

1 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2
3 West Bend, WI
4 Courthouse – Room 2131

February 21, 2005
8:30 a.m.

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6 Present: Kenneth Miller, James Spindler, Daniel Stoffel, Paul Tuchscherer. Excused: Herbert Tennies.

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8 Also present: County Attorney Kim Nass, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, and Linda Doro,
9 Administrative Assistant.

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11 Legislators present: Senator Glenn Grothman, Representative Mark Gottlieb, Representative Daniel
12 LeMahieu, Representative Patricia Strachota, and Representative Don Pridemore.

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14 County Board Supervisors present: Brian Bausch, Paul Beistle, Charlene Brady, Daniel Goetz, Ralph
15 Hensel, Lawrence Hoffman, Donald Kempf, Donald Roskopf, and John Stern.

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17 Department Staff: Finance Director Susan Haag, Treasurer Janice Gettelman, Register in Probate Kay
18 Morlen, Human Resources Director Gary Moschea, Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch, Samaritan
19 Administrator Ed Somers, CCSA Director Jim Strachota, and Community Resource Development
20 Educator Dan Wilson.

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

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24 **LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION**

25 Senator Grothman reported Governor Doyle delivered his budget message to a joint session of the
26 legislature on February 8. On Thursday, February 17, the Assembly voted to pass a bill to place
27 temporary fiscal controls on local property taxes for three years. The highlight or clear goal of the
28 Governor for the two-year budget is property tax relief. In the last session, the Legislature's commitment
29 to state schools was only 44% so they could balance the budget. Governor Doyle made a commitment in
30 his budget that the Legislature would provide 2/3 funding to schools. Governor Doyle did this by taking
31 funds from Transportation, Patient's Compensation, and Energy Assistance budgets. Senator Grothman
32 reported the Taxpayers Bill of Rights legislation would be drafted and voted on in December of 2005 or
33 February of 2006. He has been placed in charge to create a version for the State Senate.

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35 Representative Gottlieb reported the Tax Freeze Assembly Bill creates local levy limits that apply to
36 cities, villages, towns, counties, and technical college districts. This was predicated on the idea that
37 statewide growth in new construction is approximately 2.6% and if you truly want to have a statewide
38 property tax freeze, you cannot allow levies, as a whole statewide, to grow by more than 2.6%.
39 Representative Gottlieb reported he is on the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules, which
40 is reviewing unjustified mandates.

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42 Representative LeMieiu reported he is on the Committee on Urban and Local Affairs, which is reviewing
43 state statutes that hinder local government.

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45 Representative Strachota reported she is on the Committee on Medicaid Reform. She stated the State
46 budget was balanced by taking \$811, 000 million from other funds, not done by controlling spending, and
47 there is no contingency fund at the State level.

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49 Representative Pridemore reported he would have a key role in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights legislation,
50 which will address property taxes in the future. He is also on the Urban and Local Affairs Committee with
51 Rep. LeMahieu.

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53 The Legislators solicited questions and comments from Executive Committee members, Supervisors and
54 Department Heads.

1 The Legislative meeting concluded at 9:48 a.m. The Executive Committee meeting reconvened at 10:03
2 a.m.

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4 **MINUTES**

5 Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Spindler to approve the minutes of January 25, 2005, as
6 presented. Motion carried.

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8 **APPOINTMENTS**

9 *Civil Service Commission*

10 Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Stoffel to approve the appointment of Larry Ceretto to the
11 Civil Service Commission for an unexpired five-year term effective March 15, 2005, through December
12 31, 2008. Motion carried.

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14 **2004 YEAR END ACCOUNTS**

15 County Attorney Kim Nass requested approval to non-lapse the following 2004 Accounts:

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17	297.481026	State Aid Special Improvements Expense Fund	Balance
18	297.321008	State Aid Special Improvement Revenue Fund	Balance
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20 Moved by Mr. Spindler, seconded by Mr. Stoffel to approve the County Attorney non-lapsing the 2004
21 accounts 297.481026 and 297.321008, subject to Finance Committee approval. Motion carried.

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23 **RESOLUTION**

24 Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Stoffel to forward to the County Board for approval, a
25 resolution supporting an amendment to state law to allow Wisconsin municipalities to utilize the design-
26 build process. Motion carried.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

29 Attorney Nass reported she is working with County Engineer Scott Schmidt to process the design of the
30 meter swap at Fair Park. She received a letter from the Village of Jackson stating they would cooperate
31 to have the meter package swapped out to an appropriate size meter package.

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33 Chairperson Miller announced there is a Wisconsin Counties Association Southeast District Regional
34 Legislative meeting on Monday, January 28, 2005, at the Radisson Inn Harbourwalk in Racine.

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36 Chairperson Miller presented a status report on the Economic Development program.

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38 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

39 The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

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41 **ADJOURNMENT**

42 Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Stoffel to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Motion
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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk