

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM #1003 – 1st FLOOR COURTHOUSE BLDG “A”**  
**301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153-1699**  
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Paul Bednarik, Doug McMahon, Greg Sekela, Gary Frank, Al Sleeter

COMMITTEE ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Hamann, Administrative Coordinator; Lisa Sherman, Finance Director; Mike Reimer, HHS Director (via phone), Betty Bickel, HHS Business Mgr.; Shelley Zahm, LWR Admin. Asst.; Kevin Dolata, Land Information; Brian Gross, Land Information; Ken Dolata, Land Conservation; Pat Virtues, Planning & Zoning; Ken Linzmeyer, Planning & Zoning Committee Chair; Denis Kroll, Land Conservation Committee Chair; Monty Brink, Forestry, Parks & Recreation; Amy Zerbe, Highway Office Manager; Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner; Patty Monfils, Oconto County Commission on Aging; Karl Ballestad, Commission on Aging Board Member; Peter Stark, Oconto County Historical Society, Paul Ehrfurth, OCEDC, Samantha Boucher, OCEDC: Supervisor Stellmacher, EDT Chair; Nancy Crevier, UW-Madison Extension Regional Director; Supervisor Dick Doeren, Extension Committee Chair.

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Change of Sequence - None.
  - B. Removal of Items - None.

Motion by McMahon second by Frank to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Motion by McMahon second by Sekela to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Communications – None
5. Review 2021 Budgets
  - Budget Process Overview

Reviewed overall requests. Requests total \$22,283,230. This is \$1,495,942 over the allowed tax levy. Max tax rate for 2021 is \$4.908. That is a decrease of \$0.107 or -2.14% from the 2020 tax mill rate.
  - Land & Water Resources - Administrative Support

Request of \$19,680, no increase.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget amount of \$19,680. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Forestry, Parks & Recreation

Request of -\$12,971, an increase of \$57,215 or 81.5%. Increase due to loss of \$58,650 in timber sales revenues.  
Motion by Frank, second by Sekela to recommend 2021 Budget of -\$12,971. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Zoning/Solid Waste/Recycling/MAR-OCO

Request of \$360,052, a decrease of \$39,867 or -9.2%.  
Decrease due to change in health insurance plans that decreased \$28,042, increase in user fees of \$5,500 and a decrease of \$6,325 in mileage costs.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$360,052. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Frank, second by Sleeter to approve 2021 Recycling Budget at no tax levy. Motion carried unanimously.  
2021 MAROCO Budget on County Board agenda for Thursday for action.

- Land Conservation  
Request of \$226,140, an increase of \$10,146 or 4.7%.  
Increase due to a \$12,056 County match for a new program, NRCS Demo Farm Project. Motion by Sekela, second by Sleeter to recommend 2021 Budget of \$226,140. Motion carried unanimously
- Land Information (Surveyor, Tax Lister, Land Records)  
Request of \$390,724, an increase of \$23,436 or 6.4%  
Increase due to \$19,612 increase in wages and a health insurance plan change.  
Motion by Frank, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$390,724. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by Frank to recommend 2021 Land Records Budget at no tax levy.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Commission on Aging  
Request of \$38,679, an increase of \$573 or 1.5%  
Increase due to additional match needed for state transportation aids.  
Motion by McMahon, second by Sekela to recommend 2021 Budget of \$38,679. Motion carried unanimously.
- Extension/Education  
Request of \$242,248, a decrease of \$8,220 or -3.4%.  
Decrease due to reduction of a full time agricultural agent to part time position and an increase in cost for health insurance.  
Motion by Frank, second by Sleeter to recommend 2021 Budget of \$242,248. Motion carried unanimously.
- Youth Fair  
Request of \$20,000, no increase.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously
- Historical Society  
Request of \$10,000, no increase.  
Motion by Frank, seconded by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.
- Senior Citizens Center  
Request of \$3,275, no increase.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$3,275. Motion carried unanimously.
- County Libraries  
Request of \$568,703, increase of \$26,894 or 5.0%.  
Increase due a \$9,082 for local libraries and \$17,812 from neighboring county libraries.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$568,703. Motion carried unanimously.
- Oconto County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC)  
Request of \$271,481, no change.  
Motion by Sekela, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Budget of \$271,481. Motion carried unanimously.
- Highway  
Request of \$3,715,966 for Highway, no change and \$29,312 for Bridge Aid, decrease of \$80,038. Bridge aid decrease due to fewer bridges being repaired in 2021. Discussed need for additional funding for capital items, such as vehicles and building repairs. Currently \$700,000 allocated from highway retained earnings for vehicles and another \$350,000 for building repairs. \$3,000,000 needed for capital. Plan for 2021 is to take \$1.65 million from highway retained earnings, \$500,000 from general fund and \$300,000 from sales tax for a total of \$2.45 million in 2021. Then

in future years, take \$750,000 from highway retained earnings and \$300,000 from sales tax for a total of \$1,050,000 for capital items. Capital Budget to be revised to reflect these changes. Motion by Frank, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Highway Budget of \$3,715,966. Motion carried unanimously.  
Motion by Sleeter, second by McMahon to recommend 2021 Bridge Aid Budget of \$29,312. Motion carried unanimously.

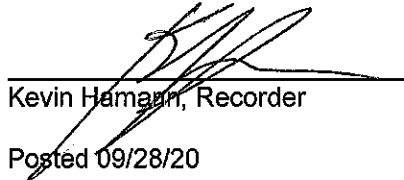
- Health & Human Services

Request of \$3,933,779 a decrease of \$18,885 or -0.5%.

It was noted that the original request did not include \$33,300 that was allocated after the 2020 Budget was approved for the HRA changes. With additional \$33,300, the levy request is \$3,967,079.

Motion by Sleeter, second by Frank to recommend 2021 Budget of \$3,967,079. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment by chair at 2:34 p.m.



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Kevin Hamann, Recorder

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