

**Jefferson County  
Finance Committee Minutes  
September 21, 2020**

Committee members: Jones, Richard (Chair) Kutz, Russell (Secretary)  
Rinard, Amy Nelan, Conor  
Jaeckel, George (Vice Chair)

1. **Call to order** – Finance Committee Chair Richard Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)** – Finance Committee members present were Richard Jones, George Jaeckel, Russell Kutz, Conor Nelan and Amy Rinard. Other board members present were Walt Christensen, Roger Lindl, and Joan Fitzgerald. Staff in attendance were County Administrator, Ben Wehmeier; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; and Assistant Finance Director, Tammy Worzalla. Members of the public present were Steve Sharp from the Watertown Daily Times.
3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – County Administrator Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the agenda** –The agenda was approved.
5. **Communications** – none.
6. **Public comment** – none.
7. **Presentation of budget overview** – County Administrator Wehmeier presented an overview of his recommended budget for 2021. The recommended budget meets the State imposed levy limit.
8. **Priority Based Budgeting Overview** – Finance Director DeVries explained that the budget seeks to incorporate the goals of the strategic plan, including the priorities defined by the PBB process.
9. **Department 2021 Budget Hearings** – The Finance Committee considered the recommended budgets for each department listed below and motions were made to tentatively accept the recommended budget figures for each department, unless otherwise noted. *[The format for each department lists (i) budget presenters in addition to Ben Wehmeier, (ii) any other information specific to the department budget, (iii) who moved/seconded to tentatively accept the recommended budget figure, unless otherwise noted, along with the amount, and (iv) the voting record]*
  - a. **UW Extension**
    - i. Christine Wen and Kim Buchholz
    - ii. No additional motion/information
    - iii. Motion by Rinard/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$287,538)
    - iv. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. **Child Support**
    - i. Stacey Jensen
    - ii. No additional motion/information

- iii. Motion by Jaeckel/Nelan to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$124,772)
- iv. Motion passed 5-0.

c. **Veterans Services**

- i. Yvonne Duesterhoeft
- ii. No additional motion/information
- iii. Motion by Kutz/Jaeckel to approve the recommended budget (estimated levy amount \$193,155)
- iv. Motion passed 5-0.

**10. Set future meeting schedule, next meeting date, and possible agenda items** – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**11. Adjourn** – A motion was made at 10:30 to recess until Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> by Jaeckel/Nelan. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Kutz, Secretary  
Finance Committee  
Jefferson County  
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