue. Afterall, "old age" is the one prejudice we all outgrow!

I would be proud to be reappointed to the Eau Claire County ADRC board of directors. Please consider me for this position.



Peter has proudly led Hoeft Builders since 2004. Under his leadership, the company has grown from a two-person operation handling one project at a time into a major market leader in Western Wisconsin and beyond, completing hundreds of millions of dollars in commercial construction work. Hoeft Builders specializes in commercial construction and real estate development, with a national reach supported by offices in Eau Claire, WI, Colorado, and Tennessee. The company serves clients across a range of sectors, including medical, multifamily, industrial, office, retail, financial, and other commercial markets.

As CEO, Peter sets the course for the company's growth, overseeing financial strategy, long-term planning, and the real estate development division of Hoeft Builders. He brings extensive expertise in real estate development, TIF and incentive negotiations, governmental coordination, and traditional debt financing. Peter's passion lies in working closely with clients—helping businesses grow and realize their full potential.

Peter holds a BS in Construction Management from Colorado State University. He serves on the Eau Claire Airport Commission and is an incorporator and board member of the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative. His past board involvement includes WNB Financial, the Eau Claire Chamber, the Children's Museum of the Chippewa Valley, the Eau Claire Economic Development Corporation, and various other organizations.

Peter lives in Eau Claire with his wife and their twin boys.

Bill Hilgedick – Airport Commission

I have been on the Airport Commission since 2015. During that time, I have served as Secretary from 2015 to 2017, and Chair from 2017 to today. I currently rent a hangar at the airport for my airplane, and I am actively involved with the aviation community here.

Carol Craig – Conduct Inquiry Board

In my various professional experiences, I have been responsible for collaborating, negotiating and resolving human resource/personnel issues among diverse groups. These groups included white collar professionals to individuals who were marginalized. In my past experience as Eau Claire School Board President, I had to have an objective perspective to serve community members, staff and administration with integrity and fairness. I believe the various commendations I received over the years from many professional and community organizations is a testimony to my ability to use judgement and ethics in my decision-making.

My professional training and years of relevant work experience have highlighted the importance of establishing written standards; such standards minimize conflicts and provide road maps for resolutions. I hope to serve on the Eau Claire County Board of Conduct to deliberate conflicts related to established State and County rules. As such, I will deliberate objectively and collaboratively with Board of Conduct members to discern issues that are brought forward for resolution. I have served Eau Claire County in many capacities and this is an opportunity to continue to serve citizens and elected officials.

Philip Swanhorst – Housing Authority

Has served one partial and one full-term on the Housing Authority. Is a retired bus driver (15 years of service.)

Darrell Christy – LEPC

I am Asst. Fire Chief for Township Fire and have been with the fire department for 56 years.
Currently I am Chairman of the LEPC.

Jamie Burkhardt – LEPC

I've been on the LEPC for several years and I would like to continue serving on the committee. I'm currently a Battalion Chief for the Eau Claire Fire Department and the coordinator for our Hazardous Materials Team. I've been with the fire department for 26 years and have served as a firefighter, paramedic, engineer, lieutenant, and captain. Through my experience and knowledge, I have much to offer our LEPC team.

Robert King – LEPC

Currently the Emergency Management Coordinator, WI Regional Lead and Risk Management at Mayo Clinic Health System. Represents Healthcare on the committee.

Jesse Henning – LEPC

Currently the Lieutenant of Police, Investigations and Professional Standards Division for the Eau Claire Police Department and represents law enforcement on the committee.

Bio: Brian Drollinger

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest

I am currently the Director of Risk Management, Safety, and Sustainability for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. My department coordinates "Emergency Management" for the campus. I am also a Board member of Disaster Ready Chippewa Valley (non-profit organization). I am a committee member on the local Eau Claire City/Co Health department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness. I have certifications in FEMA Series 100, 200, 363, 700 and Mgt 335.

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

Collaborate with others to help serve those living in Eau Claire County. Offer resources and advise on helping to make the county more prepared for emergency situations.

Communicate effectively with other committee members to help solve problems and help our community be better equipped in emergencies.

Frank Neibauer – LEPC

Occupation: Retired

Current and Past Board Positions: Eau Claire County Local Emergency Planning Committee, 2003 - present; Town of Pleasant Valley Plan Commission, 2006 - present; Pleasant Valley Park Committee, 2017 - present; Eau Claire Energy Cooperative Director - District 6, 2018-present; Pleasant Valley Park Committee, Chair, 2019 – present, Eau Claire County ADRC Nutrition Advisory Council, 2020 - present; Eau Claire County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Vice Chair, 2022 - present; Eau Claire Energy Cooperative Member Advisory Council, 2014 - 2018; Wisconsin Association of Hazardous Material Responders, Board of Directors, 2007 - 2012; Eau Claire County Board of Land Use Appeals, 1994 - 2003.

Experience: Gas utility employee with Northern States Power/Xcel Energy 1980 - 2013. Fire/Rescue Adjunct Instructor, Chippewa Valley Technical College, 1996 - 2012; Firefighter with Township Fire Department, 1992 -2007.

David Lance – Veterans Services Commission

I am an Army Veteran retired with 27 years of service. I am a life member of the VFW post 8911. I am a volunteer firefighter for Township Fire. I interned for the Eau Claire County CVSO and I have a good understanding of the program and the people.

I care. I care about my community. I care for the veterans of my community. I will always show up and provide ethical opinions and decisions for the greater good of my community.