

**Joint special Meeting of the Dodge County Finance Committee
And the Dodge County Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the October 25, 2016**

Dodge County Finance Committee Chairman, Dave Frohling called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in Room H & I – Auditorium of the Administration Building. Chairman Frohling took roll and the following members were present: Frohling, Schaefer, Benter, Fink, and Guckenberger.

Also present: County Board Chairman Russ Kottke, Supervisors: Richard Bennett, Jeff Duchac, Jeremy Bartsch, Rebecca Glewen, Richard Greshay, Dennis Schmidt, Allen Behl, Jeff Berres, Larry Schraufnagel, Jeff Caine, Joseph Marsik, and Lisa Derr, Administrator Jim Mielke, Department Heads: Bernadette Mueller, John Corey, Brian Field, Becky Bell, Jeff Hoffman, Sarah Eske, Amy Nehls, Jane Hooper, Joyce Fiacco, Kurt Klomberg, Lynn Hron, Patti Hilker, Chris Planasch, Andrew Miller, Ruth Otto, Steven Bauer, John Veling, Karen Gibson, Russ Freber, and PJ Schoebel. Also present Scott Smith, John Bohonek, Makenzie Drays, Lori Fett, Kenneth Kamps, Bill Wiley, Bob Barrington, Brooke Bittner and Eileen Lifke. Representatives from the press include: John Muir (WBEV Radio), Terri Pederson (Daily Citizen), and Andrew Johnson (Dodge County Pioneer).

Eileen Lifke, Assistant Finance Director certified the public notice given for this meeting complies with the requirements of Wisconsin's open meetings law.

Chairman Frohling opened the meeting stating tonight's intent is to review 2017's proposed budget and make a report to Resolution 16 – 63 Dodge County Budget for 2017. He requested all budget amendments including funding options, be presented in writing. All amendments will be considered by the Finance Committee at the November 8, 2016 regular Finance Committee meeting.

Jim Mielke, County Administrator thanked everyone for attending and started the meeting by addressing a correction to 2017's Budget Book. The first page titled "2017 County Administrator Proposed Budget" was corrected to recognize Captain Trace Frost, Sheriff Office for the squad car cover photos and acknowledge authorization to use the "We Back the Badge" sign. Replacement pages will be distributed to all book holders.

Administrator Mielke continued with a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed 2017 county budget. Operating expenditures for 2017 are \$107,811,036; an \$801,193 increase from 2016. Debt service is \$3,882,516 a decrease almost \$65,000. Overall 2017 budgeted expenditures are \$111,693,552, a \$736,000 increase from 2016. Mielke referenced the budget book's Proposed Budget Summary – also known as the "Rainbow Sheet" (page 52) for a summary of expenditures. The summary shows each fund by function. Page 23 groups 2017 expenditures by Personnel Services, Other Expenditures and Outlay. Total proposed 2017 personnel expenditures is \$62 million compared to \$59.8 million in 2016. Mielke noted personnel services has increased 3.7% from 2016 and makes up almost 58% of 2017's expenditures. Other Expenditures has decreased 2.2% and Capital Outlay has decreased 6.4% from adopted 2016. Capital Outlay highlighted by Mielke included:

- \$550,000 for election equipment. The Finance Committee has agreed to pay \$6,200 toward the costs of election equipment, with the local municipality responsible for any expense above \$6,200.
- \$1 million for the GFOA and Tyler Munis project.
- \$322,000 for the final phase of the Simulcast project. This includes Emergency Management channel (DOEM5) and Highway channel (DOHWY1).

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- \$2.8 million for the Detention facility sanitary/vent pipe replacement and kitchen upgrade. The project was approved at the October County Board meeting.
- \$127,000 for Human Services and Health's transportation vans and \$194,000 for Clearview capital items.
- \$550,000 for the Gold Star Trail. This is phase I for this project and includes Mayville to the Horicon Marsh Center. This project is 100% funded by grants and donations. The grant requires sponsorship by a governmental body and Dodge County will act as the sponsor.

Bar graphs depicting a visual representation of Net County Property Tax Levy (page 54) and County Levy by Department (page 55) were addressed. The county property tax levy bar graph represented 17 years of property tax with minimal changes in tax levy after 2010. The levy by department showed department levy request and percentage of total levy. Consistent with prior years, Clearview isn't on the levy but does receive sales tax allocation to pay principal payments on their debt service. The last overview slide compared department 2017 proposed tax levy to 2016 adopted tax levy. Mielke commented that departments worked very hard to make reductions where possible. The Sheriff Office had a \$157,000 decrease in levy partially due to removing squads from 2017's budget and purchasing those vehicles in 2016.

The meeting continued with departments presenting a brief overview of their budget.

- Administrator Mielke reported on County Board's budget. County Board consists of 2 business units (BU): County Board and Eastern Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium (EWCRC). County Board (BU 101) is the operations business unit for this department and has a small decrease attributed to 2017's Wisconsin Counties meeting taking place in Wisconsin Dells instead of Milwaukee. EWCRC (BU 131) is a consortium of nine counties and there's no budget change for this business unit.
- Joyce Fiacco, Land Resources and Parks Director and Land Information Officer provided information on Land Resources and Parks (LRP). LRP consists of 25 business units and provides a number of services including zoning and permits, tax parcel mapping, parks and trails recreation and planning and economic development. Fiacco presented a slide showing a total levy of \$168,066 for the five county parks. LRP's total levy is \$1.4 million with the majority attributed to personnel and service costs. In 2017, LRP will be collecting new orthophotography and elevation data at a cost of \$244,000 but it will be completely covered by grants and retained fees collected by Register of Deeds. The Gold Star Trail expenditures are completely covered by private foundation donations and grant money. The proposed Glacial Heritage Development Partnership with Jefferson County is included in this department under Economic Development Assistance (BU 7877). Mielke noted a rough intergovernmental agreement with Jefferson County has been drafted. Mielke, along with Kathilynne Grotelueschen from Corporation Counsel will be meeting with Jefferson County on October 26, 2016. Supervisor Derr requested a summary of the agreement in simple terms be provided to county board members.
- Judge Steve Bauer, provided information on Courts' budget. Judge Bauer cited ongoing concerns regarding unpredictability of psychiatric examination expenditures. Individuals subject to mental commitments require two psychiatric evaluations. The number of evaluations is difficult to predict along with provider costs. The Courts' try to use low-cost providers and one of the most often used low-cost provider recently retired. Increased numbers of

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guardianship cases is also straining Courts' budget. Other levy increases relate to personnel costs. In Family Court Counseling, a part-time Family Court Counseling position was changed to full-time, another part-time position was moved to Circuit Courts, and a part-time receptionist position was added. These changes were done to improve case turn around in Family Court Counseling and provide Judge De Vries with an assistant. Also, Restorative Justice's annual contribution decreased from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Mielke noted the Restorative Justice Program is currently without a director. According to Supervisor Duchac, the program board is analyzing ways to efficiently keep the Restorative Justice Program operational.

- Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts presented Clerk of Court's proposed budget. Clerk of Courts consists of 2 business units. Hron reported the increased levy request is related to wages and benefits. 2016's increased revenue is from increased Child Support reimbursement. In 2016, Child Support converted to e-filing and additional time was spent converting child support cases in Clerk of Courts to electronic format. All of the time was reimbursable causing an increase in revenue. Hron noted this was a one-time event and revenues will return to prior budget year levels for 2017. Overall, Clerk of Courts' budget has increased. A slide was presented showing the number of jury trials from 2009 to October 1, 2016. Hron commented that jury trials are unpredictable so budgeting is based on best estimate. In 2016, Dodge County provided jurors for a 5 day jury trial in Columbia County. These juror costs were completely reimbursed by Columbia County.
- Administrator Mielke presented the County Administrator budget. This department is staffed by the County Administrator and 4 hours per week from the Deputy County Clerk. County Administrator (BU 801) is the operational business unit for this department. Risk management and all insurances other than payroll insurances are included in this department. The \$5,000 budgetary decrease is related to insurance decrease.
- Sarah Eske, Human Resource Director provided information on Human Resources budget. According to Eske, this department is responsible for personnel related functions including worker's compensation, employee education and training, employee benefits, Civil Service and employee wellness. In 2016, there were position restructurings with the elimination of an Human Resource Assistant II position and addition of an Insurance and Benefits Coordinator position. Human Resources also has 2 staff members on Clearview's campus. A \$25,900 fund balance was included in 2017's budget to cover Phase II of the health insurance benefit analysis. Dodge County is currently covered under the state plan and the state may be considering utilizing a self-insurance model versus the current HMO plans in 2018. Overall, Human Resources' budget has decreased, partially due to changes in Civil Service testing and advertising.
- Chris Planasch, Register of Deeds presented Register of Deeds' budget. This department traditionally provides excess revenues that decreases the overall county levy request. Planasch is estimating slightly less revenue for 2017 due to flattening revenues. The combination of less revenues and increased benefits and wages resulted in less revenues that traditionally offset the total levy needed. Register of Deeds will also continue working on the redaction project for 2017.
- Karen Gibson, County Clerk reported on the County Clerk budget. According to Gibson, the County Clerk's budget decreased due to replacement of a retired employee with health insurance to an employee who opted not to receive health insurance. Revenues for County Clerk are minimal and about the same as 2016. Revenues consists of marriage license and

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marriage ceremony fee for use of the courthouse. County Clerk had registered snowmobile, boats and ATV in the past but now it's all done online. Election costs are down because there's one, possibly two elections in 2017. There will be a new Plat Book in 2016 and additional sales in 2017 will cover costs of new county maps anticipated to be printed in 2017. Historical Society contributions will be consistent with 2016.

- Administrator Mielke presented Finance's budget in the absence of Finance Director Julie Kolp. The Finance department includes Jail Improvement, PECFA (Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award), and Contingent Appropriation. Contingent Appropriation for 2017 is \$225,000. Finance's levy increase is partially due to increased Contingent Appropriation and partially due to increase wages and benefits. The 2017 budget includes a full year of budgeted wages and benefits for a Project Assistant position which was added for the ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) project and GFOA consulting services.
- Patti Hilker, Treasurer provided information on the Treasurer's budget. The Treasurer's department is broken into three areas: Treasurer operations, seized property including clean up and prior year taxes, and county revenue including taxes, Shared Revenues, investment revenue and other revenue. According to Hilker, the operations budget increase resulted from replacement of a retired employee with single insurance coverage to an employee with family coverage. In prior years, tax receipts were mailed to taxpayers. With the new GCS tax software, taxpayers have access to tax information including receipts online. Tax payers will be notified with next tax bill mailing that receipts are available online and printed copies will not be mailed. Instead, Hilker stated the office may implement a 2nd reminder mailing. Lack of notification on second installment was a consistent complaint of taxpayers. Postage was budgeted for \$700 less in 2017. Revenues from operations is minimal. Hilker reported on In Rem (BU 1415), Prior Year Property Taxes (BU 1419), and Monarch Site Cleanup (BU1448). Costs for In Rem property are anticipated to increase due to increase costs for title searches, property clean up and maintenance, and publications and mailings. The number of title searches required is trending up. Prior Year Property Taxes are personal property taxes that haven't been collected by municipalities or chargebacks that municipalities have to pay back to property owners. It also includes Assessor errors that require payment back to taxpayers and property taxes which are written off after 11 years of failure to collect. Monarch Site Cleanup budget was decreased almost \$16,000. According to Hilker, the Taxation Committee has unofficially decided not to market the remaining 5 Monarch lots due to potential environmental cleanup costs. The Department of Natural Resources has given the county a conditional closure on these sites and no additional testing is required. Supervisor Derr expressed concern that funds have not been budgeted in anticipation of future law changes. Derr recommended preparing for the potential of future testing costs in 2018 and ongoing budgets. Hilker concluded with comments on other revenues that flow through the Treasurer's office. Investment income is anticipated to increase for 2017 and delinquent taxes are decreasing with banking mortgage policies changing. Many banks are writing escrows into new borrowings and the number of delinquent properties are less. A slide was presented to committee members showing the number of delinquent properties decreasing since 2013. Hilker noted by the time a delinquent property is sold, there's at least 4 years of taxes due. Hilker stated there is currently 75 title searches slated for 2017, however taxes are still coming in and the number is anticipated to go down.

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- John Veling, Central Services Director reported on Central Service's budget. According to Veling, 60% of the department's time is spent on printing and 40% on mail service. Printing is mostly for in-house jobs but there are a few municipality jobs. Mail services involves pickup and delivery of mail to departments and the Post Office and stamping outgoing mail. All costs for these two services are billed back to the business units based on usage. Mielke noted that Veling was in charge of printing the 2017 Budget Book.
- Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney presented the District Attorney (DA) budget. This budget has increases with the addition of two new positions. A paralegal was hired to assume some of the attorney's duties that don't require a law license. A legal assistant position was also added to help with case load. According to Klomberg, the discretionary side of the DA's budget is \$3,800 less. This would be the supplies, support, training, travel, etc. needed for operations. Klomberg noted that these costs have consistently decreased since he took office. Revenues continue to increase.
- John Corey, Corporation Counsel Director reported on Corporation Counsel's budget. Corey reported an overall increase of \$23,348 primarily due to full year staffing of an Assistant Corporation Counsel. A \$5,000 decrease in Special Legal Counsel helped offset additional wage and benefit costs.
- Ruth Otto, Information Technology Director addressed the Information Technology (IT) budget. The IT department maintains the county network, data storage and telecommunication. IT is also working with Finance on implementation of the new ERP system. According to Otto, IT's budget increase is primarily due to increased cost of network maintenance and data storage. The largest project in IT currently is implementation of the ERP. It replace JD Edwards which was implemented in 1994 and has well exceeded its life, along with inability to obtain maintenance or serviceability.
- Russ Freber, Director of Physical Facilities updated committee members on Physical Facilities' proposed budget. Freber reported a slight increase due to a suppression system upgrade in the Courts building. Currently, IT's network room has a sprinkler system for fire suppression which would be detrimental to the network equipment if activated. Carpet replacement and radio system upgrade has also been incorporated in 2017's budget. The \$2.8 million pipe project is part of Physical Facilities' budget and General Fund borrowing was approved at October's County Board meeting. Freber updated committee members on the county cemetery located north of Juneau on Highway 26. The sign was recently replaced with a monument. The monument incorporated 4 of the former headstones and the back of the monument has a picture of the current cemetery. 2017's budget includes \$15,000 to start replacing the headstones with pavers. It's anticipated to replace the remaining headstones in 2018.
- Scott Smith, Chief Deputy Sheriff reported on the Sheriff's Office budget. The Sheriff's Office overall budget is a little over \$18 million with \$15 million designated for wages and benefits. Payroll expenditures increased \$171,000 for 2017. Levy request from the Sheriff's Office for 2017 is \$157,143 less than 2016. The decreased levy request resulted from use of Sales Tax dollars for the Spillman project and funding other capital purchases with fund balances from prior years. Squad replacements for 2017 were purchased in 2016. Ability to obtain 2016 pricing attributed to overall squad savings. Smith highlighted some of the capital purchases planned for 2017. It included:
 - Replace MDC (mobile data computer) with Law Enforcement BU fund balance.
 - Secure evidence lockers and cameras for impound building.

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- Replace outdated finger print system with a MorphoTrack Finger Print system. This will also save the county \$11,000 annually on maintenance.
- Replace 16 year old dishwasher in the jail. This will be completed during the pipe project and the new dishwasher is predicted to save 250,000 gallons of water annually along with energy savings.
- Wireless service in jail for staff and inmates.

Smith commented the overall savings for the Sheriff's Office outside of levy request is \$647,000. If Spillman's Sales Tax is included, the savings would be \$1 million. Smith provided a brief update on current operations within the Sheriff's Office. When Spillman (Sheriff Office record management system) is operational, municipalities will have access to all of the records at no charge. However, they will be responsible for their own training. This will be a savings for the municipalities. Mielke presented a slide showing actual 2015 and 2016 monthly inmate boarding compared to budgeted contract beds. Mielke pointed out the September average daily population variance of 205 for 2015 and 289 for 2016. August 2016 was budgeted at 235 and average was 293. According to Smith, these statistics are used to calculate revenue for the budget year but there's always a level of uncertainty related to bed days so Smith conservatively budgeted an average of 236 beds per day for 2017. He noted the Chicago regional office is receiving more detainees than previous years from all around the country. This has also made more detainees available for Dodge County. Smith noted that many factors beyond the county's control can cause significant shifts in the federal detainee population

- PJ Schoebel delivered the Medical Examiner budget. Medical Examiner's (ME) budget increased almost \$83,000 with replacement of the Medical Examiner van, autopsy and forensic testing cost and a full year funding for a Chief Deputy Medical Examiner. The increase number of autopsies along with increased forensic testing is causing an increase in levy request. Autopsies are \$2,500 and can run up to \$3,000 depending on the follow-up forensic testing. Revenues for ME have been significantly affected by mandated statutory changes in fee structures. Fees for cremation and death certificate services were reverted back to April 2014 rates despite County Board's action in June 2015 to increase these rates. Following a question from a supervisor, Schoebel estimated about 20% of autopsies ordered are from suspected drug overdoses. He is anticipating more in 2016 based on current numbers. In 2015, there were about 116 autopsies, including 23 mandated by the state for inmate deaths.
- Amy Nehls, Emergency Management Director reported on Emergency Management's budget. Nehls provided highlights on the business units within Emergency Management.
 - Central Communication (BU 2801) covers the emergency communication towers. This levy has gone down with some costs shifting to other business units to better align with eligible grant funding.
 - Homeland Security (BU 2823) increase is due to the last phase of the Simulcast project.
 - Emergency Management (BU 2811) and Local Emergency Planning (BU 2821) levy requests shifted as a result of reimbursement requirements for the Emergency Management Performance and the Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act Grants.
 - Emergency Disaster (BU 2819) maintains a \$5,000 balance for emergencies. If it's not used in the current year, it's carried forward in the upcoming year.

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- Hazmat (BU 2825) increased with the addition of 30 team member who became employees of the county.
- Exercise and Training (BU 2824) uses grant money to fund training or exercise programs. Nehls will be applying for an active shooter grant and if awarded, will prepare for an active shooter exercise in the Courthouse.
- Bernie Mueller, Child Support Director presented Child Support's budget. The increase to Child Support's budget is from increased wages and benefits. The Child Support department handles paternity cases and child support orders. It also enforces child support cases from other states. Mielke announced that Mueller was awarded Child Support Manager of the Year for 2016.
- Andy Miller, Veterans' Services Director reported on Veterans' Service's (VA) budget. The VA department consists of two business units. Veteran's Relief (BU 5301) provides assistance to Dodge County's veterans in need. Assistance is given for veterans to purchase groceries, medicine, medical care or housing needs. Costs associated with assisting veterans and dependents who seek state and federal benefits are recorded in Veterans' Service Officer (BU 5302). The majority of expenditures for this business unit are for personnel services. Graveside flags are also purchased through this business unit. The only revenue is the \$13,000 state grant which may be discontinued in the future. The \$4,000 reduction in levy request is because of prior years' Veteran's Relief fund balance. Miller stated there are 6,969 veterans in Dodge County with 130 million nationwide.
- Administrator Mielke presented County Library's budget. In 2017, funding for non-resident circulation increased from 75% to 80%. The minimum reimbursement required by statute is 70%. The reimbursement is driven strictly by circulation numbers. Each library is required to file a copy of their annual State Report with the County Clerk.
- Jeff Hoffman, UW-Extension Department Head updated committee members on UW-Extension staffing. Currently, the department is full-staffed with 6 state employed faculty members, 1 federal employee, 2 full-time county employees and 2 part-time county employees for a total staff of 11. State employee staff wages and benefits are shared 60/40 with the county providing 40%. UW-Extension continues with its restructuring process and Hoffman anticipates it will be finalized by March 1, 2017. UW-Extension offers about 30 programs which charges participants fees to cover program costs. Youth programs have minimal fees charged. UW-Extension writes and administers the Clean Sweep grant. The program is a partnership with Onyx Glacial Ridge Landfill (Advance Disposal) and total costs is close to \$60,000. Dodge County is anticipating a Clean Sweep program (BU 6843) for 2017. Dodge County Fair Association's (BU 6861) \$25,000 primarily covers the costs of the junior fair.
- John Bohonek, Land Conservation Interim Department Head reported on Land Conservation's budget. According to Bohonek, this department has a small increase for 2017, primarily due to personnel costs. There are 5 full-time staff members and a part-time secretary who is shared with Veteran's Services. Some of the programs offered by Land Conservation include:
 - Nutrient management for farmers
 - Land and Water Resource Management programs, a cost sharing program for land owners
 - Animal Waste Management for farmers
 - Farmland Preservation for land owners

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On February 8, 2017, Land Conservation will be co-hosting a public producer group at the Juneau Community Center called Healthy Soil. Land Conservation budgeted \$1,500 to assist with event marketing. The program is estimated to cost \$10,000 but donations from the lake associations are anticipated. The program is for producers, lake associations and state and federal agencies to work together on resolutions for land and ground water concerns.

- Becky Bell, Human Services and Health Director and Ken Kamps, Division Manager of Fiscal Support provided information on Human Services and Health's (HSH) budget. According to Kamps, HSH has 104 business units with 90 different programs. It's largely supported by federal and state dollars. Areas reported on by Kamps include:
 - Department 40 – Public Health: Grant revenues in Public Health will be decreasing and causing an increase of levy request. Kamps noted that depending on the county's caseload throughout the year, revenues received from state grants can change after the year starts and then change mid-year. Public Health's 2017 grant revenue is projected to decrease. This caused a levy increase for:
 - Bioterrorism Health (BU 4005) – \$ 19,740
 - Women, Infants, and Children – WIC (BU 4047) – \$7,411
 - Department 48 – Clinical Services:
 - Community Support (BU 4804) will have a levy decrease. This is primarily due to increased Medicaid revenue; a result from HSH costs reported on 2015's Medicaid cost report.
 - Comprehensive Community Services (BU 4807) levy decrease is the result of anticipated program revenue increases.
 - Mental Health Inpatient Institutional (BU 4812) will decrease because of increased monitoring of placement cost. This includes decreased length of stays and less costly placement when applicable. Bell noted that a decrease in the mental health budget doesn't mean a decrease in mental health services. Bell emphasized the decrease was the result of a better use of mental health dollars.
 - Developmentally Disabled Community Based Residential Facility (BU 4822) will decrease due to a Northern Wisconsin Center placement ending early 2017. Another placement at this facility isn't anticipated for 2017.
 - Chemical Dependency Community Based Residential Facility (BU 4842) is estimated to increase based on 2015 historical and 2016 current data.
 - Medical Records (BU 4851) will increase with the addition of a new intake position.
 - Department 50 – Social Services:
 - Children's Sheltered Care (BU 5004) increased because of projected increase cost for children's shelter care placement.
 - Foster Home Care (BU 5008) increased from projected increase cost for foster home care placement.
 - Electronic Monitoring (BU 5019) services are projected to decrease based on 2016 estimated numbers.
 - Aging and Disability Resource Center (BU 5035) personnel and operating costs are estimated to increase along with increased revenue from additional grant revenue and federal-matched funding.

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- Department 56 – Public Aging is proposed to have a minor decrease in both revenues and expenditures as a result of some costs shifting to Aging and Disability Resource Center (BU 5035).
- Department 57 – Senior Dining
 - Congregated Meals (BU 5732) will decrease due to increased revenues from aging funds that can be used to supplement meal programs.
 - Home Delivered Meals (BU 5742) is anticipated to decrease based on 2015 actuals and 2016 estimated data.
- Administrator Mielke presented information on Debt Service. Principal is paid by Debt Services. Interest is paid by the respective departments. Highway's 2016 borrowing for the Neosho Highway Shop is the new debt service for 2017. The final payment for the remodeling of the former Clearview North, to the Henry Dodge Office Building is scheduled for September 2017. Clearview's refinance debt from 2010 will make its last payment in 2030 and Clearview and Highway shared debt that will be completed in 2031. Debt service payments will drop slightly in 2017 and will increase in 2018 with the borrowing for the Detention Facility Pipe Replacement Project. Mielke continued with an update on County Sales Tax Remittance. He noted the projected 2016 remittance is at \$5.8 million.
- Jane Hooper, Clearview Administrator and Bill Wiley, Clearview Director of Financial Services presented Clearview's budget. Clearview has the county's largest department budget of \$26,261,980. Wiley reported an anticipated \$1.9 million increase from Medicaid supplemental insurance for 2 of the 8 licenses. More residents are being forced to change from Medicaid to Market Place insurance, also causing an increase in revenues. Clearview will be increasing commercial insurance rates to offset increase costs of patient care including in-house doctors and personnel costs. 2017 interest costs are approximately \$900,000 compared to a high of \$1.3 million. Capital outlay \$325,000 decrease is due to completion of defective siding replacement in 2016.
- Brian Field, Highway Commissioner reported on Highway's budget. Field highlighted the 2017 County Hwy S project through Iron Ridge. This project is being completed with help from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) which provides funding for small communities that don't have the resources for major road projects. Local share for this project is 20% which will be split between the county and the village. The county is responsible for 22 feet from the center of the road and the village is responsible for underground utility cost. After the project is completed, there will be a jurisdictional transfer to the village and it will become a village street. Field continued with slides showing sections of highways completed in 2016. This included:
 - The Phase III of Hwy C – Hwy A to Hwy 151. Phase IV (final phase) is planned for 2017.
 - Hwy YY south of Fond du Lac county line.
 - Hwy TW – Hwy S to Hwy 33. This section of road was pulverized, repaved and sealed with an experimental sealer to extend pavement life opposed to restoration and rehab which cost substantially more.
 - Kekoskee Bridge – rehabbed with removal of rough spots.

Field presented Highway's proposed capital equipment purchase list which inspired a proposed amendment from Supervisor Berres. The original proposal was for a total of \$2,095,000. The amended proposal was to remove \$885,000 of equipment from this list and add it to road

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projects. Supervisor Berres proposed removing 2 new tandem axle flatbed patrol trucks, 1 new tandem axle dump body patrol truck, 2 new one ton dump truck and 1 new supervisor vehicle. Supervisor Caine noted this amendment was supported by Supervisor Berres and Nelson. Both Supervisors Caine and Muche didn't support this amendment. Field continued with information on county road and bridge construction (page 370-371).

- Administrator Mielke concluded the meeting with slides on "Where Do Your County Property Tax Dollars Go?" and historic application of General Fund balance to budgets.

Chairman Frohling stated the order of business for tonight's meeting is to recommend the 2017 proposed budget tax levy amount and resulting county tax rate. Amendments to the proposed budget will be addressed at the November 8, 2016 Finance Committee meeting. Frohling continued by reading the Report to Resolution 16-63 Dodge County Budget for 2017. Motion by Schaefer and 2nd by Fink to recommend a net county tax levy amount of \$33,281,315 and resulting county tax rate of \$5.636/\$1,000 of Equalized Valuation for the 2017 Proposed County Administrator's Budget. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Frohling declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Ed Benter,



Secretary