

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, August 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Douglas Finn Conference Room 270
Government Center, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present - There were 19 present, 2 absent. Absent – David Conley, Robert Mock(arrived 4:23 p.m.). Others present – Candy Holm Anderson, Ann Doucette, Sue Sandvick, Brian Erickson, Tracy Middleton, Carolyn Pierce, Pat Schanen, Keith Kesler, Michele Wick, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pomush, second Corbin, to approve June 14, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

County Board Chair Liebaert and Acting Administrator Ann Doucette welcomed attendees.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MISSION, VISION, AND ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES REVIEW: Summarized and reviewed.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIALS AND INCOME STREAM PROJECTIONS: Holm Anderson presented 2018 outlook and trends for individual departmental/non-departmental budgets, investments, sales tax revenue, net new construction and tax levy. Rates are low for 2017 bonding for roads. Debt service fund and expenditures by object summarized.

CHALLENGES/PROJECTIONS FOR 2018: Transfer from Forestry Department to balance 2017 budget was one-time only and must not be relied upon every year. General revenues are flat. Personnel costs increasing. Doucette recommended revisiting Merit Reward system; may need to be restructured. McGrath wage and market study to be presented at September 7 Administration Committee meeting. Challenges and opportunities for each department / program area presented. Per litigation, jailers not classified “protected”; status change would save \$100,000 annually.

NON-PROFIT FUNDING POLICY – DISCUSSION: Land and Development Committee has a policy; county as a whole does not. Suggestion the county not fund operations of outside groups over which the county has no control. Contact Doucette or Liebaert with ideas on a funding policy; put on September 7 Administration Committee agenda. Holm Anderson will provide list of 2017 outside funding information. Research policies of other counties.

NEXT STEPS AND WRAP-UP: Meeting with individual departments next week. Goals for 2018 budget process reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ryan, second Hendrickson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski, Committee Clerk