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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Government Center - Room 1020
West Bend WI

January 24, 2011
8:30 a.m.

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

Also present: Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Attorney Kim Nass, and County Clerk
Administrative Assistant Linda Doro.

Legislators present: Senator Glenn Grothman, Senator Rich Zipperer, Representative Daniel Knodl,
Representative Daniel LeMahieu, and Representative Patricia Strachota.

County Board Supervisors present: Michael Bassill, Melvin Ewert, Brian Bausch, Richard Bertram,
Joseph Gonnering, Raymond Heidtke, Ralph Hensel, Roy Justman, Lee Krueger, Dennis Myers, Gerald
Schulz, and Peter Sorce.

Department Heads present: ADRC Supervisor Janel Hetzel, Finance Director Susan Haag, Health
Director Linda Walter, Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren, Human Resources Director Peter German,
Human Services Director Jim Strachota, Samaritan Campus Administrator Ed Somers, Sheriff Dale
Schmidt, UW-Extension Department Head Kandi O'Neil, and Veterans Service Officer Mark Baldwin.

Chairperson Tennes called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and read the affidavit of posting.

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stern, seconded by Mr. Meyers to approve the December 21, 2010, minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE TOPIC

The Legislators introduced themselves, presented their perspectives on the state's budget deficit crisis,
and reported on the status of legislation in state government, with emphasis on the bills that are being
addressed.

The Legislators, Committee members, and individuals present discussed county concerns regarding the
following:

1. Addressing Public Employee Benefits Statewide

- Set a 5% required contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement System by state and local government employees
- Raise statewide expectations for fair state and local government employee contributions for health insurance, keeping participation in the state plan voluntary for counties
- Make modifications to binding arbitration system to allow for private sector comparables, and other ways to produce results that are fairer to taxpayers as follows:
 - 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

- 1 o Eliminate restrictions on private contracting of work now performed by county
2 employees
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4 2. *Remove State Mandates and Liabilities*

- 5 • Eliminate the state imposed maintenance-of-effort requirement for emergency services
6 • Permit counties to set pay for constitutional county officials year-by-year within four (4)
7 year terms
8 • Provide local governments with the same liability immunity for inadequately maintained
9 highways that the state currently has set for itself
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11 3. *Honor Specific State Funding Commitments and Honor Integrity of Fund Purposes*

- 12 • Honor commitments to counties implementing private Family Care system with five (5)
13 year phase down of use of local property taxes as funding for fairness among all counties
14 • Eliminate county responsibility for IMD placements for Family Care participants
15 • Require the state to share equally federal match funds received as a result of county
16 nursing home losses
17 • End the practice of transferring funds from the Segregated Transportation fund and the
18 Patient Compensation fund to GPR areas of the state budget
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20 4. *Spend Money Wisely and Encourage Personal Responsibility*

- 21 • Close one of the two male juvenile correctional institutions, consolidate into a single site
22 • Keep funding to county child support agencies at least equal to CY 2010 levels
23 • Provide incentives to counties to collect unpaid fine, fee and forfeiture dollars, court
24 ordered
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26 Senator Grothman stated the real controversial discussion within the next six months will be the budget.
27 Shared revenues will drop but the State intends to give local government the ability to reduce the costs of
28 employee benefits.
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30 Senator Zipperer reported government as usual cannot continue and changes needs to be made in Madison
31 to bring public sector costs back in line with the private sector realities. Senator Zipperer discussed the
32 past practice of transferring funds from segregated funds to GPR areas of the state budget. He stated it is
33 the intent of the majority and Governor not to use segregated funds to balance the budget.
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35 Representative Strachota reported on the tort reform and how it relates to nursing homes and job creation.
36 The State will also be looking at state employees sharing in the costs of retirement and health insurance.
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38 Representative LeMahieu reported on the special session dealing with jobs and the economy. There will
39 be proposed changes in regulation, litigation and taxation.
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41 Representative Knodl requested Washington County's input on prevailing wage because he is meeting
42 with the Governor on repealing the prevailing wage law.
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44 The Legislative Exchange concluded at 10:08 a.m. Chairperson Tennes recessed the meeting and
45 reconvened at 10:20 a.m.
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47 **RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

48 Mr. Tennes presented a draft resolution regarding the appointment of the Redistricting Committee. Mr.
49 McCune requested an amendment that would allow the Executive Committee to appoint the County
50 Redistricting Committee and elect the Redistricting Committee chair. Mr. Tennes stated that the draft
51 resolution is on today's agenda as a courtesy to the Executive Committee and is for discussion only. Mr.
52 Tennes stated it is his intention to appoint two county members from the cities, towns and villages to the

1 Redistricting Committee that will provide full representation of the county. Mr. Tennes stated the
2 redistricting process will be done in-house by County staff, as it was done in the past.

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4 **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENTS TO OPERATING**
5 **BUDGET AT THE NOVEMBER COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

6 This ordinance amendment was presented at the December meeting and placed back on today's agenda.
7 Mr. Tennes stated, due to Supervisor Stoffel's absence, he would postpone action on this ordinance. Mr.
8 Meyers presented a proposal regarding changes to the overall budget procedure. The Committee and staff
9 discussed the current budget process and the proposed changes. Mr. Tennes stated he would forward the
10 proposal to the Finance Committee for input and possibly call a joint meeting of the Executive and
11 Finance Committees, as needed, to discuss this issue further.

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13 **REPORTS FROM CHAIRPERSON, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR AND COUNTY**
14 **ATTORNEY**

15 EDWC Topics Next Week

16 Mr. Johnson reported the EDWC will host their annual meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at West
17 Bend Mutual Insurance Company. At that meeting, EDWC will elect their officers and board, and report
18 on the economic development proposal that involves Serigraph Inc., Kreilkamp Trucking, Matenaer
19 Corporation, and the Amity building.

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21 Mr. Johnson reported at the February 4, 2011, Executive Committee meeting, there will be a closed
22 session regarding the Economic Development Impact fund in the Capital Improvement program.

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24 **NEXT TENTATIVE MEETING DATE**

25 The Executive Committee will tentatively meet on Friday, February 4, 2011.

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27 **ADJOURNMENT**

28 Moved by Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. McCune to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk