

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING  
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Thursday, August 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m., Douglas Finn Conference Room 270  
Government Center, 1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Liebaert.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – There were 18 present, 3 absent. Absent – Terry White, Joseph Moen, Steven Long. Others present – Candy Holm Anderson, Ann Doucette, Tracy Ruppe, Keith Kesler, Brian Erickson, Mark Fruehauf, Carolyn Pierce, Jerry Moe, Pat Schanen, Susan Sandvick, Pamela Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Pomush, second Glazman, to approve August 17, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Chair Mark Liebaert and Interim Administrator Ann Doucette welcomed attendees.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MISSION, VISION, AND ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES REVIEW:** Mission and vision reviewed. County Board Supervisors were asked to review and rank the six priorities established by them last year, in order to identify any changes. Rankings today compared to last year: Sustainable Infrastructure Investment #1 (was #1); Public Safety #2 (was #4); Responsible Development #3 (was #2); Professionalism, Service and Efficiency #4 (was #6); Natural Resources tied with Compassion for #5 (were #3 and #5 respectively).

**OVERVIEW OF FINANCIALS AND INCOME STREAM PROJECTIONS:** Projections for 2019 budget with recommended department changes reviewed: Zoning, Land Information, Land Records will be Land Services; Health and Human Services request 4 additional Social Workers; Veterans van service continuation questionable. Summary of estimated revenues by source; expenditures by activity presented. Outlook for departmental/non-departmental budgets, investments, sales tax revenue, net new construction, reflects net cost computed allowable increase in tax levy of 1.03% (\$159,215); \$17,438,502 tax levy. Total bonding combined of \$5,000,000. Funding outside agencies per adopted Non-Profit Funding Policy.

**CHALLENGES/PROJECTIONS FOR 2019:** Considerations: General revenue sources with slight increases; Stagnant timber markets; Increased personnel costs to remain competitive; Increased health insurance premiums; Continued highway bonding; Government Center last payment 2022. Strategies: Reduce county portion of health insurance; Reduce department budgets by average annual surplus; Delay filling new positions; Cut non-mandated programs/levels of service; Across-the-board cuts. Current approach: No new programs unless funding available; Analyze non-mandated programs; Seek ideas to collaborate/consolidate internally or externally; Scrutinize all 2018 revenue and expenditures.

**NEXT STEPS AND WRAP-UP:** Goal for 2019 budget: Address county's priorities; Maintain base operating budget that will set county up for future; Slow, steady and achievable growth.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Luostari, second Pomush, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela Tafelski  
Committee Clerk