

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

July 7, 2010  
1:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Doyle (exc. 2:25), Jill Billings (arr. 1:34), Vicki Burke (exc. 2:15), Sharon Hampson, Tara Johnson (arr. 1:34), Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti (exc. 2:33), Charles Spiker

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Roger Plesha

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, John Medinger, Samantha Marcus, Bryan Jostad, Ginny Dankmeyer, Bob Taunt, Dennis Osgood, Dave Lange, Brian Fukuda, Gary Ingvalson, Mary Powell, John Snyder

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

Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Burke/Pedretti to approve the June 9, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Johnson, Plesha excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA: MARCH & APRIL INVESTMENT REPORT, MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS**

**MOTION** by Spiker/Hampson to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Plesha excused. Gary Ingvalson reviewed account transfer procedure.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

None reported.

### **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF THE AD-HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

The Resolution would create a 12-member committee including seven County Board members, three citizen members, the City of La Crosse Council President or designee, and a representative of the League of Women Voters. The committee will set forth the number and boundaries of supervisory districts. Chair Doyle stated that Jeff Bluske would have 2010 census numbers by the end of the year, but there would be preliminary discussions taking place prior to that regarding staggered terms, range of number of County Board members, and consistency with City of La Crosse boundaries. Supervisor Hampson suggested having Bluske give a presentation about procedure to the County Board. **MOTION** by Hampson/Spiker to approve the Resolution Re: Authorize Formation of the Ad-Hoc Redistricting Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.** Plesha excused.

### **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SALE OF VACANT LOTS IN MEADOW PARK ESTATES**

Brian Fukuda explained that 55 vacant lots in Meadow Park Estates in the Village of Rockland were part of a failed subdivision that has been acquired by the County through in rem foreclosure. The Village, which financed infrastructure of the development, had unpaid special assessments when the developer declared bankruptcy. Eleven lots have been appraised and are now for sale. The County has helped the Village create a TIF district for both residential and industrial growth, and has worked with CouleeCap to create workforce housing for Quality Woods. Chair Doyle commended staff for their collaboration with the Village of Rockland.

**MOTION** by Burke/Billings to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Sale of Vacant Lots in Meadow Park Estates. **Motion carried unanimously.** Plesha excused.

### **RESOLUTION RE: PLACING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

Dennis Osgood provided materials to explain the proposed referendum, which is supported by the Wisconsin Counties Highways Association. The referendum would allow voters to call for a constitutional amendment regarding a "user fee compact" to ensure that transportation system user fees, i.e. gas tax and vehicle registration fees, would be dedicated to maintaining and improving the transportation system. Discussion was held about the need for referendum vs. a resolution, the need for a county referendum if the state puts on the ballot, and the need for a constitutional amendment. **MOTION** by Spiker/Pedretti to approve Resolution Re: Placing Advisory Referendum Question on November Ballot. **Motion failed 3-5.** Doyle, Pedretti, Spiker – aye; Billings, Burke, Hampson, Johnson, Meyer - nay; Plesha excused.

### **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO FORM AD-HOC ASSESSMENT REFORM STUDY COMMITTEE**

The Resolution would provide for an ad hoc committee to study the benefits of a full-time assessment district. Supervisor Medinger spoke about concerns regarding assessment fairness throughout the County. Supervisors Meyer and Pedretti spoke about the reasons the Resolution failed in Planning, Resources & Development Committee, including the difficulty of forming a balanced committee with sufficient expertise, and not having data to compare without a decision from the state about assessment reform. Discussion was held regarding the focus of the committee on studying cost savings. **MOTION** by Hampson/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Form Ad-Hoc Assessment Reform Study Committee. **Motion carried 6-2.** Meyer, Spiker opposed; Plesha excused.

### **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

The Resolution states the Joint City/County Emergency Medical Services Commission has negotiated an agreement for emergency ambulance services with Tri-State Ambulance, Inc., and authorizes the County Board Chair to execute an agreement on behalf of La Crosse County. Chair Doyle stated that that the agreement has gone to municipalities for their consideration. **MOTION** by Johnson/Burke to approve the Resolution Re: Approve Acceptance of Agreement for Emergency Ambulance Services. **Motion carried unanimously.** Plesha excused.

### **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF HEALICS, INC. FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The Resolution would approve a provider for health risk assessments to promote better employee health and wellness. John Snyder, RN, reported on a review of three providers that gave proposals—Gundersen/Lutheran, Franciscan Skemp, and Healics, Inc. The proposal from Healics, Inc. was the only one that offered venipuncture blood draws; they also have more years of experience. He explained the difference between venipuncture diagnostic tests and a screening test. He is able to do screening tests in his department, and the same type of machine would be utilized by Gundersen and Skemp. The diagnostic test is more accurate and can be used by physicians to prescribe, thus saving medical and insurance costs.

NOTE: Chair Doyle was excused, and Vice-Chair Johnson took the chair (2:25 p.m.)

**MOTION** by Spiker/Billings to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Healics, Inc. for Employee Health Risk Assessments. **Motion carried unanimously.** Burke, Doyle, Plesha excused.

### **2011 BUDGET UPDATE**

Steve O'Malley reported on main points of 2011 budget challenges: Lowest increase in 11 years where the County had to absorb \$700,000 in state cuts, and only a 2.6% levy increase primarily for LEC debt; an additional debt payment increase in 2011 of

2.7%; very few revenue sources for other increased costs; and wages and benefits. Department heads have been given direction to propose budgets within or lower than existing budgets. Meetings have been held with management and employee groups to present ideas on budget savings. There will be meetings with health insurance consultants. O'Malley reported on positive labor-management relations, and good participation in voluntary leave without pay.

**CLOSED SESSION (2:32 p.m.)**

**MOTION** by Meyer/Spiker to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e), for purposes of deliberating, investing public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session TO WIT: Formulate bargaining strategy regarding negotiations with county collective bargaining units. **Motion carried unanimously.** Burke, Doyle, Plesha excused.

**OPEN SESSION (3:00 p.m.)**

**MOTION** by Meyer/Hampson to reconvene open session. **Motion carried unanimously.** Burke, Doyle, Pedretti, Plesha excused.

NO OTHER DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE IN CLOSED SESSION. NO ACTION TAKEN.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Auditor's report  
Labor Day holiday conflict with regular meeting date  
Sales tax issue  
TIF district in West Salem update  
Interest stabilization fund update  
ARRA funds report

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Spiker/Billings to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Burke, Doyle, Pedretti, Plesha excused. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

**Approved,** August 11, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder