

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 3:00 p.m., Douglas Finn Conference Room 270
Government Center, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present – There were 16 present, 5 absent. Absent - Nick Baker, Alan Jaques, Scott Luostari (arrived 3:13 p.m.), Robert Mock, David Conley. Others present – Andy Lisak, Candy Holm-Anderson, Darrell Witt, Linda Corbin, Tracy Ruppe, Jason Jackman, Christine Ostern, Keith Kesler, Steve Rannenberg, Dan Blank, Sue Sandvick, Michele Wick, Brian Erickson, Carolyn Pierce, Lisa Johnson, Carol Jones, Jerry Moe, Pat Schanen, Dave Longsdorf, Jon Harris, Pamela Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

County Board Chair Liebaert welcomed attendees to this third annual County Board planning meeting. Lisak explained this is an opportunity to look at the big picture for 2017 budget and identify tools to balance the budget in 2017.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MISSION, VISION, AND ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES REVIEW: Document attached/reviewed. Vision statement to be re-visited later in the year.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIALS AND INCOME STREAM PROJECTIONS: Finance Director Holm-Anderson presented Financial Status, Trends and 2017 Outlook, for individual departmental/non-departmental budgets, investments, sales tax revenue, net new construction, and the tax levy. Financial data from 2006-2016 was reviewed.

DEPARTMENTAL CHALLENGES/PROJECTIONS FOR 2017: Budget planning in relation to state budget and challenges/opportunities reviewed for each department.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS/DEPARTMENT MANAGERS TO IDENTIFY AND RANK: Lisak explained he is looking for guidance/input on proposed revenue sources and ways to reduce expenses. The following options were reviewed and ranked by attendees 1 – 5, with 1-not acceptable/should not be considered; 5-very acceptable/should be considered.

Proposed Revenue Sources: Implement county vehicle registration fee (wheel tax). Referendum to exceed operating levy rate limit; Increase budgeted forestry contribution to General Fund; Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Reserve; Bond for capital projects; Use underutilized reserve funds; Increase city lease payment; Increase fees.

Ways to Reduce Expenses: Reduce county's portion of health insurance cost; Reduce departmental budgets by average annual surplus; Delay filling new positions; Cut non-mandated programs; Reduce level of service; Across-the-board budget cuts.

Next Steps and Wrap-Up: Lisak will compile the rankings and make available to the County Board and department managers for follow-up.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Quam, second Robinson, to adjourn. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski
Committee Clerk