

**SPECIAL ORDERS SESSION
COUNTY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007**

Chairman David Albrecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

The following Supervisors were present: Sevenich, Barker, Griesbach, Hotynski, Ramos, Maehl, Koziczkowski, Pollnow, Widener, Albrecht, Anderson, Thompson, Lohry, Farrell, Hall, Wingren, Jacobson, Norton, Drexler, Robl, Schmuhl, Kline, Locke, Eisen, Schaidler, Farrey, Arne, Diakoff, Brennand, Egan, Ellis, Rengstorf and O'Brien. Excused: Warnke and Sievert. Absent: Finch and Lennon

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

A Notice of Claim was received from Eric Williams for damage caused to his trailer's tailgate by a county landfill vehicle was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee.

- ❖ Resolution No. 06-63 "Opposing the Exemption of a County Library Tax From Mandated Property Tax Levy Limitations" from Ozaukee County was referred to the Legislative Committee.
- ❖ Resolution No. 06-64 "Alternate Method for Exemption from the County Library Tax" from Vilas County was referred to the Legislative Committee.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

There were no reports.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Albrecht reported that Supervisors Warnke and Sievert are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Albrecht stated that he is still receiving 2006 expense sheets and that because of how late into 2007 we are, those 2006 expenses are now coming out of the 2007 budget. He asked that everyone follow rule 20.2 and submit their expense sheets monthly.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one addressed the Board.

CLARITY CARE UPDATE - TIM COOK, CEO

Tim Cook, Clarity Care CEO, reported to the Board on the progress Clarity Care has made over the last year and their plans for the future.

- 2004 revenues were approximately \$15.5 Million. In 2006, revenues were approximately \$17.4 Million.
- 2004 net income was actually a net loss of \$968,000. In 2006, net income was \$452,000. This is approximately a \$1.42 Million increase in three years.
- Services that Clarity Care provide include:
 - ✓ Residential Services - community living settings for people with disabilities. This can be in a person's private home or apartment or in one of Clarity Care's properties.
 - There are approximately 50 of these programs in six different counties.
 - 2005 revenues were approximately \$10.7 Million and net income equaled approximately \$35,000. 2006 revenues were approximately \$11.5 Million, but operated at a net loss of approximately \$133,000. This loss was primarily caused by increased staffing costs.
 - Clarity Care is currently serving 173 people in this program.
 - ✓ Vocational Services - help disabled people to find jobs in the community. This helps local businesses to find good employees.
 - These services are primarily funded by the Wisconsin Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.
 - 2005 revenues were approximately \$185,000, with a net loss of approximately \$33,000. In 2006, after some personnel changes, revenues were \$224,000 and a net income of \$34,000.

- Vocational services is a growing area of services.
- ✓ Home Health Services - various services are provided to people with disabilities and the elderly in both Clarity Care's facilities and their own homes.
 - 2005 revenues were \$3.1 Million, but operated at a net loss of \$173,000.
 - 2006 revenues were \$4 Million and a net income of \$296,000.
 - Services provided include support home care (housekeeping, cooking, shopping, etc.); personal care; skilled nursing and medication management; and physical, occupational and speech therapy.
- Cash flow in 2005 and 2006 was strong. Overall debt was reduced by \$1.3 Million in 2006.
- Debt to Winnebago County was reduced by \$287,000 and Clarity Care is one payment ahead in the payment schedule.
- Projected income for 2007 is \$576,000. Extended vacancies in Clarity Care's various programs would affect 2007's projected income.
- Continuing increases in the cost of health insurance for their employees could also affect 2007's projected income.
- Employee turnover rate is about 40%. This is an average turnover rate for this type of work. It's hard and stressful work.
- Clarity Care will be evaluating their current housing facilities in 2007 and determining whether they are still appropriate for their clients.
- Clarity Care offers high quality, competitively priced services and they are looking to expand them throughout the state.
- 2005 & 2006 were very successful years for Clarity Care. However, Clarity Care faces the same financial and business challenges that other businesses face--increasing costs, employee turnover, attracting good employees, increase efficiencies, etc.

Mr. Cook thanked the Winnebago County Human Services Department, Human Services Board and the County Board for their continued support. He then took questions from the Board.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Supervisor Patrick O'Brien and John Rabe, Solid Waste Management Department Director, presented the Solid Waste Management Board's 2006 Annual Report. Their presentation included information on the history and makeup of the Winnebago County Solid Waste (WCSW) Department and the Solid Waste Management Board; explanation of the services provided at WCSW; information on cooperative regional planning, landfill operations and tonnage and financial reports.

Mr. Rabe introduced Lisa Mordan, Marketing/Collection Manager, and Lisa Tank, WCSW Secretary, who assisted him with the Powerpoint presentation.

In his presentation, Mr. Rabe explained that the Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) was created in 1975 to "provide environmentally safe, cost-efficient solid waste management services to all communities, businesses and industries in Winnebago County." The SWMB is, "an independent non-profit enterprise fund (non-levy) with expenses offset by revenues derived from user fees."

WCSW Program Services include:

- Landfill operations
- Landfill gas recovery/utilization
- Recycling facility
- Household hazardous material facility
- Computer/electronic/fluorescent bulb recycling
- Pharmaceutical management
- Container rental and lease program
- Industrial Development Board loan program

Mr. Rabe explained the Cooperative Regional Planning Agreement that Winnebago County entered into with Brown and Outagamie Counties:

- It is a 25-year Tri-County Agreement that will provide "solid waste disposal and recycling services for 73 municipalities throughout the three county area."
- This agreement is projected to save approximately \$51 Million over 25 years in disposal and recycling costs. It will also provide the required disposal capacity needed for WCSW users.

Landfill Operations:

- Disposed of 583,000+ tons of waste in 2006. This includes waste from Brown and Outagamie Counties. 219,000 tons came from WCSW users.

- Construction on the Phase 6 Liner System began. When completed later this year, it will provide additional waste disposal capacity.
- At the end of 2006, WCSW had approximately 4.2 years of disposal capacity left. After that time, Winnebago County's waste will be transferred to the Outagamie County Landfill for disposal.
- Seven horizontal gas wells were installed.

Landfill Gas Recovery/Utilization:

- Landfill gas is a valuable, renewable source of energy.
- WCSW operates a landfill gas/electric generation facility and sells the power (equivalent to approximately 1,700 residential homes) to a local utility.
- Provides landfill gas to the Winnebago County Highway Department to run their two boilers. This saved the county \$9,000 in utility costs the first year.
- Began installation of a fourth engine/generator at the Sheriff's Office. This will convert landfill gas into electricity that will be sold to the local utility. Waste heat from the engine/generator will be used to supplement the Sheriff's Office's hot water/boiler system.

Recycling Facility:

- Continued accepting recyclable paper and commingled containers from 15 of the county's 21 communities.
- Recycled 7,026 tons of paper and 3,360 tons of commingled containers. Paper is trucked to Outagamie County for processing and the commingled containers are trucked to Brown County for processing.
- The three counties recycled 31,656 tons of paper and 18,914 tons of commingled containers. These amounts represent 500,000 trees and 6,750 barrels of oil saved.

Household Hazardous Material (HHM) Facility:

- The facility accepts various HHM's from the county's citizens. Items include lead/oil-based paints, pesticides, automotive chemicals, solvents, etc.
- The facility is opened certain days of the week from May through October. Citizens must make an appointment to drop off their items.
- 28,689 pounds of HHMs were collected and trucked to Brown County for disposal.
- Product exchange room - 54 residents utilized various products, reducing the amount of HHM items that needed to be recycled by 1,928 pounds.

Computer, electronic and fluorescent bulb recycling:

- Hosted two recycling events--April and September--that were sponsored by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce.
- Collected and recycled over 11,200 pounds of computers and electronics and over 6,400 bulbs and ballasts at these two events.
- 2007 - computer and electronic recycling will be done year round.

Pharmaceutical Management:

- WCSW has partnered with Winnebago County Public Health, Lake Winnebago MEG Unit and Morton Pharmacy to hold an event to collect medications that people no longer use. Winnebago County was one of only six Wisconsin counties to hold such an event.
- Collecting medications and disposing of them in an "environmentally safe way" keeps these chemicals from getting into local waterways.
- 114 residents participated in the October event. 184 pounds of chemicals were collected.
- Another collection event will be held in 2007.

Mr. Rabe presented various financial reports to the board. He stated that in 2006, WCSW had a net income of approximately \$857,000. This is an increase of approximately \$500,000 from 2005, caused by additional waste tonnage brought into the system. The Retained Earnings Reservation report shows that WCSW is still \$800,000 underfunded according to the goals of the Solid Waste Management Board.

Mr. Rabe then explained the tipping fee schedule for WCSW. He explained that WCSW's tipping fee of \$21.20 per ton is 45% lower than the statewide average tipping fee of \$38.50. This lower rate is made possible because of the regional agreement with Brown and Outagamie Counties.

Mr. Rabe then took questions from the Board.

A copy of this presentation is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

WEST SIDE ARTERIAL UPDATE - JOHN HAESE, WINNEBAGO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

John Haese updated the Board on the status of the study of the proposed west-side arterial that would be constructed to reduce traffic on US Highway 41 in the Oshkosh area.

The study is being conducted by the Winnebago County Highway Commission, City of Oshkosh, Towns of

Algoma, Nekimi, Omro and Utica, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Other agencies will become involved as the project progresses.

Mr. Haese reported that:

- The need for a west-side arterial was determined during the 1980's in the Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization Long-Range Transportation and Land Use Plan (MPO LRT & LUP). Anticipated growth in Oshkosh and surrounding areas will cause a need for better "north/south mobility" and an alternative to US Highway 41.
- The area that is being studied for the location of the west-side arterial is between County Road FF on the west and US Highway 41 on the east, State Highway 21 on the north and State Highway 26 on the south.
- The study will:
 - ✓ Identify and analyze alternate corridor locations
 - ✓ Develop corridor design characteristics
 - ✓ Recommend preferred corridor location
 - ✓ Estimate right-of-way requirements
 - ✓ Produce the official right-of-way map according to Sec. 66.1031, Wisconsin Statutes
- Factors identified by the Oshkosh MPO LRT & LUP that need to be considered when identifying alternative corridor locations include:
 - ✓ Integrated planning
 - ✓ Maximum system effectiveness
 - ✓ Efficient street and highway system
 - ✓ Safety
 - ✓ Minimum environmental disruption
 - ✓ Conservation of energy
 - ✓ Multimodal interaction--bike, pedestrian, etc.
 - ✓ Local governments, public and agency input will also be required to identify alternative corridor locations

Mr. Haese explained that the study is being done now so that it can be coordinated with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's plans for the Highway 21 corridor. He stated that it is very important that the right-of-way for the west-side arterial is identified and preserved during the planning of the Highway 21 project.

The study will be done in 3 phases:

- Phase 1 - Needs Identification (winter/spring 2007)
 - ✓ Data gathering
 - ✓ Public, local official and agency involvement
- Phase 2 - Alternative Development and Analysis (summer/fall 2007)
 - ✓ Corridor location alternative development
 - ✓ Alternative analysis
 - ✓ Public, local official and agency involvement
- Phase 3 - Preferred Alternative Selection (winter 2007/2008)
 - ✓ Refinement of preferred alternative
 - ✓ Documentation of selection
 - ✓ Public, local official and agency involvement
 - ✓ Official mapping of corridor

Mr. Haese stated that people will be kept informed of the study's progress through various types of meetings. There will be three meetings with local officials, followed by three public meetings, one for each phase of the study.

There will also be a technical advisory committee meeting for each of the three phases of the study.

Mr. Haese then took questions from the Board.

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PARK VIEW HEALTH CENTER UPDATE - MIKE ELDER, FACILITIES & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Mike Elder, Facilities & Property Management Director, updated the Board on the progress of the Park View Health Center Project. He explained that the project began last fall with the clearing of the grounds with actual construction starting in November. Footings and basement walls at the southern end of the facility were the first things built.

Mr. Elder showed the Board "color boards" or samples of the exterior of the building. The exterior will be a combination of masonry and a stucco-type finish.

Mr. Elder showed the Board the color boards for the interiors of each of the households at the facility. He

explained that each residential area or "household" of the facility will be done in different color schemes so the residents can find their way throughout the facility more easily. Mr. Elder explained some of the other features of the residential areas of the facility, such as non-skid flooring and bathing suites that are more "home" like.

Mr. Elder concluded his report with a Powerpoint presentation of pictures of the construction site and the progress that has been made on the facility. He stated that the weather has caused delays in some aspects of the project, but they are on time for the overall project. They will complete the facility by the end of 2007. Once it's completed and all it's systems have been tested and are working correctly, the facility will be turned over to Margie Rankin and she will determine when and how the residents will be moved in.

Mr. Elder then took questions from the Board.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded to adjourn until Tuesday, March 20, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

State of Wisconsin)
County of Winnebago) ss

I, Susan T. Ertmer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Journal of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for their Special Orders Session held March 13, 2007.

Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk

