

MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Rm 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Valenstein, Donna Rozar, Jake Hahn, Lance Pliml, Joseph Zurfluh

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Corp Counsel Kastenholz presented the Corporation Counsel budget and discussed the increase in levy, due to succession planning for his position.
4. Health Director Smith and Health Dept. Manager Alft presented the Health Dept. budget and reviewed the increase to do wage adjustments and the hiring of a bilingual community health worker.
5. Highway Accounting Supervisor Peckham presented the Highway Dept. budget and the increases needed in levied CIP, snow removal funding, and the 50/50 bridge aid account.
6. Sheriff Becker and Chief Deputy Ellis presented the Sheriff's Dept. budget and highlighted the increases in rent in the new jail, and how the timing of occupancy will determine the ultimate final budget numbers
7. IT Director Kaup presented the IT budget and explained the increase needed for a new cybersecurity position within the county.
8. The committee reviewed the following budgets: Wood County Libraries, UWSP at Marshfield, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Ho-Chunk Nation donation, contingency account, and the payment in lieu of taxes.
9. Chair Valenstein declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

**Operations Committee
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NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Gledhill	WCB #15
Panya y.	FINANCE
Ed Newton	Finance
JOE PENZKOPF	WCB #11
Kathy ALEX	Health
Jim Smith	"
JOHN PECKHAM	HIGHWAY
Peter Kastenholz	Corp. Counsel
QUENTIN ELLIS	SHERIFF'S
SHAWN BECKER	"
AMY KARP	IT