



GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Administration Conference Room
June 28, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Staff Present: Commissioner Ted Seifert, County Administrator Scott Arneson, Finance Director Carolyn Holmsten and Andrea Benck.

Commissioner Richard Samuelson was absent.

Out of State Travel Request.

County Administration. County Administrator, Scott Arneson, requested Out of State Travel approval to attend the ICMA conference being held on September 18-21, 2011 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. In addition, the NACA Board of Director's Meeting will be held in conjunction with that meeting. This was a budgeted expense included in the County Administration 2011 approved budget.

The Budget Committee recommended approval of the Out of State Travel for the County Administrator to attend the ICMA Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 18-21, 2011.

Land Use Management. Kristi Gross, Land Use Management, requested to travel to Baudette, Minnesota, to attend the Association of County Agricultural Inspectors "Short Course Training" July 24-27, 2011. According to the Personnel Policy, travel over 300 miles requires board approval.

The Budget Committee recommended approval of travel greater than 300 miles for Kristi Gross to attend the Association of County Agricultural Inspectors Short Course Training in Baudette, Minnesota, July 24-27, 2011.

2012-2013 Outside Agency Funding Request. The following outside agencies attended the Budget Committee and addressed their funding level for 2012-2013.

Goodhue Soil and Water. Goodhue Soil submitted a funding request for \$334,000 for 2012 and \$334,000 for 2013. C/Seifert asked what they would do if the county could only fund them at a level equal to 2011. Mr. Roberson stated that they would probably have to reduce their capital budget and would continue to look for other options.

SCORE. Roy Harley representing SCORE submitted a funding request of \$500 which was equal to what the organization received in 2011.

Goodhue County Fair. Bob Samuelson on behalf of the Goodhue County Board requested funding of \$25,000 for 2012 and 2013. They did raise the gate fee by \$1 this year. In addition, they will be open on Sunday.

SELCO. Cannon Falls Library Director, Justin Padgett and James Hill Zumbrota Library Director addressed the committee regarding the budget reductions libraries are facing. They looked forward to working with the county on future funding needs for the libraries.

Administrator Arneson noted that the county has a contract in place with SELCO through 2012 but was not sure the board would be interested in any future contracts. The county is required to fund SELCO at a level determined by the state, however, the contract that has been in place for the past four years has exceeded that amount.

Goodhue County Historical Society. The Goodhue County Historical Society submitted a request for an allocation of \$92,000 for 2012 and \$93,000 for 2013. Ruth Nerhaugen and Marilyn Lawrence discussed the funding request with the committee. They discussed the fund raising the organization has put together to make up for the funding reductions. They are also currently working with the Red Wing City Attorney on the roofing issue for their facility.

Humane Society. Anna Ostendorf, Executive Director for the Humane Society discussed the funding request for 2012 and 2013. They were asking for a slight increase of \$1,000 each year.

Recommendations: C/Seifert recommended funding to have no increase for outside agencies for 2012.

C. Holmsten noted the request the county received from Semcac Senior Nutrition Center for \$5,000 and questioned if there was any interest in funding their request. S. Arneson did not feel the board was interested in adding any additional agencies to the list of those currently being funded. C/Seifert agreed but said the full board could address the issue as well.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.