

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 3:00 p.m., Courthouse, Room 207C
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present - Keith Allen, Nick Baker, Mary Lou Bergman, Alan Jaques, Samuel Pomush, Larry Quam, Sue Hendrickson, Mark Liebaert. Others present – Peter Clark, Rosemary Lear, Pat Ryan, Doug Finn, Jane Anklam, Candy Holm Anderson, Ann Doucette, Charlie Glazman, Linda Corbin, Marvin Finendale, Jason Jackman, Pat Schanen, Juliana Polson, Tracy Ruppe, Carol Jones, Brian Erickson, Michele Wick, Carolyn Pierce, James Anderson, Steve Long, Mary Pardee, Tracy Henegar, Sue Sandvick, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Baker, second Pomush, to approve November 13, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OPTIONS TO BALANCE 2019 BUDGET:

Status of 2019 Budget: Doucette memo attached to agenda. Statute requirement for institutional placement of Health and Human Services clients is sole source of projected \$1,000,000 shortfall. Institutional costs for adults and children range from \$11,000 to \$16,000 per month. Levy increase of 10% already reflected in HHS budget. The Department is still requesting an additional \$1,000,000. Recommendation is to find \$600,000 at this time and review in June of 2019. State imposed allowable levy, and mandated services without correlated funding, are negatively impacting county budgets statewide.

Options and County Board's Priority List: Attached to agenda. A revised "options" list with the following 3 additions was distributed: 1) Cut highway equipment; 2) Increase employee contribution to health insurance from current 12% to 16% or 20%; and 3) Cut other non-essential support positions/reduce hours. Each option was reviewed and discussed. Committee consensus was that wheel tax, ranging from additional \$10 to \$30 for vehicle registration, would be considered another tax by the public and not favorable. Increasing allowable levy requires a referendum at a November election, which could not happen this year; would require special election next year. It was determined Highway Department budget could be cut by \$300,000. Option of increasing employee contribution to health insurance considered and recommendation adjusted to 15% (which would result in \$100,000 savings). Doucette stated she plans to advise department managers that they can consider offering staff a reduced work week of 30 hours and two-week non-paid vacation. Funding of Superior Days and outside organizations, and departmental travel/training, as well as further review of budgets by departments was suggested. Committee was reminded that statute requires Administrator present a proposed balanced budget to the County Board.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Allen, second Hendrickson, to recommend the following: 1) Forestry contribution \$100,000; 2) Decrease Highway budget by \$300,000; 3) Raise sales tax revenue projection by \$100,000; and 4) Increase employee health insurance contribution from 12% to 15%, to reflect \$100,000, and refer to Administrator and Administration Committee. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Pomush, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski
Committee Clerk