

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD/PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**

Ms. Sharon Schmeling presiding.

Mr. Kuhlman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

County Clerk Barbara A. Frank called the roll, all members being present except Mr. Jones and Mr. Seefeldt.

District 1.....Richard C. Jones	District 2..... Vic Imrie, Jr.
District 3 Greg David	District 4 Gail Towers MacAskill
District 5 Jim Braughler	District 6..... Ron Buchanan
District 7 Dwayne C. Morris	District 8..... Rick L. Kuhlman
District 9..... Scott Seefeldt	District 10 Lloyd Zastrow
District 11 Donald Reese	District 12 Mike Burow
District 13Vacant	District 14..... Pamela Rogers
District 15..... Steven J. Nass	District 16 John Molinaro
District 17 Carol Ward Knox	District 18..... Sharon L. Schmeling
District 19.....Amy Kramer	District 20..... John C. Kannard
District 21 Robert G. Yachinich	District 22 Blane Poulson
District 23 George Jaeckel	District 24..... Gregory M. Torres
District 25..... Walt Christensen	District 26 Carlton Zentner
District 27 Glen D. Borland	District 28 Julie J. Nelson
District 29..... Paul Babcock	District 30..... Jim Mode

County Administrator Gary Petre informed the Board that it was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

In regard to changes in the agenda, communications will be read after the committee reports.

No one registered for public comment on non-budget items.

The public hearing on the proposed 2009 County Budget commenced at 7:22 p.m. Twenty-seven supervisors were present with two absent (Jones, Seefeldt), and one vacant.

The floor was opened for the public hearing.

Ninety-five persons completed a public comment slip of which 67 requested to speak (56 actually spoke) on the following issues:

Bonding for capital projects/highways: Howard Wiedenhoeft, Watertown.

Courthouse security: Judge Randy Koschnick, Branch 4 Circuit Judge for Jefferson County.

Farmland Preservation: Clarence Mess, Watertown; Margaret Burlingham, Palmyra; Larry Oliverson, Concord; Dan Poulson, Palmyra; Catherine Kleiber, Waterloo; Weenonah Brattset, Jefferson; Howard Wiedenhoeft, Watertown; Sue Marx, Helenville.

Highway Department: Ann Jenswold, President of Local 655, Jefferson.

Jefferson County Literacy Council: Jill Ottow, Jefferson County Literacy Council, Fort Atkinson.

People Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse (PADA): Sara Babcock, PADA President, Jefferson; Rev. Mark Moore, Watertown; Cory Krueger, Watertown.

Rock River Free Clinic: Gail Scott, Fort Atkinson; Dr. Bob Karczewski, Jefferson; Paul Hable, Fort Atkinson; Dr. Greg Gehred, Medical Director of Rock River Free Clinic, Fort Atkinson; Deb Gatzke, Board member of Rock River Free Clinic, Lake Mills; Jacquelyn Titus, Jefferson.

University of Wisconsin-Extension: Dan Poulson, Palmyra; Weenonah Brattset, Jefferson; Lisa Conley, President of Rock River Coalition, Oconomowoc; Jason Kissner, Jefferson; Daphne Holterman, Watertown; Courtney Jackson, Jefferson; Caitlyn Gerlach, Palmyra; Shelly Gard, Whitewater, Walworth County; Aubrey Gard, Whitewater, Walworth County; Penny LePak-Frazer, Palmyra; Jeannie Winkleman, Oconomowoc; Becky Ruehl, Palmyra; Dan Grunewald, Jefferson; Lisa Small, Watertown; Dale Konle, Watertown; Ann Davis, Lake Mills; Maryann Dubree, Watertown; Warren Stendel, Sullivan; Larry Oliverson, Sullivan; Monica Gerner, Fort Atkinson; Christy Stair, Sullivan; Jessica Pfeifer, Oconomowoc; Gary Reinke, Johnson Creek; Sarah Mueller, Ixonia; Kelly Lee, Johnson Creek; Jayne Jenks, Sullivan; Ed Bielinski, Watertown; Caleb Jenks, Sullivan; Cory Krueger, Counseling Center of Watertown, Watertown; Alyssa Boley, Watertown; Cheyanne Au, Helenville; John Hoffmann, Whitewater; Pam Seidl, Johnson Creek; Howard Wiedenhoef, Watertown; Linda Ager, Jefferson; Lois Wiedenhoef, Watertown; Carrie Mess, Johnson Creek; Tom Novak, Sullivan; Kathy Steindorf, Watertown; Brenda Thayer, Jefferson.

Zoning: Kathy Steindorf, Watertown.

Ms. Rogers moved that the public hearing on the 2009 Budget be closed at 10:35 p.m. Seconded and carried.

The regular order of business resumed.

Mr. Kannard read the Infrastructure Committee report on the Courthouse security entrance.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jefferson County Courthouse Security and Facilities Committee, created by Supreme Court rule, consists of various members of the local judiciary, the County Administrator, Clerk of Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, various members of the county staff and citizens. This Committee has worked over the past several years to improve courthouse security and has previously recommended creating one secure entrance for the Courthouse to be staffed for purposes of screening for weapons. The single entrance issue has been reviewed by various county committees over the years. An initial estimate to build a secure entrance was obtained in September 2005 in the amount of \$344,000. Later, as part of the Space Needs Study, a second estimate of approximately \$400,000 was obtained.

In the County Board's adopted 2008 Budget, \$400,000 was designated in the General Fund for courthouse improvements including the secure entrance described above. Resolution 2008-35 directed the Infrastructure Committee to take bids to construct the secure entrance and review the bids and a staffing plan to be provided by the Sheriff's Department and report its recommendations to the County Board.

The Committee met on October 9 to review bids from two vendors and staffing costs. Maas Brothers Construction Co., Inc. bid \$312,700. JP Cullen & Sons, Inc. bid \$361,506. During the time the project was out for bid, the Finance Committee met to discuss and make recommendations concerning the 2009 budget. One recommendation made by the Finance Committee was to reduce the Sheriff's staff by four deputies. In addition, the Finance Committee recommended utilizing the \$400,000 designated in the General Fund in 2008 for courthouse improvements for different purposes in 2009. The Sheriff's Department, anticipating the probability that its staff would be reduced by four full-time deputies in 2009, estimated a cost of \$54,230 to hire part-time deputies to staff the security entrance.

Given the overall financial condition of the County and the Finance Committee's recommendations concerning the 2008 designated funds and the 2009 budget, the Infrastructure Committee recommends not proceeding at this time to award a contract for this project.

(An item is listed on the County Board agenda in the event a supervisor wishes to propose a resolution to award a contract for this project. Twenty affirmative votes would be required, as a budget amendment would be necessary to transfer money from the designated general fund location to an appropriate account to pay for the construction project.)

Respectfully submitted,

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

By

John Kannard, Chair

Jim Braughler

Richard C. Jones

Carol Ward Knox

Donald Reese

No resolution was presented to award a bid on the courthouse security entrance.

The following is a list of persons and organizations forwarding letters/e-mails to the County Clerk and the subject of those communications:

Farmland Preservation: Catherine Kleiber, Waterloo.

Jefferson County Literacy Council: Jefferson County Reducing Recidivism Coalition.

People Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse (PADA): Alejandra Munoz, Jefferson; Sara Babcock, PADA Board President, Jefferson.

Rock River Free Clinic: Kim Lopez.

University of Wisconsin-Extension: Town of Watertown; Timothy J. Roets, Chief of Police, City of Watertown; Janet M. Werner, Executive Director, Jefferson Chamber of Commerce; Susan N. Polk, President of Jefferson Kiwanis Club; Judd Lefebber, Watertown; Leslie LaMuro, Fort Atkinson; John McKenzie, Fort Atkinson; Rebecca L. Mehringer, Helenville; Steve Cline, Fort Atkinson; Kathleen Groskopf, Jefferson; Stephen Zimmerman, Johnson Bank, Fort Atkinson; Beth Gehred, Fort Atkinson; Thomas Griswold, Ixonia; Bill Dovi, Waterloo; Thomas and Barbara Lyon, Town of Oakland; Catherine Kleiber,

Waterloo; Wesley, June and Byron Freeman, Whitewater; Dan Schoonover, Field Rep. for Foremost Farms U.S.A.

Zoning: Catherine Kleiber, Waterloo

The communications were received and placed on file.

There being no further business, Mr. Buchanan moved that the Board adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Seconded and carried.