

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

1:15 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tara Johnson, Jill Billings, Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson, Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti, Charles Spiker

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Steve Doyle, Roger Plesha

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gary Ingvalson, Margaret Norden, Ginny Dankmeyer, Bill Shepherd, Bob Taunt, Brian Fukuda, Jim Speropulos, Betsy Bloom

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 8, 2011, MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Hampson/Meyer to approve the June 8, 2011, Committee Meeting.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA: MAY INVESTMENT REPORT, MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS**

**MOTION** by Meyer/Spiker to receive and file the May Investment Report, Monthly Account Transfers, Check Requisitions. Gary Ingvalson reported that there were additional account transfers related to election expenses. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

Supervisor Pedretti reported on the primary election in her district, and that poll workers encountered a lot of negative public comment.

### **DEMOLITION OF COUNTY FARM BUILDINGS AND POTENTIAL SALE OF 1 ACRE**

Jim Speropulos showed photographs of three buildings on the Lakeview Farm in West Salem that are deteriorated and present liability issues. There are also issues with asbestos abatement, a well that needs to be abandoned properly, and possible underground heating tunnels that will need to be removed before the site can be developed. The site is part of the TIF project plan, but there is no projected development at this time to reimburse the TIF. The La Crosse Area Economic Development Fund Board recommended razing the buildings to make the site more attractive to developers, and the Public Works and Infrastructure also passed a motion to demolish all three buildings. Speropulos reported that recycling of materials would be part of any bid process, and that the Highway Commissioner had shown interest in having his staff do some of the work. Discussion was held regarding the potential for TIF reimbursement. **MOTION** by Hampson/Meyer to endorse the decision by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee to demolish all three buildings. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

### **REQUEST APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF \$1708 EACH TO THE FOUR LOCAL AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

Steve O'Malley had provided a memo regarding his meeting with the historical societies of Onalaska, West Salem, Bangor, and Holmen, as well as the La Crosse County Historical Society. They outlined their financial needs and current projects. The following was determined: There will be ongoing collaboration and sharing of resources; the \$6,837 for 2011 will be divided equally among the four municipal organizations; the County Administrator and Finance Director will develop a consistent format for annual reporting; and the County Administrator will meet again with all five organizations in preparation for the 2012 budget.

**MOTION** by Pedretti/Hampson to approve distribution of 2011 budgeted funds to the four municipal historical societies in equal amounts. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

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

The Resolution authorizes the sale of the remaining lots in Meadow Park Estates that are now available for sale, and authorizes the County Board Chair or County Administrator to accept the highest bid, but not to accept any bid lower than the appraised value. Appraisals range from \$17,000 to \$18,000. The County will offer a sales commission of 5% to any realtor who successfully negotiates a sale of either Phase I or Phase II lots that remain unsold after bids are closed. Brian Fukuda explained that, if approached directly, county staff could handle the sale of lots.

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

**RESOLUTION RE: ACCEPTANCE OF CLIFTON GUNDERSON'S AUDIT REPORT ON LA CROSSE COUNTY'S 2010 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)**

The Resolution authorizes acceptance of the Clifton Gunderson audit. The Financial Audit and Management Letter will be presented to the County Board. **MOTION** by Billings/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: Acceptance of Clifton Gunderson's Audit Report on La Crosse County's 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

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

The Resolution states that one of the lot owners in the International Business Park has requested amendments to the covenants, i.e. to allow vehicle and equipment sales, and allow a 45-foot high pylon sign. The current covenants allow only monument signs. The La Crosse Area Economic Development Fund Board recommended allowing the amendment for vehicle sales and service, but did not recommend allowing pylon signs. The Resolution was amended by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to delete the authorization for a pylon sign. Supervisor Spiker reported that the PWI Committee did not hear information regarding the City of La Crosse having to get the approval of a majority of park landowners before they could approve the amendments. Brian Fukuda reported he was not made aware of that condition, and had been asked by the property owner's attorney to have the County's consideration coincide with the expected City timetable; however, the City voted to refer the matter. Fukuda reported that he learned just prior to the Executive Committee meeting that the majority of business park owners are not in favor of amending the covenants. He also stated that the prospective tenant will seek another location if the sign is disallowed, and emphasized that staff would be willing to work with the business on another, more appropriate site, but hadn't had an opportunity to do so. Further discussion was held about precedents with amending covenants. **MOTION** by Burke/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Amendments to La Crosse International Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants. No vote was taken on the motion. **MOTION** by Billings/Spiker to refer the Resolution Re: Approval of Amendments to La Crosse International Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants 30 days or to the next meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused. Staff was also directed to clarify the vote of the landowners, and the City of La Crosse vote before the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, & COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INSTITUTIONAL AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH MARSHALL & ILSLEY TRUST COMPANY N.A. FOR INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS**

The Resolution authorizes the use of Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company N.A. for investment services of La Crosse County funds. Gary Ingvalson reported that Marshall & Ilsley was recently purchased by a Canadian bank. Canadian banks had very little exposure in the subprime loans that put many other banks in financial jeopardy. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Meyer to approve the Resolution Re: Authorizing the County Treasurer, County Administrator, & County Finance Director to Enter into an Institutional Agency Agreement with Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company N.A. for Investment of County Funds. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF BLISS ROAD**

The Resolution addresses the repair of Bliss Road, which has been unusable since heavy rainstorms in August, 2010, caused it to fail. It is a primary route for visitors to access Granddad Bluff, and for Shelby and Medary residents to commute to the City of La Crosse. A cost share plan was outlined as follows:

- The State Department of Transportation will contribute 75% (\$300,000) of the total estimated cost of repair through a flood grant, with the remainder paid from local match;
- The City of La Crosse will contribute engineering costs and 50% (\$50,000) of the repair cost not covered by state grant;
- The Town of Shelby will contribute \$25,000;
- The Town of Medary will contribute \$8,333;
- La Crosse County will contribute \$16,666.

Supervisor Johnson noted that Medary citizens have raised nearly \$7,000 in private contributions toward the Town of Medary's share. **MOTION** by Burke/Spiker to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for the Repair of Bliss Road. **Motion carried unanimously.** Doyle, Plesha excused.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Concealed carry signage for the Executive Committee, Public Workers & Infrastructure Committee, and Aging & Long-term Care Committee agendas
- Concealed carry employee policy
- Policy regarding alcohol use in County parks

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Pedretti/Spiker to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

**Approved,** August 10, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder