

**JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**October 25, 2011**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the October 25, 2011 session of the Sheboygan County Board was called to order by Chairperson Michael J. Vandersteen at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Vandersteen noted that the notice of meeting was posted on October 18, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

The roll call was taken and recorded with 29 Supervisors present; Absent: 5, Supervisors Epping, Koch, Ogea, Oppeneer, and Raml.

**INITIAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET**

County Administrator Adam Payne presented the 2012 Proposed Budget. The 2012 Sheboygan County Budget marks the fourth budget in the last five years that decreases the property tax levy. The budget as proposed represents a .20% or \$91,028 decrease in the overall property tax levy. The County property tax levy for 2012 remains lower than it was for 2007. The proposed 2012 tax rate will increase from \$5.23 to \$5.28 or \$.05 due to the decrease in the County's total equalized value (property tax value decrease). However, the County tax rate for 2012 remains lower than it was in 2007, and \$.49 lower than the average tax rate over the past ten years.

Supervisor Raml arrived at 6:23 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET**

Chairperson Vandersteen noted that the Notice of Public Hearing was published on October 6, 2011 and declared the public hearing on the proposed 2012 budget open for anyone wishing to be heard. The following person spoke:

Robert Harker, 2305 North 36<sup>th</sup> Place, Sheboygan

There being no other persons wishing to be heard, Chairperson Vandersteen declared the public hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

The Chairperson announced that the next order of business would be the review of the 2012 Proposed Budget and directed the County Clerk to go through the budget on a department by department basis. As each department was identified, the Chairperson requested that any amendments be offered.

Prior to the department by department review, **Supervisor Te Stroete made a motion to amend the budget for all departments by decreasing their cost for health insurance by \$158,437 county-wide for a net decrease in the tax levy of \$158,437.** Supervisor Ablor seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

**Supervisor Te Stroete made a motion to amend the Non-Departmental Budget by decreasing miscellaneous reimbursements by \$150,000 and increasing contingency expense by \$8,437 for a net increase in the tax levy of \$158,437.** The motion was seconded by Supervisor Weggeman and carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

Thereafter, the County Clerk went through the budget on a department by department basis and the Chairperson solicited any amendments. None were sought.

**Supervisor Winkel made a motion to amend the budget by using \$430,000 from the undesignated fund and reducing the revenues from property tax levy by \$430,000.** Supervisor LeMahieu seconded the motion which was defeated on roll call vote of the board of Ayes: 8, Supervisors Glavan, Holub, LeMahieu, Otten, Raml, Van Der Male Jacob Van Dixhorn, and Winkel; Noes: 22; Absent: 4, Supervisors Epping, Koch, Ogea, and Oppeneer.

When no further motions were offered, Chairperson Vandersteen declared the Budget Review Session concluded.

**Supervisor Bemis made a motion to refer the budget back to the Finance Committee.** Supervisor Marthenze seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board.

The 2012 Proposed Budget, as modified by the floor motions, was referred back to the Finance Committee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Supervisor Bemis made a motion to adjourn to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.** Supervisor Winkel seconded the motion which carried on unanimous roll call vote of the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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