

AGENDA



Committee on Administration
Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Join by Phone:

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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.

1. Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review and approval of meeting minutes – **Discussion/Action**
 - May 5, 2025
 - May 13, 2025
 - May 20, 2025
 - May 27, 2025
5. File No. 25-26/012: Resolution supporting and approving the recommended framework in expending current and future opioid settlement fund dollars – **Discussion/Action**
6. Appointments – **Discussion/Action**
 - Economic Development Committee
 - i. Jared McKee
 - Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - i. Jared Rico
 - ii. Samantha Erickson
 - Farmland Preservation Committee
 - i. Dessy Johnson

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Executive Office Administrator

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- ii. James Leffel
- iii. Dr. Kristina Beuning
- iv. Matthew Krenz
- v. Steven Strey
- vi. Tammy Schroeder
- vii. Jane Mueller

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Announcements

9. Closed Session

The Chair will entertain a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to review a draft of a proposed administrator contract.

The Committee will adjourn while in closed session

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MINUTES
**Committee on Administration and
Committee on Finance & Budget**

Monday, May 5, 2025

1:05 p.m.

Courthouse – Room 1301/1302
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Members Present: Supervisors Jim Dunning, Stella Pagonis, Jim Schumacher (left at 3:01), Bob Swanson, Dane Zook, Nancy Coffey, Connie Russell, Jerry Wilkie, Steve Chilson (online), Katherine Schneider (online)

Other Supervisors Present:

Staff Present In-Person: Jason Szymanski, Leah Simington, Kathryn Schauf, Sharon McIlquham

Staff Present Online: Samantha Kraegenbrink, Sonja Leenhouts, Greg Bowe

Public: None present

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

The committee clerk took roll call. Members present are indicated above.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Presentation by Community Hospital Foundation

Funding request for the Sojourner House – Wes Escondo, Eau Claire Community Foundation

Motion: Pagonis moved post pone and move to the next Committee on Finance & Budget meeting which will be held on May 15th

Vote: 9-0 (Schumacher left at 3:01)

Community Agency Funding - discussion

The committee adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Leah Simington
Committee Clerk

MINUTES



Committee on Administration
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

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

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Sharon McIlquham, Sonja Leenhouts, Bryan Bessa, Angela Eckman, Holly Blaschko, Jason Szymanski, Joe Theilen, Eric Killen, Matt Theisen, Megan Brasch (remote), Jon Hochkammer (PAA), Dave Bretl (PAA), Eric Huse (remote)

Public: Present

Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice

Chair Coffey called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Indicated above.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approval of meeting minutes for April 8, 2025, and April 29, 2025. Correction to April 8, 2025 to change a typo of “agenda” to be “agency.” No further deletions, corrections, additions. Motion by Supervisor Chilson to approve the minutes with the correction. All in favor, minutes approved.

County Administrator Recruitment Plan presented by PAA and Human Resources

Jon Hochkammer and Dave Bretl from PAA presented the recruitment plan for the County Administrator recruitment. The committee had the opportunity to provide feedback.

File No. 25-26/008: Resolution requesting resolutions to be considered at the 2025 WCA Annual Business Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Chilson. 5 aye, 0 nay; motion approved.

File No. 25-26/026: Resolution authorizing to abolish one (1.0 FTE) Child Support Resource Specialist position and contract with the Child Support Call Center

Motion by Supervisor Schneider. 5 aye, 0 nay; motion approved.

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File No. 25-26/023: Resolution confirming and ratifying the authority of Counsel for Eau Claire County to add additional defendants to opioid litigation, including in MDL 2804

Motion by Supervisor Chilson. 5 aye, 0 nay; motion approved.

Proclamation proclaiming Thursday, June 19, 2025, as “Juneteenth Day” in Eau Claire County

Motion by Supervisor Schneider, all in favor; motion carried. Proclamation will be forwarded to the county board.

The following 2024 Annual Reports were presented:

- Veterans Services
- Facilities
- Information Systems
- Child Support
- Corporation Counsel
- Risk Management
- Administration

The following Q1 Financials were presented:

- Veterans Services
- Facilities
- Information Systems
- Child Support
- Corporation Counsel
- Risk Management
- Administration

Future Agenda Items

- County Administrator Recruitment Process
- Rules of the Board - September

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk
Executive Office Administrator

MINUTES



Committee on Administration
Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Others: Kathryn Schauf, Jason Szymanski, Charles Ellefson

Call meeting to order and confirm meeting notice

Vice-Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll Call

Indicated above.

Public Comment

None.

File No. 25-26/028: Resolution authorizing a transfer of \$30,000 from the 2025 contingency fund to provide funding, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, The Eau Claire Community Foundation, The City of Altoona, and the City of Eau Claire to Catholic Charities to provide funds to assist Sojourner House to stay open during the summer of 2025

Motion by Supervisor Schneider to change administrative costs from 5% to 15%. Motion carried unanimously. Motion as amended approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Schauf
County Administrator



Minutes
Joint Meeting
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Committee on Finance and Budget
Committee on Administration
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – 3:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 1301/1302
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco Webex

Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement Members Present

In Person: John Folstad and Gerald Wilkie.

Cisco Webex: Lorelee Clark* and Allen Myren.

Committee on Finance and Budget Members Present

In Person: Jim Dunning, Jim Schumacher, Bob Swanson, and Dane Zook.

Cisco Webex: Stella Pagonis.

Committee on Administration Members Present

In Person: Connie Russell and Gerald Wilkie.

Cisco Webex: Katherine Schneider.

Others Present

In Person: County Administrator Kathryn Schauf, County Treasurer Glenda Lyons, Register of Deeds Tina Pommier, Finance Director Jason Szymanski, Health Department Director Lieske Giese, Facilities Director Matt Theisen, Human Resources Director Angela Eckman, Human Services Director Angela Weideman, Sheriff Dave Riewestahl, Judge Emily Long, Judicial Assistant Manager Angela Marinello, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court Christie Knutson, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner, Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna, Assistant Corporation Counsel Chauncey Ellefsen, TRY Mediation Director Ryan Dahlgren, Communications Center Manager Greg Rosno, District Attorney Peter Rindal, and Eric Huse.

Cisco Webex: Clerk of Circuit Court Cherie Norberg and Executive Office Administrator Samantha Kraegenbrink.

Call to Order

The joint meeting was called to order by Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement Chair Wilkie at 3:00 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.

Government Center Security

Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement Chair Wilkie provided opening remarks regarding the purpose of the meeting and discussion topic. Sheriff Dave Riewestahl provided an overview of current security measures in place at the Government Center. Facilities Director Matt Theisen presented options for physical security improvements including a single point of entry at the Oxford Avenue main entrance and relocating second floor courtrooms, bailiff's office, and Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court office. Chair Wilkie invited all county staff present to provide information and their perspective on Government Center security. The Committees engaged in discussion and reached consensus that the Security and Facilities Committee should develop a comprehensive proposal and implementation plan for Government Center security.

*Lorelee Clark arrived at 3:26 PM.

Adjournment of Committees on Finance and Budget and Administration

The meeting of the Committees on Finance and Budget and Administration was adjourned by Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement Chair Wilkie at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse
Committee Clerk, Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement

Fact Sheet for File No. 25-26/012

Supporting and Approving the Recommended Framework for Opioid Settlement Fund Allocation

Overview

Eau Claire County is set to receive funds from national opioid litigation settlements, designated to remediate the effects of the opioid epidemic. In September 2022, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors created the Opioid Settlement Task Force consisting of stakeholders within the County organization as well as those with lived experience. The Task Force was charged with creating a recommendation (a plan) on how to use opioid settlement funding. The recommendation is attached following the resolution.

For future review/analysis of funding use according to this plan, internal stakeholders will adjust funding within the areas/purposes identified based on grant funding, need, effectiveness, etc. of the programs.

Recommended Funding Areas

The Task Force has developed a recommendation document outlining fund allocation for:

1. **Prevention** – Initiatives focused on community education, early intervention, and risk reduction.
2. **Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Recovery** – Programs supporting addiction treatment, recovery resources, and harm reduction strategies.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk
Executive Office Administrator

Prevention and Harm Reduction Rankings of Needs

Assessment Priority Areas:

1. Sustain Harm reduction services
2. Youth Prevention in Schools
3. Tie: Community education about available harm reduction, treatment & recovery resources;
Law enforcement training and support

Treatment and Recovery Rankings of Needs Assessment

Priority Areas:

1. Recovery Support (Expanded Treatment and Recovery Services to fill gaps)
2. Criminal Justice Involved/Jail Programs
3. Sober Living Options (Expanded Treatment and Recovery Services to fill gaps)

Settlement Funds Received 2022-2024

2022	\$556,133
2023	\$144,776
2024	\$876,567
Total	\$1,577,475

Estimated future payments 2025-2038

2025	\$299,306
2026	\$317,853
2027	\$296,243
2028	\$339,134
2029	\$340,546
2030	\$319,747
2031	\$297,037
2032	\$273,423
2033	\$207,644
2034	\$207,644
2035	\$207,644
2036	\$172,909
2037	\$172,909
2038	\$119,457
Estimated future payment total	\$3,571,497
Estimated total settlement	\$5,148,972

Unallocated funding: \$1,530,505 (from Opioid Settlement Task Force packet (Monday, February 17), financial report)

Opioid Settlement Fund Coordination

1. A county position will be assigned to coordinate county efforts related to opioid settlement funds:
 - Convenes county agencies (Criminal Justice Services, Department of Human Services, Sheriff's Office, Health Department) at least annually to review progress with projects and spending
 - Coordinates with other agencies to review and update priority funding areas annually to include collecting public input (through survey or community conversations)
 - Coordinates with other county agencies to complete annual state reporting in collaboration with financial staff
 - Communicates funded project updates to county board and other partners as needed
 - Other ongoing communication related to county opioid settlement funding with county agencies, partners, county board, and public
 - Keeps up to date on opioid settlement funding at local, state, and national level (i.e., what is the state funding and how does that impact local funding)
 - Stays up to date in field and evidence-based practices to share with task force, county board, and public

2. A county department will be assigned to each priority area and associated programs and services to provide oversight. As the lead agency for a program or service, the county department will coordinate implementation of the program or service, which may be through an internal agency program or through a contract with an outside agency. The lead agency will participate in committee meetings related to opioid settlement funds, provide program area progress updates as needed, evaluate effectiveness of the program or service, and assist with state reporting. Lead agencies will continue to pursue state and other grant and funding opportunities to meet priority areas identified in the plan. **Lead agencies will only use opioid settlement funds for programs and services in this plan if other funding opportunities are not available.**

Note that 2025 numbers will be prorated/adjusted from date plan is approved.

Prevention and Harm Reduction				
Priority Area (s) and lead agency	Program or service recommended	Estimated cost 2025	Estimated cost 2026	Estimated cost 2027
Youth prevention in Schools Lead agency: Health Department	Contract to support evidence-based prevention curriculum, programs, and peer support in schools	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sustain harm reduction services	Coordination and implementation of county harm reduction program (.5 FTE Public Health Specialist)	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Community education about available harm reduction, treatment & recovery resources Lead agency: Health Department	Narcan nasal spray, fentanyl test strip kits, and educational materials for county harm reduction program	\$4,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	County-wide sharps disposal program including community events and educational materials	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Medication lockboxes and bags and educational materials for county medication safety program	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Treatment and Recovery				
Community education about available harm reduction, treatment & recovery resources	Community Outreach Team (social worker, peer support) to connect community members to basic needs, recovery support, sober living options, and provide education on available harm reduction, treatment & recovery resources in the county	\$189,614	\$189,614	\$189,614
Expanded treatment & recovery services to fill local gaps: Recovery support (include job training, housing support, mental health, peer support), Sober Living Options Lead agency: DHS	Contract with community agencies to provide additional community outreach and support services.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Community stabilization funds to support gaps/needs of individuals and families (e.g., treatment, sober living, childcare, gas cards, rent, trade scholarships, etc.)	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000

Criminal Justice Involved / Jail Programs – treatment and recovery Lead agency: DHS	Crisis, community re-entry position in jail (1.0 FTE)	\$98,908	\$98,908	\$98,908
Criminal Justice Involved / Jail Programs – treatment and recovery Lead agency: Criminal Justice	Contract for court navigation services	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Priorities currently funded				
Law enforcement training and support Lead agency: Sheriff's Office	Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal justice-involved persons with opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions to law enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or providers of screening, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, case management, or other services.	\$-- Grant funded	revisit annually	revisit annually
Criminal Justice Involved / Jail Programs – treatment and recovery Lead agency: Sheriff's Office	Diversion and Deflection program, MAT program	\$180,000 If grant funding not secured through state	revisit annually	revisit annually
Total per year		\$829,522	\$695,522	\$695,522
Total 3-year funding plan (2025, 2026, 2027)			\$2,220,566	

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Community Outreach Team and Community Re-entry

Focus: Opioid Involved

Data:

- From the Jail:
 - Community Re-entry has seen **536 different people from 4/17/24- 5/5/24. Of those about 70% have substance misuse needs.** When folks come into the jail, the Community Re-entry worker completes assessments and works with the individual throughout their stay to connect them with community resources/groups within the jail. When folks are leaving, the community re-entry worker gets needed services set back up and works to connect with local community partners (i.e, peer support, sober living etc). Community Re-entry also works to follow up with individuals after they leave jail.
 - Data from the Eau Claire Police Department indicating potential DHS first response:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Unique Incidents*	23,377	22,311	21,546	22,280	21,690
Potential DHS Response	928	915	1036	939	892
Specific Mental Health Calls	40	31	34	20	18
Citations that Would Benefit From Outreach	22	16	23	80	296
Total	990	962	1,093	1,039	1,206

*Incidents are measured as one, but each incident might have many follow-ups

Mission: Through outreach, engagement, and collaboration, the Community Outreach Team will provide comprehensive and compassionate support to promote wellness, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports and maintenance of community living skills to people in Eau Claire County involved with opioids.

Vision: Eau Claire County is a community where opioid use is rare, brief, and nonrecurring

System Goals:

- A co-response system will be created so a member of the outreach team responds with EMT teams when an overdose is suspected.
- A system will be created that includes a referral to the outreach team when an EMT team encounters an overdose. The outreach team will then respond to the individual involved within 72 hours.
- A system will be created that includes a referral to the outreach team (in conjunction with Crisis) when the ER encounters an overdose. The outreach team will then respond to the individual involved within 72 hours.
- A system will be created in conjunction with the jail outreach coordinator to ensure individuals who are opioid involved in the jail will have a connection with the outreach team within 72 hours of leaving the jail.
- A system will be created so school districts working with students who are opioid involved will have a system in place to reach out to the individual impacted by opioids.
- A system will be created so medical professionals working with individuals who are opioid involved will have a system in place to reach out to the individual impacted by opioids.
- Create connection to support genuine belonging in the Eau Claire community.

Key Performance Outcome Measures:

- The outreach team will reach out to 100% of community members referred through various pathways within 72 hours.
- A client-centered recovery plan will be created for 100% of all individuals who indicate they are interested in recovery within one week of the initial visit.
- 100% of clients with a recovery plan will meet with their case manager for 90% of scheduled visits.
- 80% of all clients will maintain or show a decrease in mental health symptoms or substance misuse by a decrease in emergency services and/or emergency responses and/or self-report

Guiding Principles for the work:

1. Ground the work in data and context, and target solutions.
 - Disaggregate data by demographics to understand problems and root causes, as well as develop appropriate solutions and document progress.
 - Ensure the data is high quality and used ethically, with transparency about the uses of data throughout the data collection and analysis process
 1. Incorporate the voices of community members and those with lived experience into the data collection and interpretation process
2. Focus on systems change, in addition to programs and services.
 - Utilize current resources and available funding in Eau Claire County (?) to build off each entity's strengths to create a unified crew rowing in the same direction; focus on changing the underlying systems, not just adding new programs of services
3. Shift power within the collaborative
 - Focus on our mission of empowering our clients (service providers, people experiencing opioid misuse) by providing direct and indirect support
4. Listen to and act with community.
 - Be purposeful with communication plans to lean heavily and often into the insights of people who are impacted and affected by the plan
 - Define and utilize a shared language to support common understandings
5. Build fair leadership and accountability.
 - Build system that amplifies minoritized voices and purposefully moves folks into leadership roles with support
 - Hold leaders accountable for reporting their metrics and delivering on the commitments of their organization

- Establish and maintain a clear point of contact to ensure effective communication throughout cooperative and community
- Regularly establish and review action plans
- Regularly update capitol investors with metrics highlighting cost savings and goals

Guiding Principles for Opioid Outreach:

1. Addiction is chronic, recurring disease best dealt with through treatment.
2. Provide immediate access to services with no readiness requirements.
3. Ensure consumer choice and self-determination so that clients can exercise some choice regarding the location and type of treatment they receive, and clients have choices in terms of the timing and type of services they wish to utilize.
4. Approach clients with a recovery orientation so that meeting basic client needs and supporting recovery are centered on individual well-being and ensure that clients have access to a range of supports that enable them to nurture and maintain social, recreational, educational, occupational and vocational activities. For folks with addiction challenges, this means access to a harmful environment that aims to reduce the risks and harmful effects of substance use and addictive behaviors for the individual, the community and society without requiring abstinence.
5. Utilize individualized and client-drive supports that recognize individuals and their needs as unique. Individuals are provided with a range of treatment and support services that are voluntary, personalized, culturally appropriate and portable.
6. Provide social and community integration support so that client can engage with their community through participation in meaningful activities.

How we work in the system to ensure individual humanity and self-determination:

- Each person known by name
- Implement a recovering oriented service philosophy that is ongoing, positive, hopeful with affirming support
- Build an understanding from folks experiencing addiction as to why they are addicted
- Find solutions tailored to each person's needs and wants that ensures choice

- Support social community integration that focuses on life in a community like everyone else
- Constantly review with a focus on doing better

4 - SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED FRAMEWORK IN
5 EXPENDING CURRENT AND FUTURE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND DOLLARS

6 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has received or anticipates receiving funds as part of national
7 opioid litigation settlements intended to remediate the effects of the opioid epidemic; and
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9 WHEREAS, the opioid crisis has significantly impacted the residents of Eau Claire County
10 resulting in loss of life, strain on public health systems, increased burdens on law enforcement
11 and emergency services, and disruption to families and communities; and
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13 WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes the importance of using these funds in
14 accordance with settlement agreements, which require that the funds be used to address opioid
15 remediation; and
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17 WHEREAS, the governing body created the Opioid Settlement Task Force in 2022 tasking
18 the body with recommending uses of the settlement funds for community assessment and opioid
19 abatement purposes such as: enhancing addiction treatment; evaluating and implementing
20 community-based prevention; and increasing adoption of best practices; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Task Force has consulted with community stakeholders,
23 including public health officials, behavioral health providers, individuals with lived experience,
24 and public safety professionals, to identify high-impact strategies; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Task Force has created the recommendation document
27 included with this resolution to expend Opioid Settlement Funds in the following areas: 1.
28 Prevention; 2. Harm reduction and treatment and recovery; and
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30 WHEREAS, with the approval of the attached recommendation, the Opioid Settlement Task
31 Force will have completed its objective and disband; and
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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
34 supports and approves the attached recommendation, which is incorporated by reference into this
35 resolution, and authorizes the designated and authorized Eau Claire County Departments to
36 begin expending funding in the approved areas as outlined in the attached recommendation; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, future review and subsequent adjustments will be reviewed
39 by the internal team consisting of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Human Services
40 Department, Criminal Justice Services, and Eau Claire City/County Health Department.
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46 **Committee on Administration**

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48 Nancy Coffey

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Connie Russell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gerald Wilkie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Chilson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Samantha Kraegenbrink - Committee Clerk
Resolution 25-26/012

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Economic Development Committee

Jared McKee

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

I have spent the last twelve years employed in municipal administration for two great communities. Local government requires an administrator to be proficient in a broad spectrum of roles and responsibilities. The roles I have filled as Village Administrator for Fall Creek have given me experience working with tax incentive districts, economic development, annual budgets, capital project plans and capital funding. My ability to thrive in variety along with experience and skill set I bring allow me to be an effective leader. I enjoy building camaraderie and work to develop strong interpersonal relationships with residents, board members, and community leaders.

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

I find community involvement to be essential. Over the years I have been active as a Captain for a volunteer department, a Scoutmaster, and a water representative. My desire to be a contributing member of this community has led me to volunteer with an Eau Claire based youth group helping young men and women grow and develop into contributing members of society. The set of skills I have developed in my professional life would enable me to give back in a positive way. In short, I would work to enrich the Eau Claire area by donating my time, talent, and attention to detail. I would strive to help make Eau Claire County the kind of place in which people want to live, work, and play.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Jared Rico

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

I am a Detective with the Altoona Police Department and have been employed with them for 5 years. I am also a Battalion Chief with Township Fire Department and have been employed by them for 9 and a half years. I have responded to numerous hazmat incidents with both employers.

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

I would bring my knowledge from the fire side and the law enforcement side to help better response plans. I would be able to help with seeing each sides point of view as I work both.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Samantha Erickson

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

Currently I am the plant manager of Imperia Foods Fall Creek, a large manufacturer in Fall Creek with an ammonia system. I have completed a PSM course, and I am the crisis management trainer and leader for our facility.

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

I am a committed problem solver and a lifelong learner. I will use my knowledge and skills to help review emergency action plans and make suggestions to ensure we are keeping our communities safe. It's important for business leaders to ensure not only the safety of their employees, but that of the local community as well. Being involved with PSM and ammonia safety has increased my knowledge and awareness of the impact a facility can have on the local community.

Farmland Preservation Committee

Dessy Johnson

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

Dedicated to protecting farmland, understand the importance of a Farmland Preservation Plan accurately reflecting the goals and policies of Towns and farmers.

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

Contribute to update the Farmland Preservation Plan that reflects farmland owners views and concerns.

Farmland Preservation Committee

James Leffel

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

I farm on the south side of Eau Claire and see the impact of urban sprawl on farmland in the county.

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

I would provide my expert opinions as they relate to the balance between farmland preservation, urban expansion, and individual rights.

Farmland Preservation Committee

Dr. Kristina Beuning

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

Educational Background and 20 years actively farming in Eau Claire County

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

Farming is integral to the culture and community of greater Eau Claire. I serve to help preserve farmland in EC County.

Farmland Preservation Committee

Matthew Krenz

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

I have farmed in the Town of Lincoln for close to 40 years. We have been awarded the Conservation farm of the year award. I have a strong desire to preserve and be a good steward of the land in my care.

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

I will do my best to include the community on the progress of our committee. I will seek the opinion of those related to farmland preservation.

Farmland Preservation Committee

Steven Strey

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

I am already on the farmland preservation committee

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

I would work for the betterment of all agriculture in Eau Claire Co. by preserving farmland

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Tammy Schroeder

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

Farmer for 40 years Development of agricultural enterprise area Farmland preservation participant Member of the agricultural enterprise area

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

Support farmland preservation policy.

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Jane Mueller

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest:

Farm owner for 45 years and Town of Washington Supervisor.

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

To use this work product (Farmland Preservation Plan) for policy decisions on the county level.