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COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 @ 10:00 a.m.
Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

Cassette No. 10, SIDE A: 437-EOT

Cassette No. 10, SIDE B: 01-490

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-5

EXCUSED: Supervisor Weishan-1

NOT PRESENT: Supervisor White-1

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 06-487 Resolution by Supervisor Nyklewicz, urging the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.

10-A-450 Supervisor Nyklewicz commented on the said resolution.

ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Moved approval. Vote 5-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-5

NOES: None

2. 06-10 Update on legislative matters. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

10-A-459 APPEARANCES:

Terrence Cooley, Chief of Staff, County Board

County Board Supervisor Gerry Broderick, District 3

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. Cooley gave a synopsis of the State Task Force on Milwaukee County Finances Recommendations. They recommend that the Governor consider legislation-allowing Milwaukee County to issue Pension Obligation Bonds under certain reporting conditions. Including what would be an annual report on the progress of meeting financial benchmarks and putting together a multi-year financial plan.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

In addition, recommendation that the Governor consider the recommendations of the Director of State Courts in terms of making counties more partners with the State with revenue that comes through the court system.

A recommendation that the task force consider legislation that changes the requirements of the pension study commission to include financial qualifications.

A recommendation that the Governor look at higher funding levels for Shared Revenues.

A recommendation that the Governor look at the funding level and the method of distribution for the youth-aids formula.

They also made some suggested comments:

(1) That the County takes certain actions with the health care plan including incentives of moving enrollees in lower cost plans.

(2) For further study, recommend that legislation be looked at to study the impact of criminal penalty laws as they move forward.

(3) Encourage the Governor to review options for increasing federal claims under the General Assistance Medical Program.

(4) Suggested that the State look at the County's overall governance.

(5) Also suggested that the Governor consider looking at alternative funding models for the juvenile courts under youth aids.

The summary section of the report was a discussion of GAMP, which they indicate the States provides \$6.9m in GPR revenue and the County provides \$6.8M County funded support.

Mr. Cooley stated that he emailed the task force 2007 County Budget as it relates to GAMP, which shows that the County provides between \$12-13M in tax levy support.

Mr. Cooley stated that he emailed a comment to the task force and suggested that they may want to change the report, was where the report states that the State exclusively funds child welfare in Milwaukee County.

In addition, Mr. Cooley summarized the minority report recommendations that included:

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- New way of looking at the State/County relationship
- Stop deduct of \$20M in the shared revenue
- Address unfunded mandates-income maintenance
- Fully fund the sheriff Patrols of expressways
- Juvenile corrections issue where the County is paying \$78,000 per year for youths going to a State facility
- Remove mass transit from property taxes
- Counties be allowed a local sales tax option
- Allow counties and municipalities to impose a tax on cigarettes.

10-A-595 Supervisor Nyklewicz took exception that the POB's is the solution to all the issues and challenges confronting Milwaukee County. He stated that the County Board is taking steps that due diligence is done with regards to any POB issuance before authorizing a final product.

Supervisor Nyklewicz commended the work of Attorney Levinson (representing the County) for capturing the major issues that remained unaddressed by the Task Force.

10-A-632 Supervisor Broderick commented that the Task Force report failed to examine the tax structure in the State of Wisconsin.

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

3. 06-494 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, submitting 2007-2008 Milwaukee County Legislative Package.

10-A-699- APPEARANCES:

EOT Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
10-B-01 Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations
John Barrett, Clerk of Courts/Director of Court Services

The Intergovernmental Relations Staff prepares a legislative package for Milwaukee County prior to the beginning of every State biennial session. This document, upon approval by the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive, provides Intergovernmental staff the authority to communicate and advocate the expressed policy positions to members of the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Executive Branch.

Both Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch commented on the said 2007-2008 Legislative Session Milwaukee County Legislative Package. The State faces a possible \$1.6 billion deficit by mid -2009.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- 10-B-75** Mr. Barrett addressed the Committee regarding the funding of court services. He mentioned that a meeting with the Milwaukee County delegation, Clerk of Courts/Director of Court Services and Chief Judge would take place on Monday morning, December 18, 2006.

Chairman Holloway stated that he would attend.

Discussion ensued at length on the said report which included:

- Health and Human Services
- Child Support Enforcement
- Sheriff, Transportation
- State Shared Taxes
- Milwaukee County Legislative Priorities-Airport
- Pension Obligation Bonds

- 10-B-281** It was recommended that IGR staff send a letter to Mr. Ron Waterman, County Lobbyist in Washington, to get the Senate and Congress to consider repeal of cuts previously passed. Mr. de la Rosa stated he has been in contact with Mr. Waterman via phone calls.

- 10-B-325** It was also recommended that a letter be sent to Secretary Michael Morgan, regarding the Shared Revenue Program.

Questions and comments continued.

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Moved approval. Vote 5-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-5

NOES: None

Chairman Holloway commended both the IGR Committee and the IGR staff for their efforts.

Staff Present:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, County Board

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations, County Board

Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded on tape, which is available for audit upon prior request of the Committee Clerk. The foregoing matters were not necessarily considered in agenda order. Committee "green files" contain copies of resolutions, amendments, ordinances, reports and correspondence, etc., which may be reviewed upon request of the Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board office.

Adjourned: 11:20 a.m.

Delores "Dee" Hervey
Chief Committee Clerk

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