EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2019
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse, Room 114
           Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

PRESENT: Doug Machon, Donna Rozar, Bill Winch, Ken Curry, Bill Clendenning
         Adam Fischer, Dennis Polach

OTHERS PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): See attached list

Chair Machon called the meeting to order.

Public Comments: None

Chair Machon stated the agenda item for the Nepco Lake solar project was a misunderstanding that he thought it was scheduled for the next meeting. He asked for permission from the Committee to have it put on the next meeting agenda. Consensus was to move the Nepco Lake solar project to the October 1st, 2019 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Facilities Manager Van Tassell passed around information for the Committee to review on the project.

Budget Meetings

Budget Overview: Finance Director Cummings handed out some budget changes to the Committee. Cummings indicated in order to stay within the recommendation of keeping the general fund at 15%, the current budget numbers indicate a shortfall of $620,584.00. Discussion ensued.

Clerk of Courts— Brad Hamilton and Laura Clark presented the Clerk of Courts budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Branch III and Justice Coordinator— Judge Wolfe presented the Branch III and Justice Coordinator budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Branch I— Budget was included in the budget book. Questions and general discussion followed.

Branch II— Budget was included in the budget book. Questions and general discussion followed.

District Attorney and Victim Witness— District Attorney Lambert presented the District Attorney and Victim Witness budgets. Questions and general discussion followed.

Corporation Counsel— Budget was included in the budget book. Questions and general discussion followed.

Register of Deeds— Tiffany Ringer presented the Register of Deeds budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Child Support— Brent Vruwink presented the Child Support budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

University Extension— Jason Hausler presented the University Extension budget. Questions and general discussion followed.
Planning and Zoning – Jason Grueneberg presented the Planning and Zoning budget. Questions and general discussion followed.


Coroner – Scott Brehm presented the Coroner budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Veterans – Rock Larson presented the Veterans budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Break at 9:55 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

Sheriff – Sheriff Becker and Randy Dorshorst presented the Sheriff budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Dispatch – Lori Heideman presented the Dispatch budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Communications – Erik Engel presented the Communications budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Wood County Libraries – Andy Barnett presented the Wood County Libraries budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Humane Officer – Budget was in the budget book. Questions and general discussion followed.


Break at 11:31 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

Public Health – Kathy Alft presented the Public Health budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Edgewater Haven – Brandon Vruwink, Marissa Laher and Jo Timmerman presented the Edgewater budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Norwood – Brandon Vruwink and Jordon Bruce presented the Norwood budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Human Services – Brandon Vruwink presented the Human Services budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Highway – Roland Hawk and John Peckham presented the Highway Department budget. Questions and general discussion followed

Parks and Forestry – Chad Schooley presented the Parks and Forestry budget. Questions and general discussion followed

Break at 12:28 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m.
Information Technology – Amy Kaup and Jason DeMarco presented the Information Technology budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

County Clerk – Trent Miner presented the County Clerk budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Treasurer – Heather Gehrt presented the Treasurer budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Maintenance and Purchasing – Reuben Van Tassel presented the Maintenance Department budget. Van Tassel indicated with the upcoming retirement in the Purchasing Department the duties will be absorbed by the Maintenance Department support staff. Questions and general discussion followed.

Human Resources and Safety/Risk Management – Kim McGrath presented the Human Resources Department budget and indicated with the prior approval from Executive Committee the Safety/Risk Management position is now under her department’s budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

Finance – Finance Director Cummings presented the Finance budget. Questions and general discussion followed.

General Budget presentations – Finance Director Cummings presented information regarding Debt service and Capital bonding. Questions and general discussion followed.

Chair Machon stated in order to balance the budget approximately $620,000.00 would need to be cut. Extensive discussion ensued.

Supervisor Winch was excused at 2:10 p.m.

Finance Director Cummings will bring suggested budget changes to the October 1st, 2019 Executive Committee. Committee would also like to have the representatives from McMillian Memorial Library, Clerk of Courts and the Humane Office attend the meeting to answer some questions regarding their budgets.

Chair Machon declared the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Nicole Gessert. Minutes in draft form until approved at the next EC meeting.