



GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Administration Conference Room
July 26, 2005
9:00 a.m.

Present: Jim Bryant, Ted Seifert, Brad Johnson, Amy Hove, and Andrea Benck.

C/Seifert called the meeting to order.

1st Quarter Budget Report. Ms. Benck reviewed the 2nd quarter report with the committee. She pointed out that General Government, department 001, will be added to the third quarter report. At this point, the intent was to create a simplistic report that was user friendly for department heads and time efficient, yet detailed enough to give the county board the overall picture.

Amy Hove reviewed the report indicating that for 50% of the year, the county was operating at 43% of expenditures and 46% of revenues. However, a couple of things to keep in mind was that there has been a freeze on the capital plan and the Public Works Department budget had not spent half of their money like they typically do. If both of these accounts would have proceeded as normal, the county would be at 50.5% expenditures. Those figures will adjust as the year goes on. Ms. Hove also added that the budget adjustments were figured in on the front page of the report as C/Bryant suggested.

The revenue side was running at about 46%. The county has now received the state aid which will get the county closer to 50%. General Government was at 107%. Most payments are made at the beginning of the year which tend to draw up this percentage.

Mr. Johnson added that there are some fees that will be changing. They will no longer be allowed to receive split fees, but they will be trying to bring them back in another form. There will be a gap where they can not collect.

C/Bryant asked Mr. Johnson if the second half payment from the state was a for sure. Mr. Johnson that it was and in addition, the county should also be under the same formula for next year.

C/Bryant asked if the payroll could be simplified by not having a check stub. He suggested that the issue be discussed at the next management team. It would save the county staff time and money to simply that process by eliminating the check stub.

C/Seifert asked how many people do not have direct deposit. Mr. Johnson thought that most did use direct deposit, but there were still employees out there that did not. He added that it would save the county time and money. The school district is on a similar system.