DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 2, 2013, 8:00 A.M.
FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 4B
DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kottke at 8:00 a.m.

Members present: Bischoff, Borchardt, David, Frohling, Johnson, Kottke, and Miller.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Emergency Management Director Joe Meagher, Corporation Counsel John Corey, County Clerk Karen Gibson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, State Assembly District 39 Representative Mark Born, Judge John Storck, Veterans Service Officer Mark Grams and Trista Pruett, Reporter, Daily Citizen newspaper.

Motion by Borchardt, 2nd by Miller to approve the March 5, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

State Representative Mark Born of the 39th Assembly District appeared in person before the Committee. Chair Kottke invited Committee members and others present to address comments and concerns to Representative Born. Judge John Storck provided an oral overview of potential impacts to the Wisconsin Court System of the proposed 2013-2015 Biennial State Budget. Judge Storck reported that the State Court System currently faces a \$17 million lapse, on March 21, 2013 Supreme Court Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson submitted written remarks to the Joint Committee On Finance requesting restoration of \$10.3 million, and in the event that funding for the State Court System is not restored, the Dodge County Circuit Court will experience a loss of State funds in an approximate amount of \$80,000 to \$90,000 beginning on July 1, 2013.

Highway Committee Chair Johnson inquired of Representative Born whether the State Legislature will consider legislation that will require licenses and the payment of license fees for various trailers that are currently exempt from licensing requirements, such as snowmobile trailers, various sized boat trailers, and horse trailers.

Veterans Service Officer Mark Grams commented that the Governor's Budget, as proposed, is generous to veterans, and that it provides for an expansion of educational benefits for veterans under the Wisconsin GI Bill.

County Clerk Karen Gibson commented that in the recent past she has communicated with Representative Born regarding election issues, including absentee voting and same day registration.

Chair Kottke inquired of Representative Born regarding the status of Assembly Bill 85, which will regulate the compensation for Milwaukee County Board Supervisors. Representative Born reported that he anticipates that the Assembly will take action on Assembly Bill 85 within the next 2-3 weeks.

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Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Borchardt to authorize out-of-state travel for Mark Grams, Dodge County Veterans Service Officer, to attend the National Association of Veterans Service Officers Conference in Reno, Nevada, on June 1–8, 2013. Motion carried.

Dodge County Clerk Gibson reviewed agenda items for the Tuesday, April 16, 2013 County Board meeting. Ms. Gibson reported that the agenda will include the following items as Special Orders of Business: Confirmation of appointments that had been made by the County Administrator; Confirmation of appointments that had been made by the County Board Chairman; History of Dodge County by Julie Fleming; and, Dodge County Expenditure and Revenue Summary by the Finance Committee.

Administrator Mielke provided an update regarding the ongoing renovation of the former Clearview North building, now known as the Henry Dodge Office Building, for use by the Human Services and Health Department for programs and other services. Administrator Mielke reported that the Phase I move, that will include Unified Services personnel and offices, is scheduled to occur on June 7, 2013, and that the Study Committee will discuss a tour of the Henry Dodge Office Building by County Board Supervisors in connection with the April 16, 2013 meeting of the County Board.

The Committee reviewed a claim for damages to a motor vehicle that arose from an incident that is alleged to have occurred on December 20, 2012 on US Highway 41. Administrator Mielke reported that he is seeking additional information about this alleged incident because there is a question as to whether or not the incident occurred within Dodge County.

Corporation Counsel John Corey provided an oral report concerning recent activities of his office, including activities related to the closing of the sale and purchase of a parcel of land located in the City of Mayville, owned by M-6 Holdings, LLC, to be used by Dodge County as a satellite highway maintenance facility, and including a summary of recent discussions with representatives of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources related to the WAM grant program for the former Monarch Iron Range property located in the City of Beaver Dam.

Mr. Corey also reported that the City of Beaver Dam may be interested in purchasing Lots 3, 4, and 5 of the Plat of Monarch Development for use as a water quality pond. There was discussion regarding efforts to market Lots 7 and 8 of the Plat of Monarch Development.

Emergency Management Director Joe Meagher made an oral report to the Committee regarding the status of contract negotiations by and between Dodge County and US Cellular for use by US Cellular of the Ashippun radio communications tower. He reported that on March 15, 2013, the final contract document was submitted to representatives of US Cellular.

Director Meagher also informed the Committee that he has been informed that notification has been made of an award of funds associated with a Simulcast grant, confirmation of the award of funds is pending, he is awaiting the receipt of further details about the Simulcast grant and the award of funds, and, in the event that grant funds are awarded, Dodge County will be required to pay a local match equal to 20% of the total grant award.

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Director Meagher informed the Committee that on March 25, 2013, the Emergency Management Department received from the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management Planning Grant-FY2012-Redistribution Funds in the amount of \$11,208.72. Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Borchardt to recommend to the Finance Committee that the Finance Committee appropriate Emergency Management Planning Grant-FY2012-Redistribution Funds in the amount of \$11,208.72 to the 2013 Budget of the Dodge County Emergency Management Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Frohling, 2nd by Miller to approve and forward to the County Board for consideration at its April 16, 2013 meeting, a Resolution in support of the maintenance of the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson updated the Committee on the acquisition by Dodge County of the parcel of improved real estate located at 850 Mallard Drive in the City of Mayville. He also informed the Committee that the Highway Committee has authorized and engaged Sue Braemer Real Estate, LLC, to market the highway shop building located at 853 Horicon Street in the City of Mayville.

Supervisor Frohling provided an oral report to the Committee regarding his attendance at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Counties Association that was held in Neenah, Wisconsin, on March 22, 2013. He reported that there was considerable discussion related to Assembly Bill 85, and that the Wisconsin Counties Association will not take an official position regarding Assembly Bill 85.

Chair Kottke reported that Kim Krueger, a Clearview employee, was recently appointed to the Moraine Park Technical College District Board of Trustees.

Supervisor David made an oral report to the Committee regarding recent Discover Dodge activities. He reported that Discover Dodge is scheduled to make a presentation to the County Board at the meeting of the County Board scheduled for May 21, 2013.

Dodge County Finance Director Julie Kolp reviewed and discussed a strategic planning model. Ms. Kolp stated that the strategic planning model has been discussed by the Finance Committee and that the Finance Committee is seeking input from the Executive Committee. There was general discussion. No decisions were made. The matter of the strategic planning model will be on the agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled for May 6, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. by order of the Chairman.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

MaryAnn Miller, Secretary

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