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Former Seymour official faces trial in embezzlement case

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APPLETON — A former deputy treasurer for the city of Seymour, accused of embezzling city funds, is heading to trial in Outagamie County Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Dennis Luebke bound over for trial the case of Carolyn M. Austin, 45, of De Pere, after she said Monday that she was willing to waive her right to a preliminary hearing.

A date for an arraignment is pending.

Austin is charged with five counts of felony theft and one count of misconduct in office for allegedly stealing \$589,695 from city coffers between Jan. 7, 2000 and Dec. 30, 2004.

Austin allegedly manipulated the payroll accounts by creating duplicate direct deposit accounts for those receiving payroll checks and having the direct deposits deposited into one of four ghost accounts she had created for herself.