

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, January 31, 2005 – 1:30 P.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

CASSETTE #2: Side B, #1-#524

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair)

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 05-68 Resolution by Supervisors Johnson and Dimitrijevic, authorizing and directing the Director, Intergovernmental Relations, to advocate Milwaukee County's position to the Wisconsin Governor and Legislature in support of full funding for the child care subsidy program known as Wisconsin Shares. **(Also to Committee on Health and Human Needs)**

#35 Supervisor Johnson commented on the resolution and provided the Committee with a handout from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau that summarizes the Department of Workforce Development's biennial budget request relating to the Child Care Subsidy Program, a copy of which is contained in the subject file.

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Approve the subject resolution [as also recommended by the Committee on Health and Human Needs at its meeting on 1/26/05]. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

2. 05-65 Resolution by Supervisors Quindel, White, Weishan, Devine, Broderick, Borkowski and Dimitrijevic, authorizing and directing the Director, Intergovernmental Relations, to pursue legislative or administrative policy changes that would establish wage and benefit caps for W-2 agency executives. **(Also to Committee on Health and Human Needs)**

#67 **APPEARANCE:**
Supervisor Roger Quindel

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Supervisor Quindel submitted the following amendment for the Committee's consideration:

1. **MODIFY** the following WHEREAS clause, beginning on line 29:

WHEREAS, it has been suggested previously that a more equitable and appropriate wage and benefit level for W-2 executives would be consistent with that of the Governor of Wisconsin, i.e., a W-2 agency employee whose sole function is W-2 related should not receive wages and benefits in excess of those received by the Governor; and

2. **ADD** the following WHEREAS clause, beginning on line 32:

WHEREAS, in the event a W-2 agency employee allocates time among W-2 and non-W-2 activities, the amount billed to the W-2 program should be proportionate to the Governor's wages and benefits; for example, if an agency employee devotes 40% of her time to W-2 activities, the amount of W-2 funding allocated to that person's wages and benefits should not exceed 40% of the Governor's wages and benefits; and

3. **MODIFY** the following RESOLVED clause that begins on line 39:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Director, Intergovernmental Relations, to pursue the necessary legislative or administrative policy changes that will prevent any W-2 agency executive staff from receiving W-2 wages and benefits that exceed the wage and standard employee benefits available to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin; and

4. **ADD** the following RESOLVED clause:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the W-2 wage and benefit policy recommended above shall, in the event a W-2 agency employee allocates time among W-2 and non-W-2 activities, be applied in proportion to the Governor's wages and benefits, as cited in the example above.

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve the aforesaid amendment by Supervisor Quindel.

Questions and comments ensued.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic pointed out that, at the request of the Health and Human Needs Committee, Committee members were provided with a report setting forth the estimated annual salary of County positions that exceed \$100,000, a copy of which is contained in the subject file.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Vote on approval of amendment by Supervisor Quindel: 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve the resolution, as amended. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

3. 05-84 Resolution by Supervisors Quindel, Weishan, Broderick and Dimitrijevic, urging the State of Wisconsin to raise the State's minimum wage rate to \$6.50 an hour, as recommended by a bipartisan group of business and labor leaders.

#234

APPEARANCE:

Supervisor Roger Quindel

Chairman Holloway introduced Mark O'Connell and Craig Thompson from the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), who were in the audience.

Supervisor Quindel commented on and urged support of the subject resolution.

Supervisor Johnson was added as a co-sponsor.

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve the subject resolution.

The following individuals registered in support of the resolution:

Douglas W. Curler

Michael Balistriere, Milwaukee Labor Council

Further comments followed.

Vote on approval: 6-1

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-1

NOES: Borkowski-1

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

4. 05-86 Resolution by Supervisors Nyklewicz, Holloway, Clark, Coggs-Jones, Johnson, McCue, Quindel, Schmitt, Weishan and White, authorizing the placement of two advisory referendum questions on the April 2005 General Election ballot on whether the State of Wisconsin should pay for the cost of the state mandated court system and human services programming.

#280 **APPEARANCE:**
Mark O'Connell, Wisconsin Counties Association

ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Approve the subject resolution.

Mr. O'Connell informed the Committee that 46 counties have currently taken action at their Board levels regarding this matter, two counties have acted not to put these questions on the ballot, and the rest of the counties have scheduled this matter for Committee/Board action.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic was added as a co-sponsor on this resolution.

Vote on approval: 6-1

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-6
NOES: Borkowski-1

5. 05-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative package. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

#342 **APPEARANCE:**
Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. de la Rosa verbally updated the Committee as to fiscal and legislative developments in Madison.

He reminded the Committee that informational sessions have been scheduled for Friday, February 4, and Monday, February 7, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 203-R of the Courthouse at which time state legislators representing Milwaukee County will be present to provide Supervisors with the opportunity to communicate the County's top fiscal priorities for the 2005-2007 state budget.

Mr. de la Rosa proceeded to summarize some of the highlights of the Governor's state of the state address of January 12.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

He advised of a very quick development relating to property tax freeze legislation or what would be called fiscal controls on local property taxes. Such legislation was introduced in the Senate and the Assembly last week, was sent to the Joint Finance Committee, there is a substitute amendment providing a major change in the language, it is scheduled for a hearing in Waukesha on February 1, and it is also scheduled for an executive session.

While the County does not have an actual position on such legislation, Mr. de la Rosa indicated he is hearing that there may be a possibility of some fiscal control on local taxes provision included in the Governor's budget.

Questions and comments ensued.

ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 278-3932 (voice) or 278-3937 (TTD), upon receipt of this notice.

STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst

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Length of Meeting: 1:35 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Adjourned,

Lauri Henning

Chief Committee Clerk
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway, 278-4261
Committee Clerk: Ms. Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Mr. Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Monday, March 14, 2005 - 10:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse – Room 201-B

Minutes

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue, Holloway (Chair)-7

Cassette Tape No.3 SIDE A: 01-EOT
Cassette Tape No. 3 SIDE B: 01-501

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

RESOLUTION-1

1. 05-153

Resolution by Supervisors Quindel, Schmitt, Clark, Broderick, Weishan, Rice, McCue, Borkowski and Devine, urging the State of Wisconsin to create a Health Facilities Planning Board for the purpose of implementing a Certificate of Need (CON) Program to help restrain health care costs by preventing unnecessary construction or modification of health care facilities.

#69

APPEARANCE(S): Supervisor Quindel

ACTION BY: (Borkowski) Moved approval. Vote 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue, Holloway (Chair)-7

NOES: None

2. 05-10

From the Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding preliminary analysis of Governor's proposed 2005-2007 Budget.

APPEARANCE(s): John LaFave, Register of Deeds, Gail Krystosek, Register of Deeds Office, Ed Eberle, County Executive's Office, Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations, and Chief Judge Michael Sullivan

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Both Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch gave highlights of the said report. Discussion ensued with questions and comments.

Mr. LaFave and Ms. Krystosek addressed how their Department processes Real Estate Transfer Fees.

SIDE A: #601

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested that the Committee have County Board staff draft a letter from the County Board to Mayor Barrett and the Common Council President Hines expressing the County's concern and displeasure with the approach the Governor is proposing regarding the Real Estate Transfer Fee issue.

SIDE B: #420

Supervisor Holloway asked Mr. Eberle to check with all County Department heads that have requested legislative action on the Hill. They need to come forth and present their concerns to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Finance and Audit Committee and County Board for review, because there have been situations wherein the County's lobbyist in Washington and the County Board has no knowledge of what issues are being requested in Washington. It is imperative that the County's Intergovernmental Relations Division is contacted about intergovernmental relations, so everyone is on the same page.

#467

Supervisor Nyklewicz requested that Mr. Eberle, discuss with the County Executive about the fiscal impact of the Governor's proposed budget and communicate his issues and priorities to the County Board. Further, he indicated that the Department of Administrative Services is the mechanism to access and coordinate the fiscal response for the County Executive as to what the total dollar impact on the Governor's proposed budget would be from a state and federal budget perspective on Milwaukee County.

Executive
address

Supervisor Holloway stated that he would invite the County to come before the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to this issue.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations

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Length of meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Adjourned,

Delores "Dee" Hervey, Committee Clerk

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Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway, 278-4261
Committee Clerk: Ms. Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Mr. Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Monday, April 25, 2005 - 1:00 P.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse – Room 201-B

Minutes

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Borkowski, Johnson, McCue, Holloway (Chair)-5
EXCUSED: Supervisors Nyklewicz and White-2

Cassette Tape No. 4 SIDE A: 01-END
Cassette Tape No. 4 SIDE B: 01-138

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 0511 From Fiscal and Budget Administrator, regarding potential fiscal impacts
(05-237) to Milwaukee County due to federal and state budget proposals.

#69 **APPEARANCE(S):** Steve Agostini, Fiscal and Budget Administrator,
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Mr. Agostini reviewed the subject report.

**ACTION BY: (Borkowski) Moved to receive and place on file the
said report. Vote 5-0**

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Borkowski, Johnson, McCue, Holloway (Chair)-5
NOES: None

2. 05-10 From the Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on
Legislative package. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

APPEARANCE(s): John LaFave, Register of Deeds; Roy de la Rosa,
Director of Intergovernmental Relations; Kelly Bablitch, Assistant
Director, Intergovernmental Relations; and Rob Henken, Director,
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Both Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch gave highlights of the said
report. Discussion ensued with questions and comments.

Mr. LaFave commended the efforts of the IGR team as it relates to the
Real Estate Transfer Fee Issue.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Chairman Holloway directed the IGR staff to work with Mr. Henken on a letter to the State Legislators regarding the impact the Governor's proposed Income Maintenance cuts would have on both the Milwaukee County workers and the clients served.

Discussion ensued on the overwhelming caseloads Milwaukee County workers have. Chairman Holloway inquired about the stress levels and what if anything is in place. It was agreed that Mr. Henken would provide the Committee with a comparative analysis on the caseloads numbers in other metro cities.

STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst

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Length of meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Adjourned,

Delores "Dee" Hervey, Committee Clerk

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, May 23, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

CASSETTE #3: Side A, #1-#465

PRESENT: Supervisors Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and Dimitrijevic (Chair)

EXCUSED: Supervisor Holloway

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 05-269 Resolution by Supervisor Holloway, authorizing and directing the Director, Intergovernmental Relations, to pursue the necessary legislative and/or administrative policy changes to increase the residency requirement for eligibility in the General Assistance Medical Program to a minimum of one hundred eighty consecutive days in Milwaukee County. **(Also to Committee on Health and Human Needs) (NOTE: Health and Human Needs Committee, on 5/18/05, referred the subject resolution to County Board Staff, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Care Policy Task Force for a report back in July.)**

#20

APPEARANCES:

Terrence D. Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff

Rob Henken, Director of Health and Human Services

John Chianelli, Director, General Assistance Medical Program

Mr. Cooley commented on the subject resolution on behalf of County Board Chairman Holloway.

Questions and comments ensued.

ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Approve the subject resolution.

Further discussion followed, including a response by Mr. Chianelli that he would forward to members of the Intergovernmental Relations and Health and Human Needs Committees the existing policy and attestation requirement.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Vote on approval: 5-1

AYES: Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson and McCue – 5

NOES: Dimitrijevic (Chair) – 1

EXCUSED: Holloway

2. 05-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative package. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

3-A-245 **APPEARANCES:**

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch verbally updated the Committee as to fiscal and legislative developments in Madison.

Questions and comments ensued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 278-3932 (voice) or 278-3937 (TTD), upon receipt of this notice.

STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst

This meeting was recorded on tape. Committee files contain a copy of the subject resolution (Item 1), which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

Adjourned,

Lauri Henning

Chief Committee Clerk

Committee on Finance and Audit

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Committee Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, June 20, 2005 – 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

TAPE # 5: Side A, #467 to EOT
TAPE # 5: Side B, #001 to #446

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, *White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair)

*Supervisor White was not present at the time of the roll call, but arrived shortly thereafter.

Scheduled Items:

1. 05-10 From Intergovernmental Relations staff, Legislative Update on Assembly Bill 100 (State Budget) (**INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**) (Tape #5A-#509)

APPEARANCES:

Jennifer Gonda, Legislative Coordinator, City of Milwaukee County
Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. de la Rosa introduced Ms. Gonda, who provided brief comments.

Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch provided an update relative to the State Budget.

Mr. de la Rosa advised that there might be some difficulties in passing the current version of the budget. Several senators expressed concerns and reservations about it. When the budget passes, there may be some serious vetoes. The whole budget may be vetoed, which would cause the budget process to start over again. Mr. de la Rosa stated that this would be disheartening in that there were some significant improvements and

accomplishments included in the budget in areas that affect Milwaukee County.

He indicated that the Joint Finance version of the budget did make some changes to the Governor's budget in the area of public school education. The Governor has prioritized education as his number one concern.

Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch distributed and reviewed a document, that outlined Milwaukee County Funding Priorities and Legislative Requests, (a copy of which is contained in the subject file). Milwaukee County funding priorities include the Courts, Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement, Transportation and State shared taxes.

Mr. Henken provided comments relative to a positive impact of \$225,000 for 2005 and about \$450,000 for 2006, due to the extra \$5.00 reduction in the rates for Juvenile Correction Institutional (JCI) and Residential Care Center (RCC) placements. He stated that because of the continued success of Kathy Malone and the staff at the Delinquency and Court Services Division, working in conjunction with the Children's Court Judiciary, the number of commitments continues to decrease.

Mr. Henken also provided comments relative to Income Maintenance. He stated that the Joint Finance Committee put back \$3.7 million into Income Maintenance statewide and the Department of Health and Family Services indicated that they have found an additional \$400,000. The Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services Income Maintenance contract for 2006 will be level funded.

Chairman Holloway requested that Mr. Henken address an issue regarding the food stamp program in his department. Mr. Henken stated that the Committee will be receiving a copy of his response to Secretary Nelson's letter. He indicated that the Food Stamp program is doing remarkably well. Their error rate is very low. Chairman Holloway indicated that he would forward a letter of support to Department of Health and Human Services division staff.

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested forwarding a letter to the Governor complaining about the act of the Secretary in sending the letter in the first place, letting him know that this was uncalled for.

Questions and comments ensued.

Ms. Bablitch provided comments relative to cuts in community aids and child care.

Mr. de la Rosa provided comments relative to the GAMP program, Child Support Enforcement, Transportation and shared revenue.

Supervisor Borkowski raised concerns relative to the timeline of the passing of the budget, specifically cuts to the Milwaukee Public School system.

Comments ensued.

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Dranzik, Research Analyst
 Roy de la Rosa, Director, IGR
 Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, IGR
 Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

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Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

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Linda Durham, Committee Clerk

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Wednesday, July 27, 2005 - 10:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

TAPE NO. 5, Side B, No. 450 to end of tape
TAPE NO. 6, Side A, No. 001 to 417

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, Johnson, McCue and Holloway
(Chairman)
EXCUSED: Supervisor Johnson

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 05-399 Resolution by Supervisors Holloway, Nyklewicz, Johnson and Dimitrijevic, urging the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to begin formulating a legislative policy that removes the cost of the circuit court system and human services from the local property tax levy. (Tape No. 5B-453 to 590)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Ms. Sara Diedrick-Kasdorf, Wisconsin Counties Association Senior Legislative Associate

Ms. Diedrick-Kasdorf gave a brief overview of the issues related to the biannual state budget, and explained that Assembly Bills 296, -268 and -509 (all relating to the property tax freeze) are of a high priority to WCA.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic requested to be added as a co-sponsor to the above resolution. Chairman Holloway asked Mr. de la Rosa to bring together the Milwaukee County delegation [of the Wisconsin Legislature] for a meeting to discuss issues and priorities.

MOTION BY: (NYKLEWICZ) Approve the resolution. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, Johnson, McCue and Holloway
(Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: White

2. 05-269 Report, referred back 5/26/05, recommending adoption of a resolution by Supervisor Holloway authorizing and directing the Director, Intergovernmental Relations, to pursue the necessary legislative and/or administrative policy changes

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

to increase the residency requirement for eligibility in the General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) to a minimum of one hundred eighty consecutive days in Milwaukee County. **(The Committee on Health & Human Needs, on 7/25/05, referred the matter to staff for a report back.)** (Tape No. 5B-594 to 6A-170)

Supervisor Dimitrijevic in the chair (Tape No. 5B-594). Supervisor Holloway explained the genesis of the above resolution as a solution to a concern with the GAMP program.

APPEARANCES: Mr. Rob Henken, Director of Health and Human Services
Mr. John Chianelli, Director, GAMP

MOTION BY: (NYKLEWICZ) Approve. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Holloway, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, Johnson, McCue and Dimitrijevic
(Acting Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: White

3. 05-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative package. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)** (Tape No. 6A-172 t 417)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Mr. Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Mr. John Chianelli, Director, GAMP
Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

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Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

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Committee Clerk

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Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, October 31, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201- B

MINUTES

CASSETTE #: **6; Side A, 418 to EOT
& Side B, 001 to 011**

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, *Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue, and Holloway (Chair)

*Supervisor Nyklewicz was not present at the time of roll call; however, he did appear later in the meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 05-492 Resolution by Supervisors Devine and Broderick, urging the State Legislature and Governor to adopt legislation to strengthen consumer protections related to payday loan stores. (Tape #6; Side A, 424)

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director/Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Asst. Director/Intergovernmental Relations

Supervisor Dimitrijevic requested to be added as a co-sponsor of the resolution. She explained that there is a concentration of payday loan stores in certain parts of Milwaukee County. Supervisor Dimitrijevic further explained that what is at issue is the rising rates and charges applied to the consumers using these stores. This resolution looks at a way to put a cap on and regulate such charges.

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Approve.

Supervisor Johnson also requested to be added as a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Supervisor White questioned whether Milwaukee County has gone on record in the past for similar predatory lending initiatives. Supervisor Dimitrijevic commented that, at this time, only payday loan stores are being addressed in the legislature.

Vote on approval: 7-0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

AYES: Dimitrijevic, *Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and Holloway (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

****Supervisor Nyklewicz was not present at the time of the roll call, but later requested to be recorded as voting Aye on this item. There being no objection, it was so ordered.***

2. 05-505 Resolution by Supervisors Nyklewicz, Holloway and McCue, urging the State of Wisconsin to reinvest any surplus generated from the operation of the State Circuit Court System to supplement State grants to help offset County Court costs. (Tape #6; Side A, 476)

APPEARANCES:

Chief Judge Kitty Brennan, County Funded State Court Services
Sarah Gunn, Clerk of Circuit Court Administrator - Criminal Division

Chief Judge Brennan spoke in favor of and supported adoption of the resolution.

ACTION BY: (McCue) Approve.

Supervisor McCue commented that the State supported fee increases twice by 30% in the 2001 - 2003 and 2003 - 2005 budgets without sharing any of the new revenues with the counties. Supervisor McCue referred to a report released by the State Legislative Fiscal Bureau on October 3, 2005, that showed and proved that the State is receiving a surplus of operating expenses of 18.5 million dollars for the Circuit Courts. Supervisor McCue urged his colleagues to support this resolution.

Supervisor Johnson requested to be added as a co-sponsor of the resolution and indicated that at the Wisconsin Counties Association board meeting, the board took unanimous action in support of this resolution.

Mr. de la Rosa further explained the action taken by the Wisconsin Counties Association as commented on by Supervisor Johnson and addressed the proper channels the resolution must follow once it has been passed in response to Supervisor McCue. Supervisor McCue requested Intergovernmental Relations to prepare a document in an effort to identify who, as far as the Milwaukee Delegation is concerned, supports this resolution and who does not to allow County Board Supervisors the opportunity to speak to the individuals who do not support the resolution.

Sarah Gunn indicated that John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Court, has asked the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court's Association's Legislative Committee to adopt a

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

similar resolution to get all 72 counties on board.

Vote on approval: 6-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and
Holloway (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: Nyklewicz

Later in the meeting, Supervisor Nyklewicz requested reconsideration of this item. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) AMEND the resolution as follows:
Line #1, the word surplus be replaced with fees and revenues; and
Line #58, the word surplus be replaced with fees and revenues. 7-0**

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and
Holloway (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Approve the resolution as AMENDED. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue and
Holloway (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

3. 05-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative package. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)** (Tape #6; Side A, 603 & Side B, 001)

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director/Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Asst. Director/Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch proceeded to give an update on the developments in Madison regarding the legislative package. Mr. de la Rosa indicated that the timing left in this session is as follows: April will be, in effect, the last possible date by which any legislation could move forward. Given the agenda, leadership has determined what items will be focused on and addressed. The Committee's challenge will be to get Court funding on the agenda and within the timetable.

Ms. Bablitch added information by stating that the perennial piece of legislation would change the jurisdictional amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for small claims

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

in Milwaukee County. Ms. Bablitch indicated that, due to volume in part, Milwaukee County has court commissioners, who are paid for by the County, hear small claims cases instead of judges, who are paid for by the State. The passage of this legislation would shift the burden of hearing these cases from the County's responsibility to the State's responsibility.

Supervisor McCue posed a question regarding a bill that will govern the Governor's veto authority and questioned if it would be possible to also include County Executives' veto authority. Mr. de la Rosa commented that he believes that that would require separate legislation. The Chairman suggested that Supervisor McCue look into this subject, solicit other supporters, and put something together for the Committee's review by the next scheduled meeting.

Further information was provided to the Committee in response to questions raised.

The Committee took no action on this informational update.

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STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst

This meeting was recorded on tape. Committee files contain copies of communications, reports and resolutions/ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of Meeting: 11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Jodi Mapp, 278-4073
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, December 12, 2005 - 10:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

CASSETTE #: 6; Side B, 012 to 574

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, *White, Johnson, McCue, and Holloway (Chair)
*Supervisor White was not present at the time of roll call; however, he did appear later in the meeting.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 05-437 Resolution by Supervisors West, Dimitrijevic and Coggs Jones, urging the passage of a comprehensive U.S. immigration reform law known as The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act.

14 **APPEARANCES:**
Supervisor Peggy West, 12th District

Supervisor West made her appearance before the Committee to request that this item be laid over until next month. She indicated that it is currently before Congress for modifications.

ACTION: (Dimitrijevic) Lay over. NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

2. 05-562 Resolution by Supervisor West opposing the approval of an off-reservation casino at the site of the Kenosha Dairyland Greyhound Park.

20 **APPEARANCES:**
Supervisor Peggy West, 12TH District
Jeff Crawford, Attorney, Potawatomi Bingo Casino

27 Supervisors Johnson and Borkowski requested to be added as co-sponsors of the resolution. There was no opposition from the Committee.

40 Supervisor West addressed the Committee in support of the resolution citing the great impact it would have on Milwaukee County as it relates to employment, local vendors, and community based organizations that offer services to low income, disadvantaged people. Without this resolution, more than 2,000 existing

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

jobs could be lost. She also stated that for every casino job that will be lost, less money would be generated for Milwaukee area vendors, from uniform suppliers to tour bus drivers. Supervisor West went on to advise the Committee that both the City and County of Milwaukee would receive less money to pay for services offered by local agencies and community based organizations that benefit from donations and grants made through Potawatomi's foundation. Supervisor West urged her colleagues to support the resolution to protect Milwaukee County's interests.

- 113 The following individuals appeared in support of the subject resolution:
Marilyn Garcia Oquendo, Employee, Potawatomi Bingo Casino
Lori Littlefield, Employee, Potawatomi Bingo Casino
Camilla Bell, Employee, Potawatomi Bingo Casino
Zandra John, Employee, Potawatomi Bingo Casino
Diane Smith, Employee, Potawatomi Bingo Casino
Kevina Vann, Employee, Potawatomi Bingo Casino
Jerrel Jones, Milwaukee County Resident

- 252 Questions and comments ensued. Mr. Crawford, Attorney for Potawatomi Bingo and Casino answered questions posed by Committee members.

ACTION: (Borkowski) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue, Holloway (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

3. 05-563 Resolution by Supervisor Nyklewicz urging the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to oppose the plans recommended by the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform that are harmful to Wisconsin taxpayers.

- 317 **APPEARANCES:**
Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Executive's Office

- 320 Supervisor Nyklewicz explained the importance of opposing the plans recommended by the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform that is harmful to Wisconsin taxpayers. He indicated the plans include key components that directly affect the ability to raise revenue locally. Those components are the mortgage interest deductibility, which is a major factor in people being able to afford and buy homes in the community and the loss of deductibility of State and local taxes.

- 338 Supervisors Johnson, White, Borkowski, McCue, and Holloway requested to be added as co-sponsors of the resolution. There was no opposition from the Committee.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Questions and comments ensued.

- 400 Mr. Villa offered input and implied that generally speaking, he feels that the County Executive would be supportive of the resolution.

ACTION: (Nyklewicz) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Johnson, McCue, Holloway (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

4. 05-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative package. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

410 **APPEARANCES:**

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Executive's Office

Mr. de la Rosa provided a summary regarding the legislative package offering detailed information covering the topic of court funding in association with mass transit. He indicated how court funding is a top priority for Milwaukee County in its continued pursuit of legislation in this area. Mr. de la Rosa stated that while there continues to not necessarily be total agreement on a funding mechanism or an entity given limitation of State resources, there is basically uniformity in the understanding that guardian ad litem and court interpreters should be the first area relative to court funding that is addressed. He also touched upon the elimination of indexing of the gas tax, and indicated that Milwaukee County Mass transit could be the mechanism by which that deficit is funded.

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Supervisor Nyklewicz commented on the numerous meetings held with government officials at the local and state level in an attempt to formulate a bill by which to get this matter before the legislature prior to the budget being submitted.

Questions and comments ensued.

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Mr. Villa explained that the County Executive's priority is to continue to explore accomplishing indexing without having to target any particular area for retribution. In reply to Supervisor Nyklewicz's request, Mr. Villa indicated that he will follow up and provide the Committee with information regarding the amount of money and percentages of State revenues that are generated by the Milwaukee Metropolitan area in terms of transportation related fees.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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Length of meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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