

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 9, 2010  
1:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Doyle, Jill Billings (2:10), Tara Johnson (1:35), Vicki Burke, Marilyn Pedretti, Roger Plesha, Charles Spiker, John Medinger (for Sharon Hampson; exc. 2:00)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Sharon Hampson, Don Meyer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Bill Shepherd, Bryan Jostad, Sharon Davidson, Jeff Bluske, Greg Flogstad, Brian Fukuda, Bob Brown, Lorenzo Cruz, Ginny Dankmeyer, Jenny Kuderer, Andy Wettstein

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION** by Plesha/Burke to approve the April 14, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Johnson, Meyer excused.

### CONSENT AGENDA: MARCH & APRIL INVESTMENT REPORT, MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS

**MOTION** by Spiker/Plesha to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Johnson, Meyer excused.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

### CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

### RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO FORM AD-HOC ASSESSMENT REFORM STUDY COMMITTEE

The Resolution states that the State Department of Revenue has studied and found concerns over local assessment practices. It calls for an ad hoc committee to collaborate with all towns, villages, and cities in La Crosse County to study cost savings that could be derived from a full time assessment district. Supervisor Johnson requested that the Resolution be referred to the July 7, 2010, Executive Committee meeting to give the Planning, Resources & Development Committee an opportunity to consider. **MOTION** by Johnson/Spiker to refer 30 days and send the Resolution to the Planning, Resources & Development Committee on June 28, 2010, and return to Executive Committee on July 7, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Meyer excused.

### RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHERIFF TO PURCHASE FINGER PRINT MACHINE AND TO TRANSFER FUNDING FROM IT AND JAIL ASSESSMENTS UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

The Resolution states that an assessment team comprised of jail staff, an IT programmer, and the County Purchasing Manager evaluated two vendors, as follows:

Vendor	Evaluation Score	Cost
Mentalix - Located in Plano, Texas - Technicians located in Texas	45	\$29,000.00
ID Networks - Located in Ashtabula, Ohio - Technicians located in Lemont and Glenview, Illinois	92	\$36,840.00

They awarded points based on qualifications and references (35 points), scope of work (35 points), and cost (30 points). They chose ID Networks to replace the fingerprint equipment in the Sheriff Department. Bryan Jostad stated that Mentalix's technicians are located in Texas, and would have a considerably longer service response time. The cost of the equipment is \$36,840; of that, \$9,000 can be contributed by the IT department due to integration with the VisionAir software; the remaining \$27,840 is requested from the Jail Assessment Undesignated Fund Balance. **MOTION** by Burke/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization for the Sheriff to Purchase Finger Print Machine and to Transfer Funding from IT and Jail Assessments Undesignated Fun Balance. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Meyer excused.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZE LA CROSSE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WISCONSIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR CENTURYLINK**

The Resolution states that the County Board Chair would be authorized to sign documents to apply for funds and administer a loan to CenturyLink in accordance with Department of Commerce loan conditions. A public hearing was held at the June 9, 2010, meeting of the Economic Development Fund Committee. Brian Fukuda reported that a grant of \$4,506,000 will come from the State of Wisconsin to La Crosse County for the purpose of making a loan of \$4,500,000 to CenturyLink; \$6,000 is for administration of the loan; no County funds will be used. The loan is forgivable if the 620 jobs in the CenturyLink regional call center in La Crosse are maintained, plus 20 jobs added by December 31, 2014. If that condition is not met, the loan would be repaid to the County revolving loan fund at 2% interest. Steve O'Malley stated that the grant is an incentive for the CenturyLink regional offices to remain in La Crosse rather than leaving the state, and that the economic climate has created a situation where states compete to entice businesses. Supervisor Medinger stated that in the event the loan would have to be repaid by CenturyLink due to failure to fulfill its obligation to retain and create jobs, the funds could be used by the County to attract other business and industry. **MOTION** by Burke/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Authorize La Crosse County to participate in the Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant for CenturyLink. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Meyer excused.

**RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR CORRECTING THE DISPARATE IMPACT ON SOME WISCONSIN COUNTIES OF THE TAX RATE LIMIT AT A TIME OF DECLINING PROPERTY VALUES**

The Resolution states there are two separate levy constraints, the 3% "levy freeze cap" in Wis. Stats. 66.0602, and the "tax levy rate limit" in Wis. Stats. 59.605(2). Eight or nine counties are impacted by the restrictions. The Resolution calls for the La Crosse County Board to urge local legislators to correct the disparate impact on some Wisconsin Counties of the tax rate limit at a time of declining property values by adding an exception for a County to exceed the 1992 rate limit. Steve O'Malley explained the tax rate caps, and how the tax rate is affected by the tax base. He stated that La Crosse County's history as a lower spending county is impacted at a time of declining tax rate value. The language in proposed legislation would not sunset the 1992 rate limit, but would allow for all counties to be dealt with at the same percentage increase at a time of declining property values. **MOTION** by Johnson/Pedretti to change the Resolution title to "Support for Restoring Fairness by Correcting the Disparate Impact of the Tax Rate Limit at a Time of Declining Property Values." **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Meyer, Hampson excused. **MOTION** by Johnson/Spiker to approve the Resolution Re: Support for Correcting the Disparate Impact on Some Wisconsin Counties of the Tax Rate Limit at a Time of Declining Property Values, as re-titled. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Meyer, Hampson excused.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT FOR \$219,400**

The Resolution calls for acceptance of a \$219,400 block grant from the State Department of Commerce – Office of Energy Independence. The County competed for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to be used for solar hot water systems at the Lakeview Health Center and the Law Enforcement Center addition, and for matching funds for Rotary Lights to convert to LED lights (contingent upon a City of La Crosse pledge and community contributions). Steve O'Malley reported that they will rebid the LEC solar hot water system, and hope to use the same contractor for both the LEC and Lakeview projects. Andy Wettstein, representing Rotary Lights, spoke about the potential savings in energy bills, light replacements, fuel costs and volunteer hours to operate lifts, and less wire to build new displays. Rotary Lights will also lead a community drive to recycle old lights. **MOTION** by Plesha/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Approve Acceptance of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for \$219,400. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Meyer excused.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Auditor's report (July)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Pedretti/Billings to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Meyer excused. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**Approved,** July 7, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder