

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

1:15 P.M.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Steve Doyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Gary Ingvalson, Ginny Dankmeyer, Dave Lange, Bob Taunt, Jason Witt, Bev Mach, Ray Ebert, David Steinberg, Sara Koopman, Robert Davis, Errol Kindschy, Gretchen Skoloda, Bob Hoffman, Judy Hoffman, Ward Keil, Pat Killeen

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 9, MAY 11, MAY 19, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND MAY 9, 2011, PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Plesha/Hampson to approve the May 9, May 11, May 19, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and May 9, 2011, Public Works & Infrastructure/Executive Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Meyer excused. Supervisor Johnson said that the May 9, 2011, motion votes noted her excused absence, which should be changed to Supervisor Billings.

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

MOTION by Spiker/Pedretti to receive and file the April Investment Report, Monthly Account Transfers, Check Requisitions. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Meyer excused

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The item was referred from the May 11, 2011, Executive Committee meeting, at which the joint letter of the historical societies in Bangor, Holmen, Onalaska, and West Salem was considered. Their letter requested that the \$6,837.00 allocated in the County budget to municipal historical societies be divided equally among the four organizations. The Committee determined that since the request did not follow the procedure the County Board outlined for division of the money, the matter should be referred with a request that the parties appear at the June Executive Committee meeting. Representatives from the four co-signatory historical societies appeared and spoke about their request. Committee members spoke about their responsibility to follow procedure and document how taxpayer money is spent, and their hopes for collaboration with the La Crosse County Historical Society. Supervisor Plesha provided background that the La Crosse County Historical Society was originated by county government as the official repository for county records, and their annual award is to support proper housing and preservation of those records. Discussion was held about providing a form to the requesting historical societies to provide information about their needs and plans for the money. Historical society representatives were informed that funds could be spent or added to other funds for designated use. Steve O'Malley volunteered to take the lead on a meeting to include the five historical societies, including the La Crosse County Historical Society, and to follow the intent of the original County Board motion, with their request to be included on the July Executive Committee agenda.

RESOLUTION RE: ADJUSTING STAFFING LEVELS AND PROGRAMMING AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY

The Resolution states that the average daily population of the Juvenile Detention Facility has declined consistent with a statewide trend. The daily cost of placement has steadily risen. Thus, current staffing levels cannot be maintained. The Resolution calls for a reduction of 3.72 FTE's, which would result in reducing full-time positions by five, and increasing part-time positions by two. **MOTION** by Spiker/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Adjusting Staffing Levels and Programming at the Juvenile Detention Facility. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Meyer excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS TO EXPRESS OFFICIAL INTENT REGARDING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE REIMBURSED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS

The Resolution addresses the federal tax law obligation to issue declarations of official intent that the County reasonably expects to reimburse or pay expenditures related to projects, such as highway projects, with the proceeds of general obligation bonds or notes, or revenue bonds. Gary Ingvalson explained that the purpose is to be able to proceed with road projects without waiting until full funding was received, and that payments for borrowing came out of the Highway fund. **MOTION** by Billings/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Authorizing Certain County Officers to Express Official Intent Regarding Capital Expenditures to be Reimbursed from the Proceeds of Obligations. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Meyer excused.

RESOLUTION RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT RENEWAL 2012-2015

The Resolution states that the County Administrator's contract that commenced on January 1, 2008, is to be renewed for four years beginning on January 1, 2012. The salary of \$162,344 is subject to any increase granted by the County Board for non-union employees. Compensation is subject to the WRS employee contribution when the state mandate is enacted. Discussion was held regarding maximum accrual of vacation and sick leave. Bob Taunt explained that a maximum of 50 days vacation and 140 days sick leave was the same as other employees. Further discussion was held about the annual retention award, which Taunt said follows the practice of other businesses to retain management, and is an extension of the previous contract. **MOTION** by Plesha/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: County Administrator Contract Renewal 2012-2015. **Motion carried 6-1-2.** Spiker opposed; Doyle, Meyer excused.

DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPACT OF STATE VOTER ID BILL

The state is now mandating state-issued photo identification to be able to register to vote. Voters without a current driver's license will need to obtain a state ID. Ginny Dankmeyer reported that the biggest impact will be on the elderly. She pointed out that a state ID is not free because it requires a copy of a birth certificate, and obtaining a birth certificate requires a fee, and can be especially difficult if the person was born out of state. Dankmeyer also pointed out that voting a straight party ticket has been taken off the ballot, and corroborating witnesses have been disallowed. Colleges must provide a list of registered students to poll workers. There are exemptions for military personnel, and special rules for nursing home residents. She explained that the primary election to be held in July, 2011, and the recall election in August, 2011, will both be "soft implementations", i.e. voters who do not have proper identification will be allowed to vote, but will receive information about obtaining a photo ID. Supervisor Burke posed several questions about absentee voters, including the requirement to produce a photo ID both when requesting a ballot and submitting the completed ballot, the requirement to provide both the voter's current and former address, the forfeiture of the right to vote absentee if the

request is not used within a year, and whether efforts will be made to contact the voter if their ballot is deemed invalid because of a technicality. Supervisor Johnson asked for the Clerk's office to work with the League of Women Voters on voter education, and to have the item on the July 13, 2011, Executive Committee agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Historical Societies fund request

Voter ID update

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hampson/Spiker to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Meyer, Pedretti excused. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Approved, July 13, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder