

1 **EDUCATION & CULTURE AND FINANCE JOINT MEETING**

2
3 Courthouse
4 West Bend, WI

January 6, 2009
8:30 a.m.

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6 Present for the Education & Culture Committee: Robert S. Adam, Raymond W. Heidtke, Marilyn
7 H. Merten, and Kenneth W. Brandt.

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9 Present for the Finance Committee: Ralph R. Hensel, Richard L. Bertram, Leslie J. Borman,
10 William S. Meyers, and Joan A. Russell.

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12 County Board Supervisors Present: Charlene S. Brady, James H. Core, Michael R. Miller, Gerald J.
13 Schulz, Paul E. Ustruck, Roy C. Justman, John M. Jung, Peter I. Sorce, Donald J. Berchem, Daniel
14 R. Goetz, Rick Gundrum, Joseph C. Gonnering, and Brian W. Bausch.

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16 AIS Board Members Present: Mary Krumbiegel, Ken Miller, Jane Weaver, Dan Dineen, Richard
17 Roembke, Carole Klotz, Barb Lemler, Gordy Tonn, Joanna Groth, and Rollie Bast.

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19 Also Present: Finance Director Susan Haag, County Board Chair Herbert Tennes, Administrative
20 Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Attorney Kim Nass, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, Fair Park
21 Executive Director Nancy Justman, Fair Park Deputy Director/Fair Manager Sandy Lange, UWEX
22 Department Head Kandi O’Neil, Planning and Parks Administrator Paul Miller, Todd Healy,
23 Maurice Strupp, John Kohl, and Secretary Karen Rupnow

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25 Chairperson Merten called the Education and Culture meeting to order and read the Affidavit of
26 Posting.

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28 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

29 Raymond Heidtke’s name was placed in nomination for Vice-Chairperson. There being no further
30 nominations, Mr. Heidtke was duly elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Education & Culture
31 Committee.

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33 Chairperson Hensel called the Finance Committee meeting to order and read the Affidavit of
34 Posting.

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36 **MINUTES OF JOINT FINANCE & EDUCATION & CULTURE MEETING OF**
37 **NOVEMBER 26, 2008**

38 For Education and Culture Committee, moved by Mr. Heidtke, seconded by Mr. Adams to approve
39 the minutes of the November 26, 2008 Education & Culture and Finance Joint Meeting. Motion
40 carried.

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42 For Finance Committee, moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Borman to approve the minutes of
43 the November 26, 2008 Education & Culture and Finance Joint Meeting. Motion carried.

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45 **RESUME CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY OPTIONS FOR OPERATION OF FAIR PARK**
46 **AND ADDRESSING CONSTRUCTION RELATED FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE**
47 **AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY (AIS)**

48 Mr. Johnson gave opening remarks and presented the following four options for consideration:

1) County Money Then Status Quo

- County authorizes one-time funding for 2008 construction costs
- AIS continues to own all buildings except for Pavilion
- County capital plans for Fair Park projects 2010-2014 continue, subject to annual updates
- AIS continues to staff and operate the facilities subject to renewed agreement with County
- AIS will request 2010 County levy based on 2008-09 experience

2) County Operates Fair Park With County Staff

- County authorizes one-time funding for 2008 construction costs including an agreement for ownership of all Fair Park buildings to transfer to county
- Capital plans for 2010-2014 are repealed, and fewer, essential projects for these years to be recommended by PCPC
- Plan for County to absorb Fair Park into the county park system at a 2009 date to be determined
- Staff new operations with county employees at higher cost (incl. health insurance, retirement) and reduced number of volunteers
- County develops 2010 budget for Fair Park operations with increased amount of county levy

3) Close Year Round Fair Park, Re-open For Seasonal Use

- Notify AIS that County will not provide one-time funding for 2008 construction costs and will terminate our agreements as of August 31, 2009
- Prepare to assume ownership of Fair Park buildings upon AIS ending and to resist claims against the County from AIS and its creditors to the extent possible; future capital planning responsibility with PCPC
- Plan for County to absorb Fair Park into the County park system as of September 1, 2009
- Decide which scheduled 4-H activities and reserved events will be held after September 1 and which will need to find a new location
- Develop a 2010 plan for seasonal operations using limited county staff and seasonal employees and volunteers for County Fair; budgeting county levy no more than 2009 amount

4) County Take Over All Buildings, AIS Operates By Contract

- County authorizes one-time funding for 2008 construction costs including an agreement for ownership of all Fair Park buildings to transfer to the County
- Capital plans for 2010-2014 are repealed, and fewer, essential projects to be recommended by Education & Culture
- AIS continues to staff and operate the facilities subject to renewed agreement with County
- AIS implements business plan and reports monthly to Education & Culture, quarterly to Finance Committee on progress and financial condition
- AIS makes 2009 budget reductions to control costs and operate within the approved 2009 County levy
- Review by full County Board in August, 2009

1 The Committees discussed all options and no decision was reached and there were no
2 recommendations. Another meeting will be scheduled to continue the discussion. A more specific
3 version of Option #4 will be presented and AIS will present more concise details of their budget and
4 ideas for overcoming the problems they are facing.

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6 **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

7 The next joint meeting of the Education and Culture Committee and Finance Committee will be
8 January 28, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

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10 **ADJOURNMENT OF EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE**

11 Ms. Merten adjourned the Education & Culture Committee meeting at 12:07 p.m.

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13 **ADJOURNMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

14 Mr. Hensel adjourned the Finance Committee at 12:08 p.m.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk