

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 11, 2010
4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Johnson, Vicki Burke, Roger Plesha, Sharon Hampson (4:03), Don Meyer, Andrea Richmond, Charles Spiker, Joe Veenstra (4:16)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Steve Doyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Linda Stone, Bob Taunt, Margaret Norden, Bill Shepherd, Gary Ingvalson, Ray Ebert, John Parshall, Sara Koopman, Mary Meehan-Strub, Jim Speropulos

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2010, AND JANUARY 21, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Richmond/Spiker to approve the January 13, 2010, and January 21, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Hampson, Veenstra excused.

CONSENT AGENDA: DECEMBER INVESTMENT REPORT, MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS

Gary Ingvalson distributed an additional carry forward request of \$1,000.00 that had been omitted, and Linda Stone explained it was for grant money for state election improvements that was not used in 2009 when there were no elections, but could be used in 2010 for upgraded software and training election clerks.

MOTION by Meyer/Plesha to include the additional carry forward request in the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Hampson, Veenstra excused.

MOTION by Burke/Richmond to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Hampson, Veenstra excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

BID QUOTE FORM RE: VOIP TELEPHONE FOR SHERIFF DEPT AND CORE COMPONENTS

There was one bid for \$31,281.57 by Five Star Telecom, which was the County's selection from the joint Request for Proposal with the School District, City of La Crosse, and Western Technical College. **MOTION** by Burke/Richmond to approve the Bid Quote Form re: VoIP telephone for Sheriff Dept and core components by Five Star Telecom at \$31,281.57. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Veenstra excused.

BID QUOTE FORM RE: MULTI-DEPT DESKTOP AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS

There was one bid for \$28,621.00 by Paragon Development Systems, which was the sole source per WI State Contract #15-20453-800. **MOTION** by Plesha/Richmond to approve the Bid Quote Form re: Multi-department Desktop and Portable Computers by Paragon Development Systems at \$28,621.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Veenstra excused.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND S. 1.41 (7) ENTITLED "CHAIRS OF STANDING COMMITTEES" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Ordinance amendment was requested by Supervisor Ebert, and would change the procedure of having the standing committee chairs appointed by the County

Board Chair to having them elected by the committee members at the first committee meeting following the 3rd Tuesday in April in even years. Discussion was held regarding the length of time the current appointment procedure has been in place, and Bill Shepherd responded that it dates back before the current Board Chair, and before his predecessor. Further discussion was held regarding procedures used by other counties, and Steve O'Malley responded that previous research showed that it was split. Supervisors Spiker and Burke pointed out that the Board Chair also has the authority to remove a committee chair if they are not effective or fulfilling their obligations. **MOTION** by Richmond/Spiker to approve the Ordinance to Amend S. 1.41 (7) Entitled "Chairs of Standing Committees" of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin. **Motion failed 0-7.** Doyle, Veenstra excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM LAND RECORDS UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TO PAY FOR ESRI SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE

The Resolution would authorize the transfer of funds from the Zoning, Planning, and Land Information Department's undesignated fund to pay for software maintenance for the County's GIS system. **MOTION** by Plesha/Hampson to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Transfer Funds from Land Records Undesignated Fund Balance to Pay for ESRI Software Maintenance. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) GRANT FOR THE DRUG TASK FORCE

The Resolution approves acceptance of a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will fund 100% of the salary of a full-time drug investigator. Bill Shepherd explained that the position is for a five-county group, but will be a La Crosse County position. The grant will also fund a half-time position for training, implementation, data entry, and education. The grant comes from stimulus funds that target prescription drug crimes. The County is not required to continue the program after three years. **MOTION** by Richmond/Veenstra to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Acceptance of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant for the Drug Task Force. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle excused.

RESOLUTION RE: TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF LAKEVIEW TAX LEVY DOLLARS TO THE HUMAN SERVICE FUND AND A NEW LAKEVIEW FIXED ASSET FUND AND TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR THE TRANSACTIONS OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION

The Resolution would allow \$420,139.95 of tax levy dollars originally budgeted for Lakeview Nursing Home for 2009 to be transferred to the La Crosse County Human Services Fund to pay the per diem cost for La Crosse County clients residing in the nursing home or facility for developmentally disabled. The money would go to the Mississippi Valley Health Services (MVHS) Commission for July-December, 2009, payments. Furthermore, it would allow the balances of Lakeview Nursing Home's fixed assets and accumulated depreciation values as of June 30, 2009, to be transferred to a new fund called "Lakeview Capital Assets," and \$150,000 of tax levy dollars to be transferred to this new fund to pay for any assets purchased from July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009. Gary Ingvalson explained that La Crosse County Human Services will now be responsible for administering the payments for the care of La Crosse County residents who reside within Lakeview nursing home. The accounting for MVHS needs to follow generally accepted accounting principles. The new fund called MVHS will be set up within the La Crosse County financial system as a discretely presented component unit of La Crosse County to properly account for all the financial activities for MVHS with the County as the primary unit of government and MVHS as the component. The financial statements will generally communicate information about the component unit and its relationship with

the primary government, rather than create the perception that the primary government and all its component units are one legal entity. La Crosse County is being reimbursed for administrative costs through an indirect cost system. **MOTION** by Plesha/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: To Authorize the Transfer of Lakeview Tax Levy Dollars to the Human Service Fund and a New Lakeview Fixed Asset Fund and to Create a New Fund to Account for the Transactions of Mississippi Valley Health Services Commission. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE BIOGAS UTILIZATION CONTRACT WITH GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEMS

The Resolution would authorize the County Administrator to appoint an ad hoc committee to negotiate the terms of a contract between the County and Gundersen Lutheran Health Systems. Steve O'Malley explained that the opportunity came out of a Focus on Energy grant to study the feasibility of converting biogas from the landfill for energy use. Responses to a Request for Interest came from River States Truck & Trailer, Inc., Solution Dynamics, and Gundersen Lutheran. O'Malley stated that Gundersen Lutheran stood out because of their experience with the City Brewery gas retention program, and their interest in renewable energy. He stated that representatives from Gundersen Lutheran will speak at the County Board meeting on February 18, 2010. **MOTION** by Spiker/Richmond to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Negotiate Biogas Utilization Contract with Gundersen Lutheran Health Systems. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle excused.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Richmond/Hampson to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle excused. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved, March 10, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder