

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

2
3 Fair Park
4 West Bend, WI

January 4, 2011
2:00 p.m.

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6 Present: Marilyn H. Merten, Michael C. Bassill, Kenneth W. Brandt, Raymond W. Heidtke, and
7 Lee Krueger.

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9 Also Present: Finance Director Susan Haag, Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, County
10 Board Chairperson Herbert J. Tennies, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, 4-H Youth Development
11 Educator/Department Head Kandi O’Neil , Growth Management Educator Kevin Struck, Historical
12 Society Executive Assistant Jodee Faber, Fair Park Executive Director Tera Greenland, Fair Park
13 Accounting Manager Kris Zamzow, Assistant Facilities Manager Deb Martz, UWWC Outreach
14 Program Manager Dan Anhalt, and Deputy County Clerk Karen Rupnow.

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16 Chairperson Merten called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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18 **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2010**

19 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Krueger to approve the minutes of December 7, 2010, as
20 presented. Motion carried.

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22 **HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT - DOUG JOHNSON**

23 Mr. Johnson reviewed the history of the relationship between Washington County and the
24 Washington County Historical Society. He referenced three County Board resolutions from 1991
25 and 1992 which provided for a study, supported the concept of restoration of the building, and
26 ultimately gave direction to restore the Old Courthouse and enter into an agreement with the
27 Washington County Historical Society to operate a museum in the building. Construction, Lease,
28 and Operating agreements between the County and the Historical Society established an agreement
29 that the County would fund 50% of the operating costs for the Old Courthouse Museum. Since the
30 County owned the building and would be required to maintain it regardless of its use, the County
31 would also be responsible for the actual annual costs of building operations, repair, and
32 maintenance.

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34 Both the Historical Society and the County have kept the promises in the agreements with the
35 County making an annual grant for operations for every year since 1999. Unless the County
36 decides to use the building for purposes other than the Old Courthouse Museum, the assumption is
37 that we will continue the agreements and try to find a better understanding of how to re-establish
38 funding stability. The Committee discussed several options for future funding and will make a
39 recommendation at a future meeting. It was requested that after this Committee has a
40 recommendation, Mr. Johnson present his report to the full County Board.

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42 **AIS FINANCIAL REPORT**

43 Ms. Greenland distributed copies of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. She
44 introduced Kris Zamzow, who is the new accounting manager.

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46 Moved by Mr. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Heidtke to accept the report. Motion carried.

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48 **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES - JODEE FABER**

1 Ms. Faber distributed copies of the Historical Society report and reviewed the highlights.

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3 Moved by Mr. Heidtke, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the Historical Society reports from Mr.
4 Johnson and Ms. Faber. Motion carried.

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6 **WELL WATER TESTING OPTIONS - KEVIN STRUCK**

7 Mr. Struck gave a history of well water testing in Washington County and described the current
8 testing program. They try to target two towns each year for testing with up to 150 wells in each
9 town. The lab that does the testing is in Stevens Point and handles the entire state, so it is not
10 possible for each county to do testing every year.

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12 Mr. Struck and Mr. Anhalt discussed the plan to have a State certified lab for testing at the UW-
13 Washington County campus. It will be overseen by Continuing Education and Chemistry faculty.
14 UW-Extension staff will provide educational and strategic support. It is anticipated to be up and
15 running later this year. No County funding is requested for establishment of this lab.

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17 **UW-EX EDUCATORS' MONTHLY REPORTS - KANDI O'NEIL**

18 Ms. O'Neil distributed copies of the UW-Ex Monthly Newsletter and reviewed the highlights.

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20 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

21 The next meeting of the Education & Culture Committee is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday,
22 February 1, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Agency Center.

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24 **ADJOURNMENT**

25 Ms. Merten adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk