

1 **FINANCE AND EDUCATION & CULTURE JOINT MEETING**

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3 Courthouse  
4 West Bend, WI

January 28, 2009  
9:00 a.m.

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6 Present for the Education & Culture Committee: Robert S. Adam, Kenneth W. Brandt, Todd Healy,  
7 and Raymond W. Heidtke. Excused: Marilyn H. Merten.

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9 Present for the Finance Committee: Ralph R. Hensel, Richard L. Bertram, Leslie Borman, William  
10 Meyers, and Joan A. Russell.

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12 Also Present: Finance Director Susan Haag, County Board Chair Herbert Tennes, Administrative  
13 Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Attorney Kim Nass, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, Treasurer  
14 Janice Gettelman, 4-H Youth Devel. Educator /Dept. Head Kandi O’Neil, Planning & Parks  
15 Administrator Paul Mueller, Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Fair Park Executive Director Nancy Justman,  
16 Fair Park Deputy Director/Fair Manager Sandy Lang, and Fair Park Accounting Manager Debbie  
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19 Supervisors Present: Donald Berchem, Charlene Brady, James Core, Melvin Ewert, Rick Gundrum,  
20 John Jung, Roy Justman, Michael Miller, Gerald Schulz, John Stern, and Paul Ustruck.

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22 AIS Board Members Present: Mary Krumbiegel, Jane Weaver, Dan Dineen, Richard Roembke,  
23 Carole Klotz, Barbara Davies, Barb Lemler, and Joanna Groth.

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25 Vice-Chairperson Heidtke called the Education and Culture meeting to order and read the Affidavit  
26 of Posting.

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28 **MINUTES – EDUCATION & CULTURE**

29 Moved by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Adam to approve the January 6, 2009 Joint ECC & Finance  
30 Committee minutes. Motion carried.

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32 Chairperson Hensel called the Finance Committee meeting to order and read the Affidavit of  
33 Posting.

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35 **MINUTES – FINANCE**

36 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Borman to approve the Finance Committee minutes of  
37 January 21, 2009. Motion carried.

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39 **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

40 Mr. Tennes explained this meeting is to continue discussions on options the county could take to  
41 address the Agriculture and Industrial Society’s (AIS) financial problems. Three resolutions were  
42 presented. Resolution A would provide a loan to AIS in the amount of \$500,000 to allow AIS to  
43 pay off their commercial loan from the State Bank of Newburg and transfer ownership of all  
44 buildings and capital improvements to the County. Resolution B would provide a grant to AIS in  
45 the amount of \$280,000 to cover construction overruns for the Ziegler Family Exposition Center.  
46 These funds would be reallocated from the Capital Improvement Plan Schmidt Road project.  
47 Resolution C would be a grant to AIS in the amount of \$130,000 to cover the RV area upgrades and

1 these funds would also be reallocated from the Capital Improvement Plan Schmidt Road project.  
2 All three resolutions repeal the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan for Fair Park.

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4 If these resolutions are approved, Mr. Tennes will appoint a seven member Fair Park study  
5 committee to be comprised of four County Board Supervisors, one County Manager, one AIS Board  
6 member, and one Washington County taxpayer. This study committee would look at Fair Park's  
7 financial records, AIS structure, general management, and operations at Fair Park and report their  
8 findings back to the county prior to the 2010 budget.

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10 **PRESENTATION BY AIS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND REQUEST FOR COUNTY**  
11 **ASSISTANCE**

12 *Appearance: Dan Dineen, AIS Board Member*

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14 Mr. Dineen informed the committee that AIS is looking for financial support from the County. He  
15 stated AIS has addressed some of the staffing issues, looked at its internal structure, enhanced their  
16 committee structure, reduced their 2009 budget, established an Entertainment Committee, and will  
17 require the Revenue Committee report monthly to the full AIS Board. Regarding the cost overruns  
18 of the Ziegler Exposition Center, AIS did not receive all of the final costs from the Construction  
19 Manager until October, 2008. Since then, AIS has obtained legal counsel to pursue options as they  
20 feel some of the overruns should be the responsibility of the Construction Manager. The County is  
21 aware of two liens on the Ziegler Exposition Center by contractors who have not been paid and Ms.  
22 Justman stated they have been notified of one additional lien.

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24 The Committee reviewed some of the problems at Fair Park and expressed concerns because there  
25 has not been a change in management. The size, structure, and function of the AIS Board, more  
26 oversight by the county, better financial reporting, the use of outside promoters for events other than  
27 the County Fair, and having the Deputy Director temporarily take over the managing of Fair Park  
28 were discussed.

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30 Mr. Johnson stated that AIS is a separate entity from the county and our contract with AIS does not  
31 allow the county to make personnel decisions within their organization. Ms. Nass stated the current  
32 agreement between the county and AIS is outdated and she is prepared to work on a new contract  
33 with direction from the County Board and the Education & Culture Committee if we need to  
34 redefine the county's relationship with AIS.

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36 The Committees recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

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38 **PRESENTATION OF "OPTION 4 PLUS" FOR COUNTY FUNDING AND AGREEMENT**  
39 **CHANGES TO ALLOW FAIR PARK TO RESOLVE CONSTRUCTION BURDENS**

40 Mr. Johnson explained the detailed Option 4 Plus plan, which includes the three part one-time  
41 funding outlined in the resolutions, repeals the capital plans for 2010-2014, allows AIS to continue  
42 to staff and operate the facilities subject to a renewed agreement with the County, requires AIS to  
43 implement a business plan and report monthly to the Education & Culture Committee and quarterly  
44 to the Finance Committee, and requires AIS make 2009 budget reductions and operate within the  
45 approved 2009 county levy.

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47 Ms. Haag stated AIS owes Washington County \$165,437.73 as of the end of November. December  
48 costs are not yet available. The amount owed is for direct costs by various county departments and

1 if these departments do not receive the funds, they may need a year-end transfer from the General  
2 Fund.

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4 **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

5 For the Education & Culture Committee, moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Healy to approve  
6 draft Resolution A – Resolution expressing the Intent to Acquire all Buildings Constructed at  
7 Washington County Fair Park and forward to the County Board. Motion carried with Mr. Brandt  
8 voting No.

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10 For the Finance Committee, moved by Ms. Russell to approve draft Resolution A – Resolution  
11 expressing the Intent to Acquire all Buildings Constructed at Washington County Fair Park, and  
12 forward to the County Board. Motion died for lack of a second.

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14 For the Education & Culture Committee, moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Healy to approve  
15 draft Resolution B – Grant to Agricultural and Industrial Society – Ziegler Family Exposition  
16 Center Construction Costs, and forward to the County Board. Motion carried with Mr. Brandt  
17 voting No.

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19 For the Finance Committee, moved by Ms. Russell to approve draft Resolution B – Grant to  
20 Agricultural and Industrial Society – Ziegler Family Exposition Center Construction Costs, and  
21 forward to the County Board. Motion died for lack of a second.

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23 For the Education & Culture Committee, moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Healy to approve  
24 draft Resolution C – Grant to Agricultural and Industrial Society – RV Area Utilities and Other  
25 Improvements, and forward to the County Board. Motion carried with Mr. Brandt voting No.

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27 For the Finance Committee, moved by Ms. Russell to approve draft Resolution C – Grant to  
28 Agricultural and Industrial Society – RV Area Utilities and Other Improvements, and forward to the  
29 County Board. Motion died for lack of a second.

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31 **NEXT MEETING DATES**

32 The Education & Culture Committee will meet on February 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and the Finance  
33 Committee will meet on February 25, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

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35 **ADJOURNMENT**

36 For the Education and Culture Committee, moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adjourn  
37 at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried.

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39 For the Finance Committee, moved by Mr. Borman, seconded by Mr. Bertram to adjourn at 11.55  
40 a.m. Motion carried.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk