



**GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**November 27, 2007**  
**3:30 p.m.**

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Present: Commissioner Richard Samuelson, Commissioner Dan Rechtzigel, County Administrator Scott Arneson, Finance Director Carolyn Holmsten, Chief Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Amy Hove, and Administrative Assistant Andrea Benck.

C/Samuelson called the meeting to order.

**2008- Preliminary 2009 Budget Discussion.** Ms. Benck briefed the committee on the status of the 2008 and preliminary 2009 budget. The budget has been updated to reflect the change in health care from an HRA to an HSA. Enrollment for the HSA closes November 29 and at that time all final changes to health care will be made.

C/Rechtzigel questioned how much funding was in the budget for the Humane Society. The current budget showed \$11,000 for 2008 and \$12,000 for 2009. C/Rechtzigel suggested that the budget committee make a recommendation to the board to increase their funding to \$13,000 for 2008 and \$16,000 for 2009.

***The Budget Committee agreed to recommend that the County Board fund the Goodhue County Humane Society at \$13,000 for 2008 and \$16,000 for 2009.***

Mr. Arneson noted that there is no money in the current budget for generators. That will need to be addressed. The group discussed the generators and agreed that it was more critical to have generator back up for the Government Center and the Justice Center and that there maybe room for one generator within the preliminary levy. Public Health and Welfare were questionable since there were other issues with the buildings that still needed to be addressed.

The group also discussed the procedure for making changes to the budget. The board will be asked to adopt the budget on December 18, 2007. If a commissioner wished to make any changes to the budget, he could bring them up for discussion at either the December 6 or the December 18 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting: December 27 at 3:30 p.m.