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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Hartford, WI
Hartford City Hall

December 21, 2010
9:03 a.m.

Present: Herbert Tennes, William Meyers, Mark McCune, John Stern, and Daniel Stoffel.

Also present: Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Attorney Kim Nass, City of Hartford Mayor Joseph Dautermann, Hartford Area Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer Patrice Hoeschele, Washington County Board Supervisor James Core, Washington County Board Supervisor Dennis Myers, and County Clerk Administrative Assistant Linda Doro.

Chairperson Tennes called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and read the affidavit of posting.

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stern, seconded by Mr. Stoffel to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010, as presented.
Motion carried.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE ISSUES TO EMPHASIZE IN MEETING WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

Mr. Johnson presented a draft of issues to discuss with the State Legislators for Executive Committee review and consideration. The following issues will be presented to the State Legislators at the Monday, January 24, 2011, Executive Committee:

1. Addressing Public Employee Benefits Statewide

- Set a new statewide norm of 5% for required public employee contributions to the Wisconsin Retirement System
- Raise statewide expectations for public employee contributions for health insurance
- Make modifications to binding arbitration system to allow for private sector comparables and other ways to produce results that are fairer to taxpayers
 - Require an arbitrator to favor the offer that mostly closely matches the local economic conditions and the budget of the local government
 - Require an arbitrator to consider the current market value of the position in the private sector
 - Prohibit an arbitrator from taking into account wage and benefit increase in other jurisdictions when choosing between employer and union final offer
 - Prohibit an arbitrator from considering a local government's fund balance when choosing between competing offers
 - Restrict the powers of the WERC, to require that it follow its own legal precedents when ruling on its cases
 - Eliminate restrictions on private contracting of work now performed by county employees

2. Remove State Mandates and Liabilities

- Eliminate the state imposed maintenance-of-effort requirement for emergency services
- Permit counties to set pay for constitutional county officials year-by-year within four year terms
- Provide local governments with the same liability immunity for inadequately maintained highways that the state currently has set for itself

3. Honor Specific State Funding Commitments and Honor Integrity of Fund Purposes

- Honor commitments to counties implementing private Family Care system with five year phase down of use of local property taxes as funding for fairness among all counties
- Eliminate county responsibility for IMD placements for Family Care participants
- Require the state to share equally federal match funds received as a result of county nursing home losses
- End the practice of transferring funds from the segregated transportation fund and patient compensation fund to GPR areas

1 4. *Spend Money Wisely and Encourage Personal Responsibility*

- 2 • Close one of the two male juvenile correctional institutions, consolidate into a single site
3 • Keep funding to county child support agencies at least equal to CY 2010 levels
4 • Provide incentives to counties to collect unpaid fine, fee and forfeiture dollars, court ordered
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6 **PROPOSED JANUARY ORDINANCE REGARDING NEXT COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS**

7 Ms. Nass presented an ordinance amendment that would change the rules of order requiring members who plan
8 to propose specific amendments to the annual operating budget, submit their amendments in writing to the
9 Chairperson no later than seven (7) days prior to the November County Board budget meeting. This would
10 allow staff to prepare the amendments and impact to the proposed annual operating budget for the county board
11 members to consider at the November County Board budget meeting. Chairperson Tennes noted that more
12 discussion regarding this ordinance will be needed, and today's meeting has limited time due to the scheduled
13 tour planned. There is time to consider this again at a future meeting. Moved by Mr. Stoffel, seconded by Mr.
14 McCune to postpone this ordinance amendment. Motion carried.
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16 **2011 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

17 The next Executive Committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.,
18 Friday, February 4, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 9:00
19 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.
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21 **UPDATES ON EDWC PROJECTS AND REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

22 *Appearance: Christian Tscheschlok, EDWC Executive Director*

23 Mr. Tscheschlok presented an update on current and proposed economic development projects and the
24 Revolving Loan Fund.
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26 **OVERVIEW OF DODGE INDUSTRIAL PARK BUSINESS AND TOUR**

27 *Appearance: Patrice Hoeschele*

28 The Executive Committee and staff were presented an overview of the Dodge Industrial Park businesses,
29 learned about the businesses on a bus ride, and toured the Quad Graphics plant in the Dodge Industrial Park.
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34 **ADJOURNMENT**

35 Chairperson Tennes adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk