

1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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3 Government Center  
4 West Bend, WI

September 27, 2007  
8:15 a.m.

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6 Present: Herbert J. Tennes, James E. Spindler, Joan A. Russell, Richard L. Bertram, and Ralph R.  
7 Hensel.

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

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13 Chairperson Tennes reconvened the meeting at 8:15 a.m. and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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15 Moved by Mr. Hensel, seconded by Ms. Russell to approve the Tennes Ace Hardware voucher in the  
16 amount of \$99.62. Motion carried.

17 Moved by Mr. Hensel, seconded by Ms. Russell to approve Mr. Bertram's expense voucher in the  
18 amount of \$17.46. Motion carried.

19 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Bertram to approve Mr. Hensel's expense voucher in the  
20 amount of \$9.70. Motion carried.

21 Moved by Mr. Hensel, seconded by Mr. Bertram to approve Ms. Russell's expense voucher in the  
22 amount of \$129.98. Motion carried.

23 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hensel to approve Mr. Spindler's expense voucher in the  
24 amount of \$146.47. Motion carried.

25 Moved by Mr. Spindler, seconded by Mr. Hensel to approve Mr. Tennes' expense voucher in the  
26 amount of \$12.61. Motion carried.

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28 At 8:30 a.m., Chairperson Tennes continued the 2008 budget hearings.

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30 **Highway**

31 The Highway Department budget was presented by Commissioner Ken Pesch and Assistant to the  
32 Commissioner Barbara Villwock. Mr. Johnson presented the base level funding of \$2,511,154 and  
33 the recommended budget is \$2,661,154 (+6.0%).

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35 The recommended funding is still \$50,000 less than the amount of county levy provided annually to  
36 the Highway Department for each year from 2002 through 2006. Repaving of county highways  
37 should be addressed by the Capital Plan, not through additional property taxes in the operating  
38 budget.

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40 **DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- 41 ① Transit Coordinator position with ¼ performing Highway duties eff. 4/08 (included in Base)  
42 ② Upgrade existing guardrail for safety on two county highways @ \$150,000

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44 **NOT YET FUNDED:**

- 45 ③ Repaving of CTH DW @ \$500,000

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47 **OUTLAY:** Highway vehicles and equipment @ \$806,000, funded by Highway Equipment  
48 Replacement Fund.

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1 Since 2002, the cost of diesel fuel has increased 107%, asphalt increased 67%, road salt increased  
2 30%, and steel (plow blades) increased 90%.

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4 Moved by Mr. Bertram, seconded by Ms. Russell to tentatively approve the Highway Department  
5 2008 recommended budget and levy, outlay, out of state travel and user fees, in the amount of  
6 \$2,661,154, with a recommendation to take a closer look at user fees next year. Motion carried.

### 7 8 **Transit**

9 The Transit budget was presented by Director Linda Olson. Mr. Johnson presented the base level  
10 funding of \$319,672 and the recommended budget is \$367,268 (+16.6%).

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12 The Requested level budget received asked for a 23% increase in county levy. Continued taxpayer  
13 support of the valued commuter bus and shared ride taxi services will require better control of costs.  
14 Delaying the replacement of vehicles in the taxi fleet is the least harmful way to reduce the needed  
15 county levy.

### 16 17 **DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- 18 ① Transit Coordinator position with  $\frac{3}{4}$  performing Transit duties eff. 4/08 net @ \$14,446
- 19 ② Local match to continue in Regional Marketing Project @ \$12,150
- 20 ③ Local match to replace 3 taxi fleet vehicles @ \$21,000

### 21 22 **NOT YET FUNDED:**

- 23 ③ Local match to also replace 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> taxi fleet vehicles in 2008 @ \$21,000

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25 **OUTLAY:** Vans with wheelchair spaces for taxi fleet @ \$105,000

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27 **ONE MORE THING:** The current cost of unleaded gasoline sold by the County Fuel Island to the  
28 taxi service is \$2.86 per gallon; three years ago that was \$1.80 per gallon. To reflect the sustained  
29 higher fuel costs, fares were increased August 1, the adult taxi rate by 50 cents, the WCCE trip by 25  
30 cents. For January 2008 adult taxi rates are recommended to increase another 25 cents, the WCCE  
31 trip to stay the same as the recently raised rate subject to further review as the year moves forward.

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33 Moved by Mr. Spindler, seconded by Ms. Russell to tentatively approve the Transit 2008  
34 recommended budget and levy, outlay, position request, and user fees, in the amount of \$367,268.  
35 Motion carried.

### 36 37 **Health Department**

38 The Health Department budget was presented by Director Linda Walter. Mr. Johnson presented the  
39 2008 base level funding of \$1,065,984 and the recommended budget is \$1,129,191 (+7.5%).

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41 Health Department is being strained by a two year exploration of providing additional environmental  
42 health services in the county. This effort should be continued in 2008 so that an informed decision  
43 can be made on the question of agent status for 2009. The recommended funding and additional part-  
44 time nurse position is needed to support essential work of the department through the next year.

### 45 46 **DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- 47 ① Operating costs above Base to continue current operations @ \$27,845
- 48 ② Requested funds for overtime at 2007 levels @ \$5,000
- 49 ③ Part-time Public Health Nurse position @ \$ 30,362

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**NOT YET FUNDED:**

- ③ Request for new position to be at ¾ time @ \$13,250
- ④ Requested funds for overtime at higher 2006 levels @ \$4,000

**ONE MORE THING:** With the continued growth in numbers and diversity of the county population, it has been a challenge for this department to keep up. Though small additions to staff have been made in the last five years, this has just kept us from falling farther behind, not improved our staffing ratios. Of 93 public health departments (counties and some cities), we ranked 83<sup>rd</sup> in number of public health employees per 10,000 population. Our current 21 FTE staffing is below smaller counties such as Fond du Lac (26 FTE) and Manitowoc (23 FTE).

Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Bertram to tentatively approve the Health Department 2008 recommended budget and levy, including out of state travel, user fees, and the position requests, in the amount of \$1,129,191. Motion carried.

**Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)**

The ADRC budget was presented by Director Linda Olson. Mr. Johnson reported the base level funding is \$575,810 and the recommended budget is \$590,777 (+40.2% 2.6% above Base).

Two full-time positions were reassigned to the ADRC when it was created, removed from the Social Services staffing plan. This reassignment is taken into consideration with Base level and 2007 Projected figures, but not the 2007 Budget. With the two reductions in county levy recommended here, the resulting budget is fair and reasonable.

**DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- ① Positions needed to implement State funded ADRC additions (no county levy)
- ② Increased costs for Home Delivered Meals @ \$15,467
- ③ Grants to area Senior Centers (Germantown, Hartford) @ \$12,000

**NOT YET FUNDED:**

- ④ Costs to maintain requested Alzheimer's Caregiver Support services @ \$6,324

**OTHER ADJUSTMENTS TO REQUEST:** Revenue from the anticipated ADRC implementation grant is added as a funding source @ \$12,500 for new work stations recommended as outlay to be approved.

**OUTLAY:** Office workstations @ 12,500 funded by State grant

**ONE MORE THING:** Family Care expansion remains a big unknown. How that impacts Washington County for 2008 will have a dramatic impact on this department.

Moved by Mr. Spindler, seconded by Ms. Russell to tentatively approve the Aging and Disability Resource Center 2008 recommended budget and levy, including position request, outlay and out of state travel, in the amount of \$590,777. Motion carried with Mr. Bertram voting no.

**Comprehensive Community Services Agency (CCSA)**

The CCSA budget was presented by Program Director Jim Strachota. Mr. Johnson presented the 2008 base level funding of \$5,585,469 and the recommended budget is \$5,780,153 (+5.0%).

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2 Balance between community services and the high cost of inpatient placements is the essential test  
3 for the CCSA budget. Cutting productive community services will cost more if more inpatient care  
4 results. Cutting the inpatient budget puts the department and county at risk for budget overruns. The  
5 Requested budget does a good job of striking that balance and is recommended.

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7 **DECISION ITEMS FUNDED:**

- 8       ① Acute Care Services vacation coverage for consistent full coverage @ \$42,000
- 9       ② Birth to Three defined therapy services to meet increased usage @ \$23,300
- 10       ③ AODA services at recommended levels (Council and inpatient) @ \$6,559
- 11       ④ Maintain needed psychiatry and psychology hours provided @ \$45,825
- 12       ⑤ Mental health inpatient placements at minimum recommended levels @ \$77,000

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14 **OUTLAY:** Lobby finishing and vehicle purchase @ \$9,200

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16 **ONE MORE THING:** If Washington County decides to participate in the State expansion of  
17 Family Care, the organization of services to individuals with a developmental disability will  
18 dramatically change. A Long Term Care Steering Committee with management and Board  
19 representatives from CCSA, ADRC, Social Services, and Samaritan is guiding decisions in the best  
20 interests of our current and future county residents.

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22 Moved by Mr. Spindler, seconded by Mr. Bertram to tentatively approve the CCSA 2008  
23 recommended budget and levy, including outlay and user fees, in the amount of \$5,780,153.  
24 Motion carried.

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26 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hensel to recess the meeting at 11:30 am until Monday  
27 October 1, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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Brenda Jaszewski, County Clerk