

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Administrative Center, 400 N. 4th St., Room 3220
1:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Johnson, Jill Billings, Vicki Burke, Steve Doyle, Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti (excused 2:34 p.m.), Roger Plesha, Charles Spiker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sharon Hampson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Gary Ingvalson, Margaret Norden, Ginny Dankmeyer, Bob Taunt, Jim Speropulos, Bill Shepherd, Ron Chamberlain, John Steers, Brian Fukuda, Jan Contreras, Pat Killeen, Hubert Hoffman, Betsy Bloom, Sharon Davidson, Jack Zabrowski, Michael Horstman

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2011, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND AUGUST 18, 2011, EXECUTIVE/ALTC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Billings/Plesha to approve the August 10, 2011, Executive Committee Minutes and the August 18, 2011, Executive/ALTC Committee Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously. Hampson excused.

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

Gary Ingvalson explained an account transfer related to expenses for the morgue, which did not include two slings for the lift, and a higher cost for the table. It will be reduced next year by the savings amount noted in the fiscal note on the Resolution Re: Approval of Policy and Contract for Non-Exclusive Recovery of Human Tissue from Deceased Remains at the La Crosse County Morgue. **MOTION** by Plesha/Spiker to receive and file the June Investment Report, Monthly Account Transfers, Check Requisitions. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hubert Hoffman, resident of Onalaska, spoke about the proposed ordinance that prohibits firearms from being carried by County employees while on the job. He expressed concern about restrictions of individual rights. He questioned the need for posting signs on park shelters. He also expressed the opinion that the number of residents who were anticipated to obtain permits did not warrant spending thousands of taxpayer dollars to make signs. He pointed out that as a foster parent, he had the same concerns that some employees, including County supervisors, may have about always being "on the job" if a person approaches them with a question or comment, and therefore subject to the restrictions in the ordinance.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

NOTE: The Chair asked for unanimous consent to move the following agenda item forward.

MOTION by Spiker/Billings to amend the agenda to move Item #10 forward.

Motion carried unanimously. Hampson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF POLICY AND CONTRACT FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE RECOVERY OF HUMAN TISSUE FROM DECEASED REMAINS AT THE LA CROSSE COUNTY MORGUE

The Resolution authorizes non-exclusive agreements with tissue donor entities, and to make improvements to the County morgue to accomplish tissue recovery. The fiscal note approves a \$750.00 fee for each tissue collection, with revenue estimated to be \$9,000.00 annually. Additionally, there will be reduced autopsy costs, resulting in savings of \$3,000.00. Gary Ingvalson stated the expense for updating

the facility is estimated to be \$8,530.00 (corrected by the Finance Director from the \$10,350 amount given on the Resolution). Discussion was held regarding the savings that will occur from not having the County responsible for any necessary cardiac pathology studies since the donation recovery company would perform those studies as part of their service. John Steers said autopsies are performed on 5-10% of their caseload. Steers explained the process for determining donors. **MOTION** by Burke/Spike to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Policy and Contract for Non-Exclusive Recovery of Human Tissue from Deceased Remains at the La Crosse County Morgue with corrected fiscal note. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TRUCK

The Resolution authorizes replacement of the Facilities Department truck that was recalled and bought back by Toyota. The Resolution was referred back to committee by the County Board, which directed the Facilities Department to seek new bids to consider flex fuel options. Jim Speropulos explained that they learned from the two vendors with the lowest bids that they had no such fuel options for a compact truck. A larger truck is incompatible with the need for the vehicle, which is primarily to remove snow from County sidewalks and parking lots. The new bids were as follows:

Vendor	Location	Make/Model	Fuel type	Cost
Ewald Automotive	Oconomowoc	2012 Chevy Colorado Regular Cab	Regular gas	\$18,016.00
Ewald Automotive	Oconomowoc	2012 Chevy Colorado Extended Cab	Regular gas	\$19,222.00
Brenengen Chevrolet	West Salem	2012 Chevy Colorado Regular Cab	Regular gas	\$18,056.00
Bob Fish GMC Truck	West Bend	2012 GMC Canyon Regular Cab	Regular gas	\$18,326.16
Bob Fish GMC Truck	West Bend	2012 GMC Canyon Extended Cab	Regular gas	\$19,532.66
Dahl Automotive	Onalaska	2011 Ford Ranger Supercab	Regular gas	\$20,584.00

Discussion was held regarding the Sustainability Plan as adopted by the County, and whether it would trump state requirement to only accept low bid. Bill Shepherd explained that state law supersedes county law, and also stated that only construction contract bids are subject to the state mandate to accept the lowest qualified bidder.

MOTION by Burke/Spiker to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Replace Facilities Department Truck with the low bid of \$18,016.00 by Ewald Automotive. There was no vote taken on the motion.

MOTION by Doyle/Meyer to amend the Resolution to substitute Brenengen Chevrolet for Ewald Automotive, and to add a Whereas clause based on potential faster delivery time, and to approve the second lowest bid of \$18,056.00. **Motion carried 7-1-1.** Hampson excused; Spiker opposed.

Further discussion was held regarding the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting that will occur after the Executive Committee, and their inability to amend the Resolution if the Executive Committee had already amended it.

MOTION by Doyle/Pedretti to hold over the amended resolution to a meeting to be held at 5:50 p.m. on September 15, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO LA CROSSE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

Steve O'Malley explained that the matter was not intended for this agenda and ask to have it referred. **MOTION** by Burke/Pedretti to refer the Resolution Re: Approval of Amendments to La Crosse International Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants up to 60 days. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: URGE CONGRESS TO PASS THE COMPLETE STREETS ACT

The Resolution addresses the need for Complete Streets policies to consider all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and people with disabilities. La Crosse County was the first in the nation to adopt a Complete Streets policy, and the Resolution urges Congress to enact legislation that would require adoption of Complete Streets policies for federally-funded transportation projects. **MOTION** by Billings/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Urge Congress to Pass the Complete Streets Act. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC SALE AND THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2011-A OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,640,000, AND RELATED MATTERS

The Resolution states that under Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, counties are allowed to issue general obligation promissory notes to finance projects undertaken for public purpose, and to fund municipal obligations, including interest. The Resolution authorizes issuance of Notes of the County not to exceed \$1,640,000 for the purpose of constructing highways and highway improvements. Gary Ingvalson explained they will be five-year notes with payment on the notes taken out of the fund balance for the Highway Department. Steve O'Malley explained the decision made at the recommendation of the County's financial advisor to pay off the LEC debt in 2012 to keep debt service level. **MOTION** by Plesha/Doyle to approve the Resolution Re: Authorizing the Advertisement for Public Sale and the Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2011-A of the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$1,640,000, and Related Matters. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND S. 2.01(2) ENTITLED "SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Ordinance reduces the number of supervisory districts in La Crosse County from 35 to 29. The plan meets the guiding principles for redistricting by creating districts that are substantially equal in population, compact, respect communities of interest, and when possible, retain the core of existing districts. The new districts will be applicable with the first election to be held the third Tuesday in April, 2012. Bill Shepherd explained that the Ordinance took the same format as that taken after the last census with the new wards inserted. Shepherd stated that each of the municipalities has approved their portion of the final redistricting plan. There will need to be a suspension of the rules to have both the first and second readings at the September 15, 2011, County Board meeting. **MOTION** by Spiker/Meyer to approve An Ordinance to Amend S. 2.01(2) Entitled "Supervisory Districts" of the General Code Of La Crosse County, Wisconsin. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SS. 3.08(1)(R), 3.085, AND 10.035 AND AMEND 19.03 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN RELATING TO THE CONCEALED OR OPEN CARRY OF WEAPONS OR FIREARMS

The Ordinance addresses Wisconsin Act 35, a/k/a the "Concealed Carry Law," as it pertains to County buildings, special events on County land, and County employees other than law enforcement officers. In compliance with State law, it authorizes notification and posting of signs on County buildings to prohibit firearms and weapons, prohibits employees from open or concealed carry of a weapon on County property (except law enforcement officers in the course of official duties), and

prohibits possession of a firearm or weapon in County Parks at special events where signs are posted. The Ordinance does not apply to employees' private vehicles when parked in County lots. Supervisor Doyle followed up on public comment, and asked about signs on park shelters. Bill Shepherd stated there would not be signs posted on shelters, but would be posted on bath houses. Doyle also asked about the cost of signs, and Jim Speropulos stated that for all the county buildings, including nursing homes, the cost would be \$800-\$1,000, and would be done in-house. Supervisor Pedretti asked about the language regarding restrictions for employees, and Supervisor Burke responded that it was taken directly from the statute. She also pointed out that employees are not always engaged in the business of the county outside of the building and work hours, the same as a teacher would be restricted from using alcohol in a school building, but would not have the same restrictions outside of the building when discussing school business with a concerned parent. Bill Shepherd explained that foster parents are independent contractors, not employees. Discussion was held regarding County liability and immunity. Shepherd will be meeting with the County's liability insurance carrier to discuss. **MOTION** by Spiker/Burke to approve An Ordinance to Create ss. 3.08(1)(r), 3.085, and 10.035 and Amend 19.03 of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin Relating to the Concealed or Open Carry of Weapons or Firearms. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hampson excused.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE MEETING PROTOCOL (PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT)

Chair Johnson noted that there had been a number of public hearings recently, and they were an opportunity for committees to listen to public concerns. It was not the purpose of a public hearing, or public comment in a committee meeting, to engage in debate. Bill Shepherd explained that public hearings were one-way conversations restricted to a single topic; with public comment on a committee meeting agenda, the commentary could be on any issue, and the committee could respond to questions and issues during the agenda item. The amount of comment time could be limited and should be uniform for all speakers. Supervisor Doyle recommended having the topic included in the Chair's report to County Board since all members of committees, not only the chairs, needed the reminder. Chair Johnson said she would provide a memo with guidelines for setting parameters, such as disallowing applause, setting speaker time limits, showing mutual respect, and calling a person out of order and terminating their comment time, if necessary.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Steve O'Malley stated there would be an additional committee meeting in October dedicated to budget review. The consensus of the committee was to hold that meeting on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.
- Steve O'Malley announced that interviews would be held to replace the retiring Corporation Counsel. Consensus of committee was to schedule interviews for Tuesday, October 18, 2011, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Deputy county administrators
- Regular meeting day and time

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Plesha/Spiker to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Approved, October 12, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder