

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

1:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Doyle, Jill Billings (1:17), Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson, Tara Johnson (1:22), Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti, Roger Plesha

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Charles Spiker

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Bill Shepherd, Bob Taunt, Gary Ingvalson, Linda Stone, Mary Powell, Jim Speropulos, John Parshall, Karl Green, Samantha Marcus, Ray Ebert, Bev Mach, Maureen Freedland, Doug Mormann, Christine McArdle Rojo, Loren Caulum, Dean Ruppert, Mary Meehan-Strub, Gregg Stangl, Brian Fukuda

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Steve Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Meyer/Burke to approve the October 13, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Billings, Spiker excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

None reported.

OVERALL BUDGET, RESERVES AND FINAL TAX LEVY

Steve O'Malley stated that changes have been made to the budget to reduce the overall levy increase of 2.9% to a 1.87% increase, which would be the lowest increase in 15 years. He explained that motions could be made at committee level to recommend changes to the budget, but only the full County Board could make changes.

LIBRARY BOARD REQUEST FOR NO DECREASE OF 2011 LEVY FROM 2010

Steve O'Malley stated that an additional \$50,000 has been levied the last two years for a potential new library in Mindoro. He stated he did not feel that levy could continue for library construction that is still not proceeding. The library board requested to allocate \$9,088 to the materials budget, rather than adding that amount in the reserve account. Christine McArdle Rojo stated that the materials budget includes books, periodicals, and audio-visuals. Bill Shepherd reviewed the statute regarding funding requirements. Discussion followed regarding account transfers for purposes that weren't originally intended, and building needs at other County libraries. O'Malley explained that the levy amount that was designated for a Mindoro library would remain for a future project. There was no motion to change the administrator's budget.

INDIRECT COSTS

Steve O'Malley explained that the purpose of indirect costs is to maximize outside revenue, primarily federal and state, and has been used to continue to see if there are other revenues to reduce levy. There was lengthy discussion to clarify individual funds and the overall calculation of indirect costs. Explanation was given regarding department costs that are charged to other County departments. A motion is expected to be introduced by Supervisor Ebert to require a minimum of 25% of any department's full recovery to be charged to that department to be able to get true program costs. There was no motion to change the administrator's budget.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF INCREASES TO CERTAIN LA CROSSE COUNTY PERMITS, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR 2011

The Resolution approves user fees, charges for services, and permit fees for 2011. Discussion was held regarding a proposed user fee for the Land Conservation Department to administer Farmland Preservation Programs. Gregg Stangl provided further explanation of the fee options that were presented to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee. Supervisors Meyer and Pedretti explained that the PRD Committee recommended holding public hearings, and to proceed with fee recommendations to the County Board after hearings were concluded in March, 2011. **MOTION** by Burke/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Authorizing the Approval of Increases to Certain La Crosse County Permits, Fees, and Charges for 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Spiker excused.

RESOLUTION RE: CHANGES IN POSITIONS FOR 2011

The Resolution lists the positions that were eliminated or combined for a total reduction of 4.10 Full Time Equivalents (FTE). The net impact on the levy in salary and fringe benefits would be \$272,070 less. Supervisor Johnson asked for a change from the word "he" to "the position" and committee consensus was to agree to the change. **MOTION** by Hampson/Billings to approve the Resolution Re: Changes in Positions for 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Spiker excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS AND ADOPTION OF RATES FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS FOR NON-BARGAINING AND BARGAINING EMPLOYEES FOR 2011

The Resolution states that the County has contracted with MMSI Inc. as third party administrator for Franciscan Skemp PPO health plan, Gundersen Lutheran Health Plan Inc., and Delta Dental as third party administrator for the County dental program, and outlines the costs per plan for single and family coverage. Steve O'Malley reported that the plans represent a 0% cost increase at a time when other counties are seeing major increases, and that an emphasis on employee wellness may have had an impact. **MOTION** by Johnson/Pedretti to approve the Resolution re: Authorization for Third-Party Administrators and Adoption of Rates for Health and Dental Plans for Non-bargaining and Bargaining Employees for 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Spiker excused.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOTION TO ELIMINATE THIS BUDGET

Steve O'Malley reported that Supervisor Feehan has proposed eliminating the entire Economic Development budget and apply the savings to reduce the tax levy. Supervisor Feehan was not present. O'Malley reported that the Zoning budget would also be affected since half of the County Planner's salary and fringe is under Zoning. The Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission requires a six month withdrawal notice to its member counties, so membership fees could not be eliminated until 2012. There was no motion to change the administrator's budget.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES REQUEST TO FUND \$1,000 TO 4 AREA SOCIETIES

Steve O'Malley reported that four historical societies have requested a \$1,000 contribution per organization. They have also provided information about their financial statements which will be provided to the County Board. There was no motion to change the administrator's budget.

NOTE: The Chair took the following agenda items together. Steve O'Malley reviewed each Resolution, and explained the advantages of refinancing with historically low interest rates. The recommendations will reduce total debt service from \$4,297,961 to \$3,947,983.

RESOLUTION RE: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT EXCEEDING \$2,430,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

The Resolution authorizes issuing general obligation bonds not exceeding \$2,430,000, for the purpose of constructing an assisted living facility.

RESOLUTION RE: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT EXCEEDING \$1,635,000 PROMISSORY NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

The Resolution authorizes issuing general obligation promissory notes not exceeding \$1,635,000 for the purpose of constructing highways and highway improvements.

RESOLUTION RE: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT EXCEEDING \$4,700,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

The Resolution authorizes issuing general obligation bonds not exceeding \$4,700,000 for the purpose of refunding the prior year service debt and two business park loans.

RESOLUTION RE: INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOT EXCEEDING \$3,650,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

The Resolution authorizes issuing general obligation bonds not exceeding \$3,650,000 for the purpose of refunding the 2008 state trust fund loans.

MOTION by Plesha/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Initial Resolution Authorizing Not Exceeding \$2,430,000 Bonds of the County of La Crosse; the Resolution Re: Initial Resolution Authorizing Not Exceeding \$1,635,000 Promissory Notes of the County of La Crosse; the Resolution Re: Initial Resolution Authorizing Not Exceeding \$4,700,000 Bonds of the County of La Crosse; and the Resolution Re: Initial Resolution Authorizing Not Exceeding \$3,650,000 Bonds of the County of La Crosse. **Motion carried unanimously.** Spiker excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC SALE AND THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2010-A OF THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE, WI, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,430,000, THE GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2010-B OF SAID COUNTY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,635,000, THE TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010-C OF SAID COUNTY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,700,000, AND THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010-D OF SAID COUNTY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,650,000, AND RELATED MATTERS

The Resolution authorizes advertising the previously approved sale of bonds and promissory notes. **MOTION** by Johnson/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Authorizing the Advertisement for Public Sale and the Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2010-A of the County of La Crosse, WI, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$2,430,000, the General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2010-B of said County in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$1,635,000, the Taxable General Obligation Refunding bonds, Series 2010-C of said County in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,700,000, and the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010-D of said County in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,650,000, and Related Matters. **Motion carried unanimously.** Spiker excused.

HOUSEKEEPING AND CORRECTIONS, DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR NOV. 3RD MEETING

The committee did not propose any further changes than indicated. Chair Doyle addressed the need for supervisors to allow staff adequate time to prepare to address concerns and any motions that might be introduced on the County Board floor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pedretti/Meyer to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Approved, November 3, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder