

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 8, 2010

1:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Doyle, Jill Billings, Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson, Tara Johnson, Marilyn Pedretti (exc. 2:30 p.m.), Roger Plesha (arr. 1:20 p.m.), Charles Spiker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Don Meyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Bill Shepherd, Bob Taunt, Gary Ingvalson, Linda Stone, Mary Powell, Jim Speropulos, Donna Hanson, Samantha Marcus

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 11, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Burke/Billings to approve the August 11, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer, Plesha excused.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

APPROVE IN REM TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY

A spreadsheet was provided that listed 17 parcels of various sizes and assessed values, with a total of \$55,241.89 in delinquent taxes. Bill Shepherd reviewed the properties, showing satellite and ground view photos. He provided information on the following factors: Location, assessed value, zoning, whether any buildings on the property were habitable, whether or not the properties were homestead, if owners were still occupying homes or running businesses, and the status of any bankruptcies. He recommended not foreclosing on the Wheeler property where the Masonic Lodge building that the City of La Crosse is razing is located.

MOTION by Supervisor Johnson to approve staff recommendations to take listed properties, plus Wells property, minus Good property, minus Wheeler property, failed for lack of a second.

Further discussion was held, and the consensus of the committee was that they would like to have more and clearer information on the spreadsheet, including the following: Total assessed value, location, outstanding taxes and liens, how long outstanding, and separate columns for total tax amount, and penalties and interest.

MOTION by Johnson/Plesha to hold over approval of In Rem Tax Foreclosed Property 30 days. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF ICMA DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Resolution states that the ICMA-RC Deferred Compensation Program offers access to investment research, account information, and additional investment options that other programs do not offer. It authorizes the Personnel and Finance Departments to set up and implement the retirement option for County employees.

MOTION by Plesha/Pedretti to approve Resolution Re: Adoption of ICMA Deferred Compensation Program. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meyer excused.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF DEBT ISSUANCE, CHOICES AND OPTIONS

The item was combined with Overview of 2011 budget.

OVERVIEW OF 2011 BUDGET

Steve O'Malley gave a Power Point presentation and provided further explanation of the following:

- 2011 challenges, cost drivers, and revenues
- A one-year strategy to preserve options for 2012, and additional options for the 2011 budget
- Short-term highway debt
- Debt retirement schedule
- Debt issuance schedule

Included in the one-year strategy options were holding the line on wages, benefits, and all costs, encouraging voluntary unpaid leave and vacation buy-up rather than forced furloughs, cutting some management and open positions, a formalized review of all position vacancies and department merger possibilities, review of management-employee ratio, and continuing review of employee cost-saving ideas. O'Malley spoke about the challenges of proposing a county budget without knowing what the state will do. Lengthy discussion was held regarding each of the topics. An additional Executive Committee meeting was scheduled on October 26, 2010, specifically for budget issues. The regular Executive Committee meeting was moved forward one week, from October 13, 2010, to October 6, 2010, at 1:15 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future times of Executive Committee meetings: Meetings are moved to 1:15 p.m. No other agenda requests.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Spiker/Billings to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Approved, October 13, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder