

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Room 3220, Administrative Center, 400 4th St. N.

1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tara Johnson, Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson, Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti, Roger Plesha, Charles Spiker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jill Billings

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Gary Ingvalson, Margaret Norden, Bob Taunt, Dave Lange, Karl Green, Brian Fukuda, Amy Twitchell, Betsy Bloom, Dave Holtze, Jim Speropulos, Donna Hanson

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2012, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Spiker/Burke to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012, meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

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

Gary Ingvalson answered questions about budgeting interest earnings in a slow economy with low interest rates. **MOTION** by Plesha/Hampson to approve the January Investment Report, Monthly Account Transfers, Check Requisitions, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

QUOTE/BID FORM FOR PURCHASE OF HP NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM

Bids for an HP Network Storage System were presented as follows.

Sirius Computer Solutions	\$24,408.06
Hewlett-Packard	\$24,317.22

MOTION by Burke/Pedretti to purchase an HP Network Storage System from Sirius Computer Solutions for \$24,408.06. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

APPROVAL TO CARRY FORWARD UNSPENT BUDGETED FUNDS FROM 2011 BUDGET TO 2012 BUDGET FOR ONGOING PROJECTS

Gary Ingvalson presented 2011 carry forward requests from multiple departments. He stated that the total amount is in line with what has traditionally been carried forward. **MOTION** by Hampson/Pedretti to approve carry forward unspent budgeted funds from 2011 budget to 2012 budget for ongoing projects. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

2011 SALARY & FRINGE CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS (HOUSEKEEPING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011)

Gary Ingvalson presented salary and fringe contingency transfers within the General Fund, and one transfer within the Aging Fund. **MOTION** by Spiker/Meyer to approve 2011 salary and fringe contingency transfers. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

THREE-YEAR HARBOR DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS FOR THE WDOT'S HARBOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Karl Green reported on the Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions, as required to obtain Department of Transportation grant funds. No improvements are proposed for 2013 and 2015. The proposed project in 2014 is to engineer and install two tripod barge tie-off structures for the lower end of the Harold S. Craig fleeting facility, along with 200 linear feet of riprap for bank protection throughout that area. Expected funding sources are fleeting rental (\$30,000) and DOT Harbor Assistance Program funds (\$120,000). He stated that any grant that might be awarded would require a 20% local contribution, and would need approval by County Board. **MOTION** by Meyer/Pedretti to approve the Three-Year Harbor

Development Statement of Intentions for the WDOT's Harbor Assistance Program. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND S.3.09 OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING "WORK HOURS"

Bob Taunt reported that the proposed amendment is to change downtown campus hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. He explained that there was no union opposition and it was not in violation of the current contract. Discussion followed regarding convenience of hours for the public, and assessing public needs. Staff was directed to conduct a survey of downtown campus offices to collect additional information. The first reading of the ordinance will be at the County Board meeting on March 15, 2012. **MOTION** by Spiker/Pedretti to approve the amendment to Ordinance S.3.09 of Chapter 3 of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin Regarding "Work Hours". **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND S.3.09 OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN REGARDING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Dave Lange reported that the Governor's budget repair bill, which eliminated the collective bargaining process, required local units of government to establish a grievance procedure. Lange and Bob Taunt prepared a policy to include an impartial hearing and an appeal process. The Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) would be chosen by the grievant among three non-County employees recommended by the County Administrator. The final appeal would be upon referral and recommendation from the Executive Committee to the County Board, which would then only review the IHO decision. Taunt emphasized that there are limits to what is appealable, and most decisions will end with the IHO. Discussion followed regarding a timetable for first and second readings at County Board meeting. It was determined that the first reading would be at the March 15, 2012, meeting and the second reading at the April 17, 2012, meeting after elections. **MOTION** by Hampson/Meyer to approve the amendment to Ordinance S.3.09 of Chapter 3 of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin Regarding Grievance Procedures. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

RESOLUTION RE: ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES FOR NEXT TERM

The Resolution calls for the County Clerk, County Treasurer, and Register of Deeds salaries to be increased at the following rates: 2012 – average of nine comparable counties' rates; 2013 – 3%; 2014 – 3%; 2015 – 2%; 2016 – 2%. Each of the current officeholders has voluntarily elected to withhold 5.9% for their WRS contribution for 2012. Supervisor Spiker pointed out that non-elected employees may receive step increases that an elected official does not receive, and that they have to run for office. **MOTION** by Spiker/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Elected Officials' Salaries for Next Term. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSITION TO THE CLOSURE OF THE USPS PROCESSING CENTER

The Resolution opposes the closure of the U.S. Postal Service processing center. If enacted, closure of the La Crosse mail processing center would result in the loss of 27 local jobs and transfer of 19 positions, and would also result in mail delivery delays. The Resolution will be forwarded to Senators Johnson and Kohl and Congressman Kind. Discussion was held regarding the impact that closure of the processing center would have on receiving absentee votes and the extended delays that would occur for bulk mailings. Gary Ingvalson pointed out that Congress has not yet made a final decision to close. Supervisor Hampson reported that Legislative Committee discussion concluded that if many governmental bodies point out issues to state and federal representatives, there can be an influence on them. Supervisor Spiker made a point of order, which he subsequently withdrew, that only a standing committee could amend a Resolution, and the Legislative Committee's amendment would not change it.

MOTION by Hampson/Pedretti to amend the Be It Further Resolved paragraph to add the phrase, "requesting that they be encouraged to do whatever is possible to keep this processing center open."

Motion carried unanimously. Billings excused.

MOTION by Spiker/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: Opposition to the Closure of the USPS Processing Center, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT THE REOPENING OF THE BANGOR, WISCONSIN POST OFFICE

The Resolution states that the Bangor post office was closed on January 11, 2012, which has negatively impacted the community. The Resolution requests reopening the post office in a different building. It will be forwarded to Senators Johnson and Kohl and Congressman Kind. **MOTION** by Spiker/Pedretti to

approve the Resolution Re: Support the Reopening of the Bangor, Wisconsin Post Office. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM JENNIFER WALL AT 1506 BLACK OAK DRIVE, ROCKLAND, WI

The Resolution states that Jennifer Wall no longer wishes to own the property, and La Crosse County will purchase for \$17,000. Coulee Cap has represented they will then purchase the property from La Crosse County for development. Brian Fukuda reported that Wall purchased the lot with the expectation that no duplexes would be built on nearby lots, but in fact duplexes were subsequently built across the street. The development restrictions are currently being amended. He further explained that Coulee Cap is unable to purchase directly from the owner due to funding restrictions that require them to purchase from a governmental body. **MOTION** by Spiker/Burke to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Purchase of Property from Jennifer Wall at 1506 Black Oak Drive, Rockland, WI. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

RESOLUTION RE: CLAIMS OF CHERYL NANTZ AND OLEN NANTZ

The Resolution disallows the claim of Cheryl Nantz and Olen Nantz, who allege that an accident occurred with their vehicle and a Sheriff's deputy vehicle that attempted to merge into the left lane median as Ms. Nantz was turning into the left lane median. The claimants are seeking a total of \$250,000 in damages, which the County liability insurance carrier has recommended denying. **MOTION** by Burke/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: Claims of Cheryl Nantz and Olen Nantz. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings excused.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggestions about future agenda items. Discussion was held about recognition for outgoing supervisors, and it was determined that they would be recognized at the April Policy Planning meeting so the current County Board could be present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pedretti/Spiker to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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