

Chairperson: Supervisor Patricia Jursik
Committee Staff: Steve Cady and Steve Kreklow

MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Monday, December 14, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 203-R

MINUTES

PRESENT: Richard Abelson, Cynthia Archer, Rob Henken, Lisa Jo Marks, Pete Beitzel (designee of Tim Sheehy), Supervisors De Bruin and Jursik (Chair)

EXCUSED: Stephanie Stein, Supervisor Thomas

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Charge of the Committee

This item was postponed until the January 2010 meeting.

2. Five-year Forecast Report

APPEARANCE:

John Ruggini, Assistant Fiscal & Budget Administrator

Mr. Ruggini reviewed the forecast submitted to the Committee on Finance & Audit in September and then took questions.

Ms. Archer requested examples of structural changes in the 2010 budget, including changes in fringe benefits, provision of housekeeping and mainframe services, and an increase in the property tax levy.

Members asked questions about assumptions in the model.

Staff defined a structural deficit as “expenditures outpace revenues”; “ongoing expenditures exceed ongoing revenues”; and “expenditure growth outpaces revenue growth.”

3. County Fringe Benefit/Legacy Cost Primer Report

APPEARANCE:

Scott Manske, Controller

Mr. Manske explained the spreadsheet "Fringe 2009 Projection June" and responded to questions.

Mr. Abelson requested further explanation on the County's Contribution to Retirement Systems line in the spreadsheet.

Members and staff discussed interpretations of the fringe benefit spreadsheet.

Mr. Manske shared a presentation on legacy costs.

4. Confirm Next Meeting Date/Possible Reports

The group agreed to meet on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. Members shall send a designee if they cannot attend.

Supervisor Jursik envisioned the group creating bright line conclusions, continuing to define "structural deficit" and other concepts.

The group agreed to return to Item 1. in January.

Supervisor Jursik asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Abelson requested to speak with Mr. Manske and Mr. Jerome Heer if he had any additional questions.

Adjourned,
Alexis Gassenhuber
Legislative Assistant