

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 13, 2010  
1:15 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Doyle, Jill Billings (1:20), Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson (1:35), Tara Johnson (exc. 2:30 p.m.), Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti (exc. 2:30 p.m.), Roger Plesha (exc. 2:32 p.m.), Charles Spiker

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**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, Meg Torgerud, Dave Lange, Bryan Jostad, Dean Ruppert, Ray Ebert

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Plesha/Johnson to approve the September 8, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson, Billings excused.

NOTE: The Chair took the following items out of order.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

None reported.

### **COUNTY BOARD PICTURE – OCTOBER 21ST**

The date has been moved to November 9; a specific time will be determined at the County Board meeting on October 21, 2010.

### **2010 IN REM TAX FORECLOSURES**

A spreadsheet was provided that showed each property's assessed value, total owed in taxes, penalty and interest, type of zoning, staff recommendation, and current use. Dave Lange reviewed individual properties, including multiple attempts to work with property owners to avoid foreclosure where owners have not followed through. He recommended proceeding to judgment. There is one property that cannot be foreclosed due to Chapter 13 bankruptcy, and Lange also did not recommend foreclosure on a City of La Crosse property where buildings are currently being razed. In Rem properties will be appraised, then opened for bid with a minimum bid of the appraised value, according to statute. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Burke to approve staff recommendations regarding 2010 In Rem Foreclosures. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **2009 TAXES DELINQUENT BY MUNICIPALITY**

A breakdown of delinquent taxes by municipality was provided pursuant to Supervisor Spiker's request. The report will be provided annually. Supervisor Pedretti asked to have a spreadsheet breakdown that compares 2009 total delinquencies by municipality to past years, and staff will work to provide that information.

NOTE: The Chair returned to the Consent Agenda item, which was taken out of order to allow time for staff to arrive and respond to questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA: AUGUST INVESTMENT REPORT, MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS**

**MOTION** by Burke/Johnson to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Dean Ruppert and Gary Ingvalson responded to questions regarding fund transfers.

**RESOLUTION RE: CLAIMS OF KYLE DRESEN AND PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

The Resolution states that Kyle Dresen and Progressive Universal Insurance have filed claims regarding a motor vehicle accident on County Trunk Highway OT. Mr. Dresen claims loose gravel on the highway caused his motorcycle to spin out, resulting in damage to his motorcycle and medical costs in the amount of \$2,206.72. The Resolution states that the claims are disallowed. **MOTION** by Spiker/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Claims of Kyle Dresen and Progressive Universal Insurance Company. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD OF BIDS FOR A RESIDENTIAL CARE APARTMENT COMPLEX (RCAC) FOR HILLVIEW CARE CENTER/CARROLL HEIGHTS AND AUTHORIZING DEBT**

The Resolution calls for awarding construction bids for the Hillview/Carroll Heights RCAC project. Estimated projected costs of the project total \$3,219,497 for direct costs, such as site work, construction, furnishings, equipment, miscellaneous and contingency, and \$200,724 for indirect costs such as architectural and engineering fees. Construction bids were received as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternates	TOTAL
Wieser Bros. General Contractor, Inc.	\$2,763,835	\$24,960	\$2,788,795
Olympic Builders General Contractor, Inc.	\$2,793,045	\$30,700	\$2,823,745
Krupp General Contractors, LLC	\$2,799,900	\$32,733	\$2,832,633
Encore Construction, Inc.	\$3,061,000	\$20,990	\$3,081,990

Steve O'Malley pointed out that the low bids were within 1.6% of each other. He stated that the budget was on track, and they would have some flexibility with contingency. He is recommending a 20-year loan rather than using the general fund. With the historically low interest rates, that will improve cash flow. **MOTION** by Burke/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Acceptance and Award of Bids for a Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) for Hillview Care Center/Carroll Heights and Authorizing Debt. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**OVERVIEW OF 2011 BUDGET AND DEPARTMENTS THAT REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Steve O'Malley provided a summary of department budgets. He reported that every department had done well to bring down expenditures and maximize revenues. Wisconsin Retirement benefit contribution is up county-wide by 6%. Departments were reviewed as follows:

- County Board: The total levy is down slightly. Board supervisor travel and health insurance is more restrictive.
- Clerk: The majority of changes have been in operating expenses. There was an increase in revenues related to licensing fees, and a decrease in expenses associated with elections.
- Printing: The department is now Document & Graphics Services, and has been merged with Information Technology. One position will be cut by the end of 2011. A work group is doing a county-wide assessment of technology use, and looking at other ways to use technology to reduce costs.

- County Administrator: Levy is up slightly, due to an employee taking health insurance who had not previously been covered. A recommendation for the appointment of a second deputy county administrator will come in 2012.
- Corporation Counsel: There was almost no change.
- Child Support: The department showed a significant decrease in levy from maximizing outside revenues. There was lengthy discussion regarding the sources of money that make the department's budget more vulnerable, e.g. potential of state cuts under a new governor, and lack of a federal budget that could affect the state. Staff will review Child Support budget again before presentation to County Board.
- Information Technology: The most savings will occur in 2012 when the transition to staff reduction will be complete.
- Finance: Levy will drop slightly. They are doing the maximum with regards to inter-departmental charge-backs. Discussion was held regarding direct paybacks for software that IT develops specifically for one department, such as Solid Waste.
- Personnel: Levy is close to the same in 2011. An employee budget-cutting suggestion was to offer more on-line training.
- Economic Development: Funding was removed from county tax levy in 2006, and is funded using sales tax. Supervisor Feehan has stated that he intends to submit a motion to eliminate the economic development budget.
- Non-departmental: Interest on investment revenue, sales tax revenue, state shared revenue, and interest on investments was reviewed.
- Treasurer: Low interest rates helps the overall general fund

O'Malley reviewed a list of topics that will be covered at the special October 26, 2010, meeting of the Executive Committee where there will be a review of the entire budget. Bob Taunt responded to questions regarding the status of union negotiations.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

County Administrator's list of October 26 meeting issues:

- Overall budget
- Debt and bonding recommendations
- Indirect costs
- Fees and charges
- Personnel changes
- Health and dental premium rates for 2011
- Economic Development budget
- Library Board request
- Historical Societies' requests
- Housekeeping and corrections

IT list of technology use and automated items

Comparison of 2009 tax delinquencies by municipality to previous years

Park Plaza project

Debt resolution (November 1, 2010, Board meeting)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Spiker/Meyer to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Pedretti, Plesha excused. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

**Approved,** October 26, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder