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**WASHINGTON COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Courthouse - Government Center
West Bend, WI

November 12, 2013
9:02 a.m.

Present: Herbert Tennes, Rick Gundrum, Mark McCune, Daniel Stoffel, and Paul Ustruck.

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Attorney Kim Nass, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, Chief Deputy County Clerk Linda Doro, Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Captain Shirley Miller, and Supervisors Marilyn Merten and Peter Sorce.

Chairperson Tennes called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stoffel, seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve the minutes of October 25, 2013, as presented. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING COUNTIES

Ms. Nass reported on the legislative issues discussed at the Wisconsin Counties Association's (WCA) County Ambassador Program (CAP Team) meeting she attended on October 23, 2013.

Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health

The Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health was created in February 2013, and charged with five issues regarding Mental Health. The Task Force issued its final report on October 9, 2013, and 11 bills have been introduced. WCA supports a number of these bills; however, there are significant concerns with Assembly 451 and Assembly Bill 436. Assembly Bill 451 creates a mechanism for an interested person to request an emergency stabilization. Assembly Bill 436 requires a law enforcement officer and a hospital employee or representative to be on county community programs boards. Ms. Nass presented Assembly Bill 488, which is a compromise of Assembly Bill 451.

Special Charges-Razing Costs (AB 415/SB 328)

Assembly Bill 415 and Senate Bill 328 prohibit razing costs from being charged as a special "tax." Instead, razing costs would be charged as a special assessment or special charge, both of which are optional for counties to pay. WCA is urging lawmakers to support Assembly Bill 415 and Senate Bill 328.

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion

The WCA is working with Representative Garey Bies, the state Department of Justice, the Department of Health Services, the State Public Defender's office, and the Director of State Courts to give counties more flexibility in establishing TAD grant-funding programs. The proposed bill would allow TAD grants to fund projects throughout the entire criminal justice system, from post - arrest intervention to re-entry following incarceration and alternatives to

1 revocation, allows a wider range of individuals to participate in TAD projects, and increases the
2 potential for more counties to participate by eliminating the current requirement for a 25 percent
3 county match.

4 17 Year Old Offenders (AB 387/SB 308)

5 Assembly Bill 387 and Senate Bill 308 would place first-time, non-violent 17-year old offenders
6 back to the juvenile justice system. However, this legislation fails to address the added costs to
7 counties for serving this population. Both the WCA and the Wisconsin County Human Services
8 Association are requesting the Legislature adopt an amendment to Assembly Bill 387 and Senate
9 Bill 308 that fully funds county costs associated with this legislation.

10 2013 Assembly Bill 251

11 Assembly Bill 251 relates to allowing a county to seek reimbursement for expenses incurred in
12 confining a prisoner in jail. Under Assembly Bill 251, a county that houses a person in a county
13 jail may file a suit against the person in circuit court to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by
14 the county for housing the person, regardless of whether the person is sentenced to a county jail,
15 placed on probation, or sentenced to a state prison.

16 Legislation Relating to Library Services

17 Assembly Bill 288 would require a county, whether or not it maintains a consolidated public
18 library for the county, make inter-county library service payments to each public library in an
19 adjacent county.

20 **REPORTS BY COUNTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON, ADMINISTRATIVE**

21 **COORDINATOR, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY**

22 Cultural Exchange with Galway County

23 Chairperson Tennes and Mr. Johnson reported on the Cultural Exchange with the Galway
24 Council members and staff in Galway, Ireland on Monday, November 4, 2013.

25 Report on Information from Wisconsin Counties Association Events

26 Mr. Tennes reported on the Wisconsin Counties Association Board meeting he attended on
27 October 21, 2013.

28 Plans for Recruitment of the Medical Examiner

29 Mr. Johnson reported that the Public Safety Committee, at their meeting on Monday, November
30 11, 2013, reviewed and updated the position description and duties of the Medical Examiner.
31 Mr. Johnson reported a search team consisting of himself, Captain Steve Gonwa, Deputy District
32 Attorney Stephanie Hanson, and Deputy County Attorney Christine Ohlis will review the
33 applications, conduct the first interviews, and submit a list of candidates to the Public Safety
34 Committee to interview. The recommended candidate will be presented to the County Board for
35 consideration at either the January or February County Board meeting. The Committee
36 discussed the possibility of outsourcing the Medical Examiner duties.

37 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

38 The next Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 17,
39 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

1 The meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

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3 **CLOSED SESSION**

4 Moved by Mr. Gundrum, seconded by Mr. McCune to convene into Closed Session at 10:30 a.m.
5 in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment promotion,
6 compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the
7 governmental body has jurisdiction exercises responsibility; "namely to conduct annual
8 performance review of the County Attorney." Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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10 **OPEN SESSION**

11 Moved by Mr. McCune, seconded by Mr. Ustruck to return to Open Session at 11:34 a.m.
12 Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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14 **ADJOURNMENT**

15 Moved by Mr. Gundrum, seconded by Mr. Ustruck to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion
16 carried.

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Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk