

1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

2
3 Government Center
4 West Bend, WI

October 6, 2009
8:30 a.m.

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6 Present: Ralph R. Hensel, Joan A. Russell, Richard L. Bertram, Leslie J. Borman and William
7 Meyers.

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9 Also Present: County Board Chair, Herbert J. Tennes, Administrative Coordinator Douglas A.
10 Johnson, Finance Director Susan M. Haag, and County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, and Judy Steinert,
11 Administrative Assistant.

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13 Chairperson Hensel reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and read the affidavit of posting.

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15 **UW-Extension**

16 The UW-Extension budget was presented by the 4-H Youth Development Educator/Department Head
17 Kandi O'Neil. Mr. Johnson presented the base level funding of \$587,756 and both the recommended
18 and requested budgets are \$584,327 (+0.4% from 2009).

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20 **ONE MORE THING:** As State employees, educators in this department had 2% salary increases
21 rescinded for 2009 and 8 unpaid furlough days imposed for each year in the State biennium. The
22 furloughs result in a 3% reduction for the county share of these positions until June 2011. When
23 furloughs end, the County needs to expect a cost increase as the full cost of salaries are again to be
24 paid.

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26 Moved by Mr. Borman, seconded by Ms. Russell, to tentatively approve the UW-Extension 2010
27 recommended budget and levy, including out of state travel, in the amount of \$584,327. Motion
28 carried with Mr. Meyers voting no.

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30 **Historical Society**

31 The Historical Society budget was presented by Executive Director Chip Beckford and Supervisor
32 Carol Puerling. Mr. Johnson presented the total base level funding for the Historical Society portion
33 of \$398,866 and both the recommended and requested budgets are \$405,158 (+1.6% from 2009).
34 Reduced costs of operating and maintaining the Old Courthouse buildings absorb some of the cost
35 increase in county funds to the Historical Society for programming. It has taken a period of years to
36 develop the Historical Society into its current capabilities. The funding decision made by the County
37 for 2010 will determine whether this progress will be sustained or eroded. Unless the County is
38 prepared for further reductions in hours and services at the Old Courthouse Museum, we have an
39 obligation to help the Society survive in this time of reduced private support.

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41 **DECISION ITEM FUNDED:**

- 42 • Increase county support for programming to recommended level @ \$6,292

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44 Moved by Mr. Bertram, seconded by Mr. Meyers, to tentatively approve the Historical Society 2010
45 budget and levy to support the Old Courthouse Buildings (Facility Maintenance) in the amount of
46 \$215,158, and no levy for the Historical Society. Motion defeated with Ms. Russell, Mr. Borman and
47 Mr. Hensel voting no.

1 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Borman to tentatively approve the Historical Society 2010
2 base level budget and levy in the amount of \$390,158 (\$175,000 Historical Society and \$215,158 Old
3 Courthouse Buildings – Facility Maintenance). Motion defeated with Mr. Meyers, Mr. Bertram and
4 Mr. Hensel voting no.

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6 Moved by Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Bertram to tentatively approve the Historical Society 2010
7 budget and levy in the amount of \$310,158 (\$95,000 Historical Society Support and \$215,158 Old
8 Courthouse Buildings - Facility Maintenance). Motion carried with Ms. Russell and Mr. Borman
9 voting no.

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11 Mr. Hensel recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

12 **Fair Park**

13 The Fair Park budget was presented by Interim Executive Director Sandy Lang and Accounting
14 Manager, Debbie Hoefert. Mr. Johnson presented the base level budget of \$190,000 and the
15 recommended budget is \$261,396 (+37.6% from 2009). The requested budget is \$323,771. The levy
16 recommended is consistent with the amount budgeted by the County for Fair Park operating support
17 in 2000 and 2001. More county funding than this was required for each year, 2000-04.
18 Underbudgeting county levy 2005-09 contributed to the financial problems which we are now trying
19 to correct.

20 **DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- 21 • Fund levy sufficient to cover five property related expense line items @ \$53,771
- 22 • Fund levy sufficient to add an Executive Director to the current staffing plan @ \$80,000

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25 **OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO REQUEST:** One of the five property related line items is principal
26 and interest on a \$500,000 loan for part of the costs of the Ziegler Center. If the County Board is able
27 to resolve this issue in a way that removes that debt obligation, it will reduce the levy request by
28 \$62,375. This adjustment is recommended for the 2010 County Budget.

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31 **ONE MORE THING:** While the County and the Agricultural & Industrial Society work to resolve
32 the Ziegler Center financial problems, the County budget needs to set funding for next year's levy, to
33 be used consistent with decisions still in process. What will a levy of \$261,396 support?

- 34 • If County acquires buildings without new debt and AIS operates Fair Park – four property related
35 line items and addition of new Executive Director
- 36 • If County borrows \$500,000 to acquire buildings and AIS operates FP – five property related line
37 items and current staffing plan, without a new Executive Director
- 38 • If County becomes the operator of FP and owns the buildings without borrowing – four property
39 related line items and reduced staffing plan as county employees without a new Executive Director

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41 Moved by Mr. Bertram, seconded by Mr. Borman, to tentatively approve the Fair Park 2010
42 recommended budget and levy, in the amount of \$261,396. Motion carried with Mr. Meyers voting
43 no.

44 **Highway**

1 The Highway Department budget was presented by Commissioner Jon Edgren, Assistant to the
2 Commissioner Barbara Villwock, and Transit Manager Joe Steier. Mr. Johnson presented the base
3 level funding of \$3,330,765 and both the recommended and requested budgets are \$3,330,765 (no
4 increase from 2009).

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6 **OUTLAY:** Highway vehicles, equipment @ \$820,500 funded by Highway Equip. Replacement
7 Fund

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9 **ONE MORE THING:** Shared Ride Taxi vehicles scheduled for purchase in 2010 will instead be
10 bought with ARRA funds in 2009. Annual Federal grant funds normally used toward vehicle capital
11 purchases were redirected to operating expenses for 2010. In 2011, such funds will not be available
12 for operating expenses.

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14 Moved by Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Bertram, to tentatively approve the Highway Department
15 2010 recommended budget and levy, including outlay and user fees, in the amount of \$3,330,765.
16 Motion carried.

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18 Mr. Hensel recessed the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

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20 **Human Resources**

21 The Human Resources budget was presented by Director Peter German. Mr. Johnson presented the
22 base level funding of \$790,310 and both the recommended and requested budgets are \$810,310
23 (+3.6% from 2009). Funds spent to protect the County's staffing decisions at the Justice Center
24 screening area and subcontracting at the Samaritan will save larger amounts of levy in the budgets for
25 those departments. Leaving less of these expected expenses unbudgeted will result in higher draws
26 on the General Fund.

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28 **DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- 29 • Labor Relations with added budgeted funds to defend two on-going union grievances @
30 \$20,000

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32 **ONE MORE THING:** The Health Insurance Fund includes a levy for 2010 to cover supplemental
33 premium costs approved by the County Board in September. The actual amount spent for this next
34 year will not be determined until decisions are made by bargaining units whether or not to accept zero
35 c.o.l.a.'s similar to non-represented employees.

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37 The Committee discussed the possibility of the County Attorney's office providing legal services for
38 negotiations in 2010, and thereby reducing the Human Resources budget. Mr. Johnson indicated the
39 Executive Committee would make any recommended changes in duties of the County Attorney.

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41 Moved by Mr. Bertram, seconded by Mr. Borman to tentatively approve the Human Resources 2010
42 recommended budget and levy, including out of state travel, in the amount of \$810,310. Motion
43 carried.

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45 The Finance Committee recessed at 11:56 a.m. until Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

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48 Brenda Jaszewski, County Clerk