



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

Present: Commissioner Richard Samuelson, Commissioner Dan Rechtzigel, County Administrator Scott Arneson, Finance Director Carolyn Holmsten, Public Works Director Greg Isakson, Land Use Management Director/County Recorder/County Surveyor, Lisa Hanni, Human Resource Director, Melissa Cushing, Veteran's Service Officer, Bob Davis, Chief Deputy Amy Hove and Administrative Assistant Andrea Benck.

C/Samuelson called the meeting to order.

Out of State Travel Request- County Engineer. County Engineer, Greg Isakson, requested that the Budget Committee approve an out-of-state travel request for himself, County Administrator, Scott Arneson, Legislative Liaison, Bob Davis, and one Commissioner to attend the annual Transportation Alliance Washington Fly-In scheduled for June 6-8, 2007.

The Budget Committee recommended approving the County Engineer, Greg Isakson, County Administrator, Scott Arneson, Legislative Liaison, Bob Davis, and one Commissioner attend the annual Transportation Alliance Washington Fly-In scheduled for June 6-8, 2007.

Recorder Compliance Fund. Per the County Board resolutions of June 6, 2006, staff provided the annual update of the progress of the approved projects utilizing the recorders compliance funds and submitted an updated list of projects.

The Budget committee recommended approving the annual list of projects utilizing the Record Compliance Funds.

Vehicle Policy. At the January Budget Committee Meeting, the vehicle policy was discussed and passed pending final discussions with employees who receive a monthly stipend for vehicle usage. Staff presented a revised report outlining the positive and negative aspects of a monthly stipend versus an accountable plan lease option in the employee's name where expenses are pro-rated based on the percentage of employee personnel use versus employer business versus an assigned County vehicle.

The Budget Committee recommended approval of the Vehicle Policy marked "current draft" without the accountable plan option.

The committee determined that the policy needed to be approved first and then the back page of the policy indicating the amount or the vehicle being used would be addressed at the following Personnel Committee.

Budget Calendar Update. The committee discussed alternative dates for the County Board Budget Workshop in August. Monday, August 6 was suggested instead of Thursday, August 8.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Next meeting: April 24 at 3:30 p.m.