



**GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**March 28, 2006**  
**8:30 a.m.**

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Present: Ted Seifert, Richard Samuelson, David Hamilton, Brad Johnson, Amy Hove,  
Scott McNurlin, and Andrea Benck.

C/Seifert called the meeting to order.

**Extension Designations.** This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Jayne Hager-Dee who was not present do to a scheduling conflict.

**Office of Emergency Management Encumbrance.** Mr. McNurlin explained that Gary Fried wrote a grant in 2005 for 9-11 type disasters. The Zumbrota Fire Department purchased equipment that which in turn was supposed to be paid for using this grant money. The grant came in late in 2005 but was not carried over to 2006. Zumbrota has already paid for the equipment and has been reimbursed by the county.

Ms. Hove stated that this was simply a bookkeeping issue. The grant money was received late in the year and there was not enough time to pay the bills.

C/Seifert asked if this grant money was already spent. Mr. McNurlin agreed.

C/Samuelson clarified that everything was in place but the bookkeeping and Ms. Hove agreed.

***The committee recommended approval of the Office of Emergency Management Encumbrance for grant money received in 2005.***

C/Samuelson asked Mr. McNurlin about the Byllesby Dam and questioned if there was a siren in case of an emergency with the dam. Mr. McNurlin stated that there is equipment in place in the event of an emergency. Mr. McNurlin's worry with the entire Byllesby issue was the timeframe.

C/Samuelson asked if people living in the area know how the siren works and if they ever run any test drills. They do a drill every other year. Mr. McNurlin stated that the problem with too much notification is that people tend to ignore it. However, one area Mr. McNurlin felt they needed to improve on was relating to Byllesby Dam.

C/Samuelson did not want the county to ignore the issue and have an emergency. Mr. McNurlin stated that the engineer who has worked with them on the Dam indicated that Byllesby is designed to fail completely and not in parts. There are no real visible indicators that things are

beginning to fail. It will just fail. The Sheriff's Department would like to plan ahead so that if there is a lot of rain, they could notify people down stream.

C/Seifert asked if they can find out the flood path. Mr. McNurlin stated that during the test drills they do show the flood path.

C/Seifert asked if the city watch program was implemented. Mr. McNurlin stated that it is still in the process of being fully implemented. It is a multi use system.

**2007 Budget Calendar.** Mr. Hamilton stated that this calendar follows that same time frame as last year. There had been talks about bringing in the first draft to the budget committee in April and to the following board meeting. However, the last piece of the finance model has just been approved and is currently being implemented. To get all information together and to test the finance model against the budget model will take some time. Also, depending on the projections coming out of the first draft, other meetings may be arranged.

Mr. Johnson stated that they have the dates for Truth in Taxation in place. Mr. Hamilton stated that Levy limits are in talks at the capital. Mr. Johnson stated that there is not an official bill as of yet.

*The committee recommended approval of the 2007 draft budget calendar.*

Mr. Hamilton stated that the finance model will hopefully be used in October at the budget workshop.

*Next meeting: April 25 at 9:00 a.m.*