

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 11, 2010
1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Doyle, Jill Billings (1:35 p.m.), Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson, Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti (exc. 2:36 p.m.), Roger Plesha, Charles Spiker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tara Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Bill Shepherd, Gary Ingvalson, Linda Stone, Jeff Schroeder, Bev Mach, Pete Eide, Karl Green, Samantha Marcus, Margaret Wood, Pam Semb, Mary Marco, Jane Klekamp, Dean Ruppert, John Parshall

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Plesha/Meyer to approve the July 7, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Johnson excused.

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

MOTION by Burke/Plesha to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Billings, Johnson excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

DISCUSSION REGARDING INDIRECT COST ALLOCATIONS

Gary Ingvalson explained that Maximus prepares Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) calculations according to federally accepted practices. The calculations are required to get certain reimbursements from Federal and State government. Discussion included examples of County departments and costs that are reimbursed.

USE OF PUBLIC SURPLUS AUCTION

Gary Ingvalson stated that the County conducts an annual auction of furnishings and Information Technology (IT) equipment. There is certain IT equipment that the general public may not understand, and has thus been sold at the County's auction for a fraction of its worth. Public Surplus Auctions, which is utilized by other counties and cities in the state, sells IT equipment to buyers who understand specialized equipment. The service is at no cost to the seller. Items would be listed on their website, and a link could be placed on the County website. **MOTION** by Hampson/Pedretti to approve placing Information Technology equipment on Public Surplus Auctions website. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JJR & ASSOCIATES AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HARBOR PLAN UPDATE

The Resolution authorizes \$33,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund to be added to \$12,000 that was budgeted in the Special Projects Account of the Harbor Commission budget for an update of the previous harbor plan. The firm selected to do the design is JJR & Associates, which has done waterfront designs in Chicago, Milwaukee, and other well-known waterfronts. Karl Green took questions about the scope of the plan, which ties in economic development and natural assets. He stated it will focus on urbanized areas and take municipal plans into account. The plan will

be used to direct future development without sacrificing natural assets, and is an important component when applying for grant monies. **MOTION** by Meyer/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with JJR & Associates and Transfer of Funds for Harbor Plan Update. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: STAFF ADDITION TO CHEMICAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE SANCTIONS (CHJS)

The Resolution states that Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions conducted an analysis of cost savings derived from utilizing 37.5 hours/week of Limited Term Employees to conduct alcohol monitoring, rather than utilizing MEMS Units. Jane Klekamp reported that the analysis showed that the annual net savings would equal \$116,631 per year. The Resolution authorizes Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions to hire two new regular part time positions to equal 15 hours per week, and to increase an existing position from 30 to 37.5 hours per week. **MOTION** by Hampson/Burke to approve the Resolution Re: Staff Addition to Chemical Health and Justice Sanctions (CHJS). **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: COMPENSATION PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES FOR 2011

The Resolution states that non-bargaining employees and officials would not receive an across-the-board increase in 2011. Those employees would, however, be eligible for pay step increases, and increases in Wisconsin Retirement System contributions. The County Administrator would be permitted to accrue an equivalent amount of vacation rather than receive a pay step increase in 2011. Steve O'Malley reported there are no labor settlements yet, and with the serious financial challenges the County faces, it is important to hold the line with non-union compensation when going to the unions and asking for help. Discussion followed regarding step increases and merit increases. Supervisor Spiker stated he was not in favor of maintaining step increases because of the extraordinary economic times. **MOTION** by Billings/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Compensation Plan for Non-Bargaining Employees for 2011. **Motion carried 7-1.** Spiker opposed; Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF CLIFTON GUNDERSON'S AUDIT REPORT ON LA CROSSE COUNTY'S 2009 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)

The Resolution states that the audit conducted by Clifton Gunderson will be presented to the County Board, and the County accepts the Financial Audit and Management Letter.

MOTION by Plesha/Pedretti to approve the Resolution Re: Acceptance of Clifton Gunderson's Audit Report on La Crosse County's 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR ELIMINATION OF POTENTIAL OF THE ASIAN CARP SPREAD INTO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND SURROUNDING WATERSHEDS

The Resolution states that Asian carp threaten boating and recreational and commercial fishing on the Mississippi River and Great Lakes. It supports the Attorney General in pursuing legal remedies to stop Asian carp from entering the Mississippi River via dams and tributaries, and urges the Governor of Wisconsin to address the United States Congress to support studies that will find ways to biologically separate Asian carp.

MOTION by Plesha/Hampson to approve the Resolution Re: Support for Elimination of Potential of the Asian Carp Spread into the Mississippi River and Surrounding Watersheds. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

CLOSED SESSION (2:21 p.m.)

MOTION by Hampson/Spiker to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, TO WIT: Formulate strategy regarding Skipperliner Industries, Inc. loans. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

OPEN SESSION (2:37 p.m.)

MOTION by Spiker/Plesha to reconvene open session. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Pedretti excused.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Chair Doyle asked if future Executive Committee meetings could be moved to 1:00 p.m. due to a supervisor conflict, and consensus was to permanently change the meeting time.
- Steve O'Malley distributed a table of September-November meeting dates for standing committees and full County Board at which there would be budget considerations.
- No other agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Spiker/Plesha to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Pedretti excused. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Approved, September 8, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder