

1 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2  
3 West Bend, WI  
4 Courthouse – Room 2131

January 25, 2005  
9:00 a.m.

5  
6 Present: Kenneth Miller, James Spindler, Herbert Tennes, Paul Tuchscherer. Excused: Daniel Stoffel.

7  
8 Also present: Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Attorney Kimberly Nass, Finance  
9 Director Susan Haag, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, Sheriff Brian Rahn, Captain Dale Schmidt, and  
10 Administrative Assistant Linda Doro.

11  
12 Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the Affidavit of Posting.

13  
14 **MINUTES**

15 Moved by Mr. Tennes, seconded by Mr. Tuchscherer to approve the minutes of November 23, 2004, as  
16 presented. Motion carried.

17  
18 **APPOINTMENTS**

19 *County Library System Board*

20 Moved by Mr. Tennes, seconded by Mr. Spindler to approve the appointment of Darlene Vosen to the  
21 County Library System Board for a three-year term effective December 1, 2004, through November 30,  
22 2007. Motion carried.

23  
24 *Radio Communication Systems Committee*

25 Moved by Mr. Tuchscherer, seconded by Mr. Spindler to approve the appointment of John Stern to the  
26 Radio Communication Systems Committee for an indefinite term. Motion carried.

27  
28 *East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium*

29 Moved by Mr. Tennes, seconded by Mr. Tuchscherer to approve the appointment of Thomas Sackett, as  
30 an alternate, to the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium for a one-year term effective February  
31 15, 2005, to April 18, 2006. Motion carried.

32  
33 *Land Conservation Committee*

34 Moved by Mr. Tennes, seconded by Mr. Tuchscherer to approve the appointment of Michael Thull, as  
35 the Farm Service Agency representative, to the Land Conservation Committee for an indefinite term.  
36 Motion carried.

37  
38 **PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY PROJECT**

39 Appearance by Sara Hansen, Oracular

40 Mr. Johnson introduced Ms. Hansen, who is presently working with Washington County on their new  
41 website. Ms. Hansen stated she is a Ph.D. student at UW Madison and her coursework for her Ph.D. is  
42 Interactive Media, which is anything to do with the Internet. For a research project related to her graduate  
43 studies, she is proposing to survey a targeted list of Washington County citizens to poll their opinions and  
44 attitudes toward local government and how they feel Washington County communicates through its  
45 website to the public. Ms. Hansen stated she would be applying for funding through various Foundations.

46  
47 **PROPOSED REFERENDUM QUESTIONS ON STATE FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC**  
48 **MANDATED SERVICES**

49 Chairperson Miller presented a resolution to place referenda questions on the April 5, 2005. The purpose  
50 of the advisory referendum questions is to raise public awareness of programs mandated by the State,  
51 which the State does not pay for in full, leaving it up to counties and local municipalities to provide the  
52 rest of the funding. The Court System and Human Services are required to provide services mandated by  
53 state law. The 2005 County levy for the court system is \$1,649,640, which does not include the cost of  
54 construction, furnishing, or maintaining the facilities for the court system, nor the cost of Sheriff's

1 Department security services for the courts. State human service costs have been shifted to the County by  
2 freezing the level of Community Aids funding while the actual cost of services have continually  
3 increased. Moved by Mr. Tennies, seconded by Mr. Tuchscherer to forward to the County Board for  
4 approval, a resolution placing two referenda questions on the April 5, 2005, ballot. Motion carried.  
5

6 **SALES TAX OPTION REPORT**

7 Mr. Johnson distributed a revised sales tax option report and summarized the changes from the previously  
8 presented report on November 23, 2004. The revised report includes the cost of borrowing in the various  
9 options, which was not included in the preliminary report.  
10

11 **ADDITION TO WIRELESS 911 PROJECT TO 2005-2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**  
12 **PROGRAM**

13 *Appearance by Captain Dale Schmidt, Sheriff's Department*

14 Captain Schmidt presented a proposal to update the Sheriff's Department Wireless 911 system. The total  
15 cost of the project is approximately \$416,100. The upgrade would include replacing the hardware,  
16 software, installation costs, trunks and connections startup and a maintenance contract with SBC. This  
17 upgrade would give dispatchers the capability to locate 911 cell phone calls within Washington County.  
18 The current land-based 911 telephone systems does not allow for cell phone location data and cannot be  
19 expanded to include this. The equipment is also 12 years old and no longer produced. Captain Schmidt  
20 stated the County would have to upfront the total cost of the project, with the State expected to reimburse  
21 the County some of the costs in the form of grants over the next three years. Moved by Mr. Tennies,  
22 seconded by Mr. Spindler to recommend to the Public Safety and Finance Committees an amendment to  
23 the 2005-2006 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Wireless 911 project, authorize a transfer of  
24 \$120,000 from the General Fund for initial costs, and authorize up to an additional \$296,100 from the  
25 General Fund for future project costs, with any grant funds received returned to the General Fund. Motion  
26 carried.  
27

28 **CHAIRPERSON, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

29 County Attorney Kimberly Nass reported Circuit Judge David Resheske ruled that the County ordinance  
30 enacted last fall gives the County's Planning and Parks Department the right to build the Henschke  
31 Hillside Lake Access public boat ramp and facilities despite the Town of West Bend's efforts to stop the  
32 work.  
33

34 County Attorney Nass reported the Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) backlog and caseload has been  
35 cleared with the hiring of the new assistant district attorney in July of 2004.  
36

37 Chairperson Miller presented an update on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) issue. Mr. Johnson  
38 distributed a draft from Marathon County of local government recommendations to the State Legislature  
39 regarding tax expenditure restraints.  
40

41 **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

42 The Committee discussed a bill in the Legislature that is being considered to classify county jailers as  
43 protective occupation participants for the purpose of the Wisconsin Retirement System. No action was  
44 taken.  
45

46 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

47 The Executive Committee will host a legislative session and regular meeting on Monday, February 21,  
48 2005, at 8:30 a.m.  
49

50 **ADJOURNMENT**

51 Moved by Mr. Tennies, seconded by Mr. Tuchscherer to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion  
52 carried.  
53