

SPECIAL HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

October 24, 2011

Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Doug Noble, Jeff Gentz, Terry Rose, Ed Kubicki, David Celebre, Erin Decker, David Arrington

Committee Members Absent: Chris Chae and Kate Gerou (not required to attend)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves

This meeting was digitally recorded.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Doug Noble.

2. Citizen's Comments (on tape at 2:05)

The following citizens spoke:

Ronald R. Frederick
Joyce Pavlina
Phillip Waddles
Nick Kasmer
David Houghton
Pauline Waara
Georgette Wonders

3. Discussion and Approval of 2012 Dept. of Human Services Budget - (on tape at 14:45)

Jeff Gentz moved to approve the 2012 Budget as presented, seconded by David Arrington. Mr. Gentz stated that we can't carry over the \$800,000 to 2012. There is a County Board resolution that all extra funds must be returned back to the General Fund.

Terry Rose moved to amend the proposed 2012 budget to recommend that the \$800,000 surplus be used for levy reduction in 2012. Erin Decker seconded. Mr. Rose disagrees with Mr. Gentz, stating that the general public deserves levy reduction.

Doug Noble explained that this is a recommendation to the Finance Committee. He has spoken with Al Swartz and Dave Geertsen in Finance about this, and we can do this.

David Arrington stated that he has not liked the entire process since the new Governor. The decision to leave this balance the way it is right now is safer. Leave it the way it is.

Erin Decker supports the budget as presented but asked what happens after the \$1.5 million funding from the State for 2012 and 2013 has ended. John Jansen replied that we are continuing conversations with the State on this issue.

Mr. Rose stated that this County Executive won't use reserves to fund the budget. If the \$800,000 hits the General Fund, the County Executive will not use it to fund services in the budget.

Mr. Gentz thanked the public in attendance for giving input on these matters. The DHS staff put together a very good budget. We will have a bigger hole next year if we use the \$800,000 now. It's better to be safe than sorry. He will not support the amendment to this.

David Celebre stated that he will oppose the amendment. He supports the original motion to approve the 2012 budget as presented. The move to plug the hole today is shortsighted in the long-run. It is more fiscally prudent to adopt the budget as presented. The Department has done a very responsible job and he will approve the original motion.

Terry Rose cautioned that Human Services staff should not assume that this \$800,000 will be used for Human Services next year.

Mr. Noble doesn't think this will create a bigger hole. He will support the \$800,000 amendment.

Roll call vote was taken on approval of the amendment to the proposed 2012 budget to recommend that the \$800,000 surplus be used for levy reduction in 2012.

Those voting to approve the amendment: Terry Rose and Doug Noble

Those opposed to the amendment: Jeff Gentz, Erin Decker, David Arrington, David Celebre, Ed Kubicki

Motion failed.

Roll call vote to approve the 2012 Budget as presented:

Those voting to approve: Jeff Gentz, Erin Decker, Terry Rose, David Arrington, David Celebre, Ed Kubicki, Doug Noble.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None
6. Committee Members Comments - None
7. Adjournment (on tape at 43:45)

It was moved to adjourn by Terry Rose, seconded by Ed Kubicki. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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NOTE: A copy of this recording is available upon request.