

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Lauri Henning, 278-4227
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, January 30, 2006 - 10:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

**CASSETTE #: 6; Side B 603 to EOT
7; Side A 001 to 518**

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, *Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan, Holloway (Chair)

*Supervisor Nyklewicz was not present at the time of roll call; however, he appeared shortly thereafter.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 0611 Update on proposed Airport Authority legislation. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Terri Perry, City of Milwaukee, Intergovernmental Relations
Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office

- 6/B-617 Mr. de la Rosa stated that as of this morning, a specific bill of legislation has not yet been introduced. He indicated that it is expected to happen at any time and there is concern that a public hearing will be held quickly. Once the legislation is introduced, given the very limited amount of time that's left, there will be a very small window during which this legislation can be introduced and passed. Mr. de la Rosa wanted to put everyone on notice that, conceivably, there may be a very short notification period relative to the Committee's assistance and participation.

The concept, as explained by Mr. de la Rosa, is moving forward with a bill that would basically put the governance of the airport under an appointed authority consisting of members that would be selected by the Governor and the County Executive. This is something that was not solicited by the County. Supervisors raised concerns at meetings with the authors of the legislation. A letter was signed by 17 of the 19 County Supervisors opposing this concept, which was forwarded to the legislature and to the authors of the bill. Intergovernmental Relations also sent a letter to the authors reiterating that this legislation was not requested or wanted but more importantly, focusing in on the items where their

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

assistance is wanted and needed; specifically, Court funding, social services, and transit. Mr. de la Rosa informed the Committee that as soon as legislation is introduced, everyone would be notified immediately.

6/B-655 Ms. Perry indicated that the City's Judiciary and Legislative Committee will be meeting and a position will be taken. At that point, there will be direction to work with Mr. de la Rosa, Ms. Bablitch, and other legislators in the State on this matter. Once that meeting takes place, the information will immediately be forwarded to the County's Intergovernmental Relations Department.

Questions and comments ensued.

6/B-700 Supervisor Nyklewicz provided the Committee with copies of an open records request and response (copy attached to the original minutes) and explained that the request was submitted to Representative Stone. The letter gave a tentative date of February 6, 2006, as a timeframe to receive said records. The Representative's response indicated that the information requested would be forwarded as soon as is practicable.

7/A-104 The Chairman stated that he met with the President and Vice President of Midwest Airlines who indicated they had absolutely nothing to do with the proposal. Committee members suggested that the Chairman get a letter of endorsement stating that exact same thing in support of Milwaukee County and the County's position from Midwest Airlines for the Intergovernmental Relations team to take to the State government. The Chairman agreed to request such a statement in writing.

7/A-201 When asked, Mr. Villa indicated that the County Executive's Office has not yet taken an official position on this matter.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

2. 06-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative matters. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Terri Perry, City of Milwaukee, Intergovernmental Relations
Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office

7/A-214 Mr. de la Rosa provided the Committee with updates on significant legislative items, which included Assembly Bill 636, Court funding and Assembly Bill 680, 13.10 procedures, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the Conceal and Carry law, and

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

earmarking requests.

Mr. de la Rosa stated that Assembly Bill 636, a County legislative item, passed both Houses of the Legislature and is on its way to the Governor. This Bill basically increases the 7 to 14 days time period by which the Sheriff is to serve restraining orders in cases of harassment and child abuse. This legislation mirrors the timeline for domestic violence restraining orders. It is an item that was requested by Family and Children's Courts.

Mr. de la Rosa discussed Assembly Bill 680, which is the perennial Small Claims Bill. This Bill would increase jurisdiction of Small Claims from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Additionally, the legislation as introduced would create another unfunded mandate and increase the workload to Small Claims, which is run by Court Commissioners who are on the County tax levy. This would exacerbate the Court funding situation. Because counties raised numerous concerns, the author attempted to move forward with legislation that would still increase the threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 but would allow counties, for the first time, to participate in a Circuit Court surcharge that in the past has always gone to the State. Although this is a slight improvement to the Bill, it is not enough.

There was mention by a Committee member of a 13.10 procedure that relates to Guardian ad Litem. Mr. de la Rosa explained the 13.10 procedure by stating that this would have to be introduced and requested by the Department of Administration to the Joint Finance Committee. Both co-chairs of Finance would have to agree to bring the proposal from the Department of Administration to the Joint Finance Committee. These are emergency measures that are brought up before the Committee in which they identify funding sources. There would have to be a majority vote in support of this item for it to be passed and move forward to the Governor. Once that takes place and is approved, it does not have to come back to the legislature.

7/A-314 The Chairman requested an updated information sheet from Mr. de la Rosa for all Committee members to have in front of them when making calls to legislators and aides.

7/A-317 Mr. de la Rosa commented on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which he referred to as a new development. He explained that legislative leadership, particularly in the Senate, is going to change their approach in dealing with Taxpayer Bill of Rights by looking at revenue caps. It would take the form of a Constitutional Amendment, and it would limit revenues that State and local governments could collect. Under the plan, State and counties would increase revenues equal to the combination of the increase in population plus inflation. There would also be caps placed on municipalities and cities. That would be a different formula. As opposed to looking at the expenditure side, which is what originally started the

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Taxpayer Bill of Rights, now they're beginning to shift and look at the revenue side.

Questions and comments ensued.

7/A-411 Mr. de la Rosa addressed the Conceal and Carry Law stating that it has already passed through the Senate and will be before the Assembly. There were attempts to make exemptions relative to parks, zoos, City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Summerfest, and State Fair Park. Those attempts have failed.

Questions and comments ensued.

7/A-442 Mr. Villa indicated that the County Executive's position would be that it is important for the legislature to decide.

7/A-459 Ms. Perry indicated that the City of Milwaukee joins the County in passionately lobbying against this Bill.

7/A-495 The last legislative matter that Mr. de la Rosa touched base on was earmarking requests. He stated that Milwaukee County was solicited to submit earmarking requests for federal funds. A quick meeting with the Department of Administration was held in which, through department administrators, departments were solicited to put in their prioritized list of federal earmarking requests. The Federal earmarking requests have been submitted.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

STAFF PRESENT:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Steve Cady, Research Analyst, County Board

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Length of meeting: 10:15 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Wapp

Committee Clerk
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Delores "Dee" Hervey, 278-4230
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 1, 2006 - 2:00 P.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 203-R

MINUTES

TAPE NO. 7, Side A, No. 520 to end
TAPE NO. 7, Side B, No. 001 to end
TAPE NO. 8, Side A, No. 001 to 180

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chairman)

EXCUSED: None

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 06-10 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on legislative matters. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)** (Tape No. 7A-535 to 712)

- A. Update on Court Funding and Assembly Bill 680.

Invited Speakers:

State Representative Jeff Stone
Wisconsin Counties Association

APPEARANCES: Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. de la Rosa stated that Representative Stone will not be able to appear before the Committee today.

Discussion ensued regarding AB-680 Small Claim Bills and an amendment to the bill by the Joint Finance Committee. Mr. de la Rosa stated that there are concerns with the resolution moving forward as amended, and he will continue to work to get this item scheduled on the Assembly floor.

Discussion ensued regarding Guardian ad litem funding, the position of the Chief Judge to oppose, and soliciting support from the Wisconsin Counties Association's present and past leadership.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

- B. Update on first consideration of proposed Constitutional Amendment to the 2005 Legislature relating to creating revenue limit for the state and local governmental units (Taxpayer Protection Act: Senate Joint Resolution 63/ Assembly Joint Resolution 77). (Tape No. 7A-713 to 7B-500)

Invited Speakers:

County Executive's Office
Department of Administration Budget Director
Wisconsin Counties Association

APPEARANCES: Mr. David Eisner, President, Local 594, District Council 48, AFSCME (Oppose)

Ms. Denal Crawford, District Council 48, AFSCME, Local 594 (Oppose)

Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. Thompson, Wisconsin Counties Association (Tape No. 7A-613 to approximately 7B-250)

Mr. Stephen Agostini, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS (Tape No. 7B-325)

Mr. Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office (Tape No. 7B-275)

Mr. de la Rosa explained that SJR-63 is the new Wisconsin Taxpayers Protection amendment and the first public hearing will be in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Discussion ensued regarding requesting a public hearing in Milwaukee County, whether this issue is a rural or urban issue and the resolution's impact on Milwaukee County.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY: (NYKLEWICZ) (Tape No. 7B-470) Refer the matter to the Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS, for a report back as to the effects of the legislation on Milwaukee County finances both short-term and long-term, taking into account the most recent projections, as made by the Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS, for subsequent budget years.

MOTION BY: (WEISHAN) Direct that a written report is provided to Intergovernmental Relations Committee prior to its next meeting. **Motion accepted by Supervisor Nyklewicz as a friendly amendment.**

VOTE ON MOTION TO REFER WITH DIRECTION: 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chairman)

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

2. 0611 Discussion and possible action on various legislative initiatives authored by Representative Jeff Stone. (Tape No. 7B-512 to 651)

Invited to Appear: Representative Jeff Stone

APPEARANCES: Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations

- A. Status and description of Airport Authority legislation.
- B. Senate Bill 378, relating to eliminating the right to a jury trial in Termination of Parental Rights proceedings.
- C. Assembly Bill 975, relating to placement of persons on supervised release.

MOTION BY: (NYKLEWICZ) Lay over to afford Representative Stone an opportunity to appear.

Supervisor Nyklewicz stated that he has asked Representative Stone to provide a copy of the draft legislation, but he has yet to comply with this open records request.

Supervisor White requested that he be kept apprised of this item and any other similar measures.

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

3. 04-382 From the Committee on Finance and Audit, referring An Audit of the Sheriff's
(a)(a) Office Expressway Patrol Unit, dated January 2006, for dissemination to the Milwaukee County delegation. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)** (Tape No. 7B-652 to 692)

APPEARANCES: Mr. Joe Kuetner, Milwaukee Deputy Sheriff's Association
Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Supervisor Nyklewicz directed the Intergovernmental Relations Department to work with the Deputy Sheriff's Association to secure additional funding from the State for the expressway patrol unit.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

4. 06-10 Wrap-up from Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on other legislative matters. **(INFORMATIONAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)** (Tape No. 7B-693 to 8A-180)

APPEARANCES: Ms. Sharon Cook, Intergovernmental Relations, City of Milwaukee County
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Thirteenth District

Ms. Cook stated that the City of Milwaukee is working on TABOR because there is a concern regarding costs to the City taxpayers and is also working on opposing a regional airport authority because there are concerns about additional taxes by an entity other than an elected body.

Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Nyklewicz asked for information from the City regarding the impact of the state funding two-thirds of the cost of urban education versus rural education. Ms. Cook stated that she could provide that information.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Mr. Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Mr. Stephen Agostini, Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DAS
Mr. Jim Villa, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office

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Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Maribeth Welchman
Committee Clerk

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Chairperson: Supervisor Lee Holloway
Clerk: Delores "Dee" Hervey 278-4230
Research Analyst: Steve Cady, 278-4347

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, - April 10, 2006 @ 10:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chair)-7

CASSETTE #8: Side A, #180-EOT

CASSETTE #8: Side B, #1-355

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 06-197 Resolution by Supervisor White, signifying Milwaukee County's support for Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 356, a State of Wisconsin environmental insurance choice of law bill.

8-A-185 **ACTION BY: (White) Approve.** **Vote 7-0**
AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chair)-7
NOES: None

2. 06-213 Resolution by Supervisors Weishan, White, Johnson, Cogg-Jones, Broderick, Quindel and Dimitrijevic, urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the "special provisions" of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

8-A-276 **APPEARANCES:**
None

ACTION BY: (Weishan) Approve.

Discussion ensued. Supervisor Nyklewicz stated that the National Association of Counties had identified the Voting Rights Act as one of the key Legislative priorities for 2006.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Vote to approve. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Weishan, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-7

NOES: None

3. 06-10 From Fiscal and Budget Administrator, submitting an informational report on the effects of the 2005 Joint Resolution (SJR 63/AJR 77) relating to creating a revenue limit for state and local governments, also referred to as the Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

8-A-323

APPEARANCES:

Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, DAS

Ms. Bryant gave a general overview of the said report.

ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Receive and place on file the said Department of Administrative Services (DAS) report dated March 22, 2007 and forward to the Milwaukee Delegation. Vote 6-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, Weishan, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-6

NOES: None

EXCUSED: White-1

4. 05-437 Resolution by Supervisors West, Dimitrijevic and Coggs-Jones, urging the passage of a comprehensive U.S. Immigration Reform Law known as The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act. **(Laid over 12/12/06)**

8-A-460

APPEARANCES:

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Move to substitute the resolution by Supervisors West and Dimitrijevic. Vote 6-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowsk, Weishan, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-6

NOES: None

EXCUSED: White-1

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Approve.

Supervisor Nyklewicz requested to be added as a co-sponsor. There being no objection, so ordered by the Chair.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Discussion ensued.

The following individuals spoke or registered in support of the said substitute resolution:

County Board Supervisor Peggy West, 12th District
Jose Luis Lopez, National Latino Peace Officers
Luis J. Gonzales (did not speak)
Bruce Colburn, SEIU (did not speak)
David Somerscales, SEIU Local 1
Maria A. Sigala, Voices de la Frontera (did not speak)
Leticia Meza, Voices de la Frontera (did not speak)
Fr. Thomas Mueller, MICAH and Orthodox SS Cyril & Methodius Church
Jeanne Geraci, Voices de la Frontera
Carolina Pabon, Casablenca Realtors

Discussion continued.

On the motion to approve the substitute resolution. 7-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, Weishan, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-7
NOES: None

5. 06-10 Wrap-up from Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding update on other legislative matters. **((FOR INFORMATION ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE))**

8-B-10

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. De la Rosa, gave a summary of legislative issues.

Discussion ensued. Mr. De la Rosa commended both Supervisors White and Dimitrijevic for testifying before the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs as it related to the airport. In addition, he gave kudos to County Board Chairman Holloway for sending a letter to the FAA citing the objections of a majority of the County Board Supervisors regarding an attempt to take over the airport.

No action was required by the Committee on this item.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Mr. Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Ms. Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, DAS

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Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Tuesday, September 26, 2006 @ 10:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chair)-7

Cassette No. 8, SIDE B 357-EOT
Cassette No. 9, SIDE A 01-348

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 061R2 Invitation to the Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC) to present the September 11, 2006 report by the GMC Quality of Life Task Force.

APPEARANCES:

Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations

- 8-B-369** Mr. Cooley gave an overview of the communications sent to the GMC Committee Task Force Co-Chairs, dated 9/12/06, that referenced the following:
- Milwaukee County Services
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Health Care Costs
 - Pension Obligation Bonds
 - State Court System
 - State Control Board
 - Identify the number of GMC members who reside within Milwaukee County
 - Invitation to appear at today's meeting.

Mr. Cooley stated that a letter dated 9/18/06, from the GMC Co-Chairs that they would not be available to attend today's meeting due to pre-existing travel commitments. They did offer to either meet with the County Board Committee of the Whole or appear at the upcoming County Board Public Budget Hearing on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to present the report.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

8-B-500 The 9/20/06 communication was to Julia Taylor, President, GMC inviting her to appear at today's meeting. She responded verbally her inability to attend.

The 9/26/06 communication to Mr. Lubar and Mr. Abele, Co-Chairs, GMC, was to invite them to the next scheduled Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Supervisor McCue suggested that the 2007 Budget Hearing Schedule be forwarded to the GMC Committee.

8-B-527 Supervisor Borkowski said he would ask GMC what have they done as far as the Southeastern Insurance Health problem because it is affecting the local economy. Do they have a study or action plan relating to this issue? Chairman Holloway recommended that a letter be sent to the GMC Task Force addressing this concern when they do come before the Committee.

8-B-540 Supervisor McCue moved to lay the item over until the next IGR Committee meeting.

There being no objection, it was so ordered by the Chair.

2. 06-376 Resolution by Supervisors Nyklewicz and Holloway urging the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to Repeal a New Non-Wage Federal Withholding Requirement of 3% on the Procurement of Most Products and Services.

8-B-547 **ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Approve. Vote 7-0**
AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chair)-7
NOES: None

3. 06-10 Update from Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding legislative matters. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

8-B-562
APPEARANCES:
Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division
Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Brian Dranzik, County Board Research Analyst
Sharon Cook, City of Milwaukee, Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. de la Rosa briefly discussed the Wisconsin Legislative Council Special Committee and Airport Authorities that has been created and other legislative issues. Courts and Courts funding.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The first meeting basically laid out the intent, possible ownership and operation of airports in the state by independent airport authorities to ensure an efficient transportation system to foster regional and state economic growth. If desirable, recommend implementing legislation for independent airport authorities, including creation, jurisdiction, governance, finance, transfer and transition.

The membership consists of twelve members. Those members representing Milwaukee County consists of:

Representative Jeff Stone

Alderman Terry Witkowski, City of Milwaukee Common Counsel

Representative Mark Honadel

Senator Jeffrey Plale

Richard Abelson, DC 48

George Torres, County Executive appointee

Supervisor James White is scheduled to be a member of this committee effective September 26, 2006, as the County Board appointee. He attended a meeting last week in Madison relative to history of aviation in the State of Wisconsin and airport security.

A meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2006 to deal with the economic impact and business of an airport. Invited speakers will testify. A schedule for future meetings has been outlined. A meeting will be held in Milwaukee toward the end of October at a place to be determined.

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested that County Board staff attempt to get before the Committee a report prepared by the airport relative to the revenue sources generated by General Mitchell International Airport. Parking fees is generating approximately 65% of the airport revenue.

8-B-607 Supervisor Dimitrijevic asked for the next steps are after the study committee meetings are concluded.

Ms. Bablitch indicated that Mr. Dranzik has and will continue to attend these meetings on behalf of the County Board.

Chairman Holloway said that a major part of the airport's revenue has to do with parking and he was not sure how many individuals are aware of this. Supervisor White stated that retail concessions also play into this revenue.

Ms. Bablitch said the Committee, if deemed necessary by the majority of the members, after a series of five meetings, would draft legislation. A meeting will be held on October 25, 2006 in Milwaukee, which was confirmed by Representative Stone.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The location of the Milwaukee meeting for October 25, 2006 will be held at the airport. Supervisor White said he believes the meeting could be held at the Courthouse 203-R to make sure the meeting is taped and discussions can be heard.

8-B-724 Supervisor McCue requested IGR staff look at all the airports in the State of Wisconsin and how much tax levy is going to subsidize those airports. Waukesha County's airport is on the tax levy. In addition, he wanted a copy of a report that states that Milwaukee County's Airport (GMIA) is one of the best airports in the nation.

8-B-721 Supervisor McCue suggested that a mobilization plan with municipalities regarding the airport issue be developed.

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested putting this issue on the agenda and have the individuals who are proponents of this measure come before the County Board and make their case as to how and why the airport needs to be taken over by the State of Wisconsin.

Discussion ensued on the issue of shared revenues that are possibly jeopardized by the school choice formula. Ms. Cook said the issue does not bring any additional funding to either county or city government. It has a direct impact on property taxpayers.

9-A-65 Sharon Cook, City of Milwaukee Intergovernmental Relations Director, asked to address the Committee regarding the Special Committee on Airport Authorities and Chair Representative Jeff Stone's meetings with the editorial board regarding General Mitchell International Airport.

Chairman Holloway instructed Ms. Cook to obtain a letter, as soon as possible, from Mayor Tom Barrett reinforcing the City of Milwaukee's opposition to a hostile takeover of GMIA. Letter should be presented to the Special Legislative Council Committee on Airport Authorities with a copy sent to the Board's IGR committee. Ms. Cook noted that she would take action.

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EXCUSED: Supervisor White

CASSETTE NO. 9 SIDE A 348-END & B-END (*Technical difficulty-Side B*)

CASSETTE NO. 10 SIDE A01-436 (*Technical difficulty- Side A*)

A moment of silence was offered for Dr. Joseph Darwin and his family who played a huge role with the hospitals and saving the General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP). He was also responsible for the paramedic program being developed within Milwaukee County. The program was operated under his medical license and direction. He made the procedures and policies. The trauma one center at the County Grounds is also attributed to him.

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Kelly Bablitch, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Sheldon Lubar, Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC)
Julia Taylor, President Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC)
Supervisor James J. Schmitt, District 19

- 9-A-433** Ms. Taylor gave an overview of the GMC Study. One of the areas the GMC Committee looked at was the Pension Obligation Bonds (POB's). They felt this would have the largest financial impact because of the long-term funding. Also trying to keep the insurance costs from escalating to 20% per year was another area of concern. GMC recommended a study committee for POB's. She addressed the self-insurance model. GMC advocated for a wellness program because the program makes a difference in capping increases. In some cases driving increases into actual decreases in cost. They hope the County would

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

consider this as they look at insurance changes. GMC called for more intergovernmental agreements that currently are areas of services the County provides that you may be the sole provider such as the fire department at the airport. It would make sense to have those services provided by the City. Basically the County would be covering a number of shifts with a limited number of people at the airport.

GMC looked at common sense areas for lower costs and strengthening relationships with other governmental bodies. Also GMC called for an inventory of the current assets the County has. The last asset review was about six years ago. This asset review is important for adequate insurance coverage and how the County is controlling energy and maintenance costs. In addition a review of non-parkland would show what is disposable and putting it on the market. Liquidating that asset would bring dollars in to take care of deferred maintenance, other debts and long-term costs the County has.

9-A-490 Mr. Lubar addressed how the GMC got started on this. They appointed a quality of life subcommittee and cultural assets. The first meeting was approached by the Parks People who felt the parks was key and should be part of the study. GMC did not address the Human Services element of the County Budget. Mr. Lubar said the County has addressed human services in a major way within the budget. He did not feel GMC could provide any further input. GMC did not look at Human Services to see if it was adequately financed by the State.

9-A-540 The GMC report deals with reducing costs. It does not tell the County how to negotiate with the Union regarding healthcare costs. Several consultants worked on the GMC report and indicated that there was room to save substantial amounts of money.

Mr. Lubar said he focused on the governance area. He never spoke with a supervisor who complained about governance. The County does not have control on what gets placed on the tax bill, which is an area where most citizens will complain.

There are numerous taxing authorities like MATC, which is a major part of the tax bill. Mr. Lubar said GMC only talked about governance in a generalized way only because they did not feel capable to provide alternatives to what the County currently has. He continued by stating that the County has responsibility without authority. You have authority out there without responsibility, which is not a good recipe. This results in the cultural assets being squeezed down. He used the Milwaukee Public Museum with over \$30M debt as an example. He did not know how the County was going to approach that.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

GMC did not offer a solution to the Museum issue because they felt it was not in their purview.

9-A-577 Mr. Lubar said he is a member of a task force Governor Doyle has convened. The task force will conduct a study and make recommendations by December 1, 2006. The Governor may consider those recommendations as part of his January 1, 2007 budget. The Governor's task force is still open and does not deal with cultural assets exclusively as the GMC Task Force did.

9-A-581 Discussions ensued with comments and questions from the Committee.

Supervisor Nyklewicz addressed what the State requires of the County without any adequate level of funding for supporting those services. For example, eliminating General Assistance Cash grants, getting out of the hospital business, W-2 Program was transferred to private entities, child welfare was transferred to the State and the state took \$20M of the County's shared revenues to accomplish this.

9-A-590 The County has campaigned on a series of referendums asking the county residents and State of Wisconsin who should pay for state required programs.

The Courts have recently advanced a proposal from the Supreme Court relative to a phase in of some costs to reimburse to counties, but unfortunately the Governor's task force was willing to entertain discussion by the Chief Judge, but limited her ability to communicate the specifics of the Supreme Court.

9-A-614 The County feels the Chief Judge should be allowed to talk specifically about the proposal the Supreme Court developed and advocated for. The proposal has the support of a number of judges throughout the State of Wisconsin, including chief judges and the Supreme Court itself, which is a major step forward.

9-A-619 Supervisor Nyklewicz further stated that the County has repeatedly asked for dedicated funding for transit. Milwaukee County is the only system in the country still relying on property taxes to sustain and support property taxes. We have the highest cash fares in the County for our transit system. There will be an increase in fares for the 2007 Budget.

The other area the County needs some relief is with the Local Option Sales Tax. Locally flexibility to determine sales tax levels would allow the County to dedicate funding to support our cultural institutions like Parks and Recreation.

Unfortunately the County Executive vetoed an attempt to get a referendum question on the ballot this past fall in two forms: a quarter percent and a half percent. The Board failed one vote short in each case to override the veto.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The County Executive has espoused this notion that the people should have a right to set and speak in terms of taxes. He supports Tabor, which would freeze taxes forever. He does not support an opportunity for people to have an input by referendum as to what is an appropriate level of support to maintain the quality of life in this community.

- 9-A-627** The reason for the decline in the quality of life programs is the increased cost of state mandated programs and services. Health care and pension contributions in recent years has accelerated that problem but the major problem has been the County has been living under a tax imposed or capped rate on spending since 1993. The last two years it has been frozen.

The County is currently operating in the 2006 budget for 2007, \$45,000,000 less in tax levy support. This would have been allowed under the old caps. This is very relevant. We need GMC's help and understanding.

The POB's may work but it is not a simple matter as pointed out in the GMC report. The County is not exchanging a fixed rate cost for a fixed rate cost. The current earnings on the bonds are variable and if we switched to a liability with POB's it becomes a hard liability. So we are taking a soft liability and moving to a hard liability with a fixed interest cost

Supervisor Nyklewicz stated that the County is not the problem but is working toward solutions.

Mr. Lubar said the Chief Judge was concerned about bailiff funding. She will be submitting a memo to GMC on the things needed in the courts. A statement in the GMC report on an oversight board was not a mistake. If the problems cannot be resolved, then a change must be made to the system.

Discussion ensued on GA cash grants and State mandated services/programs. It was pointed out that the focal point of GMC's discussion should be that the State does not provide sufficient mandate to the County.

- 9-A-706** Supervisor Dimitrijevic addressed the following: County's funding for the Museum, new revenue, and funding for cultural assets.

Mr. Lubar addressed spending and revenue. The County is working within restraints they do not control. Raising taxes is appropriate. Reducing expenditures at MATC is appropriate. There is no single answer. If the County just asks the State of Wisconsin to provide more money as the solution, this will not get the County anywhere nor just raising taxes. He stated that like any business, they don't just open and run and make money. There is a real challenge to get the

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

revenue and keep the expenses where they should be. It is the same challenge for Milwaukee County.

9-B-11 Supervisor Dimitrijevic said the County is facing fiscal challenges not a crisis.

9-B-25 Supervisor Borkowski gave kudos to Mr. Lubar for his personal wealth and contributions within the community. He proceeded to address the health insurance issue and felt no urgency from GMC or the business community regarding health. There are efforts but no results are seen.

-B-129 Mr. Lubar said the escalating health care is happening across the United States. There appears to be a lack of competitiveness with hospital rates. He is willing to sit down with any group to address the issue. An idea of a Health Savings account, which is portable, non-taxable, and you can move with it, is a place to start. Health Care stock is the most prosperous.

Supervisor Borkowski said he is looking to leadership of the business community like GMC, MMAC and others, that the County needs some assistance.

9-B-162 Ms. Taylor spoke about what GMC has been working on. If you want to talk about cost containment, talk to the Business Health Care Coalition. Consider talking to them about becoming a member. The other groups within GMC's healthcare committee include insurers, hospitals and business partners. People have a right to live in a safe and healthy environment. There is limited prevention. The level of community nurses is limited as well as school health nurses.

Ms. Taylor said more jobs are needed in the community.

9-B-207 Supervisor McCue addressed the healthcare costs. The Finance and Audit Committee took charge by appointing an Employee Health Care Work Group along with input from Cambridge Advisory Group, to save some money.

He further stated that State mandates are really hurting Milwaukee County.

9-B-280 Supervisor Weishan also addressed State mandates. We can only cost shift so much.

10-A-5 Supervisor Schmitt addressed the Committee. It is important that work is continued on the health care issue. Pressure must be applied to core providers. The business community should be working with Milwaukee County to address the health care issue and wellness programs.

10-A-157 Supervisor Nyklewicz encouraged GMC to consider alternative non-property tax funding mechanism for transit and a local option sales tax for County Government

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

for some discretionary spending. The City of Milwaukee is the only municipality within the County that annually assesses property. So the growth in terms of what depreciation is in property values continues to hit people. It is one of the major factors driving the frustration of property taxes in this community. If he put out a referendum to his district and asked what is more ominous—the City reassessing your property taxes every year or the County pension scandal? He felt that the response would show more frustration and anger over what drives people out of their homes—taxes.

10-A-193 Supervisor Nyklewicz stated that the property taxes being used, as the funding mechanism for all of these services, is really a problem. He did not discount health care and other components raised in the discussion. However, it all comes back to the property taxes.

10-A-203 Supervisor West commented on the needs of the Courts and DA Office. They cannot take cuts.

10-A-276 Chairman Holloway stated that the County is doing what it can with the resources available. The County is being progressive.

Mr. Lubar thanked the Committee for the dialogue and will work with the County.

2. 06-10 Update from Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding legislative matters. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

10-A-312 Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch gave a brief update on the upcoming Legislative session and overview of the Airport Legislation Council.

The Legislative Session starts January 2007. Meetings have occurred with County Departments to obtain their legislative requests. Departments have submitted their budget requests through the State Department of Administration. The Governor will review those requests and submit a budget to the Legislature in February. The Joint Finance Committee will review the Governor's request A bill will then go to the Senate and Legislature by June.

Financial concerns are driving many of the departmental budget requests. Some of the main areas are the courts and court funding, expressway aids from the Sheriff, public safety concerns, Child Support funding, Income Maintenance and Transit. As it relates to courts, Chief Judge Brennan, did make a presentation to the Governor's Task Force.

A meeting was held last week of the Legislative Council on the Airport Authorities. It was reported that Mr. Bateman and Supervisor White, which was

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

his first official meeting on the committee, gave an outstanding presentation on the airport. After the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee indicated that they might have to look at some enabling legislation. However, it was also indicated that perhaps the committee might need to look at privatization and airport authority legislation.

10-A-385 The council only has two committee meetings left.

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested that IGR staff draft a letter for the Board to sign officially stating the County's position and opposition for the need of an Airport Authority. In addition, cite the working relationship the County has with the airlines. It has been productive. The County verbally asked the airlines to consider withdrawing their support for legislation. There has been no response to date.

It was suggested that a second set of letters go out to neutralize the efforts for the airport authority. The capital projects have been included in the budget. The caveat is that it would be revisited prior to issuance of bonds. This would ensure that bases are covered in protecting the taxpayers' interest.

Supervisor McCue inquired about his previous request from the September meeting as it relates to airports in the State of Wisconsin and how much tax levy is going to subsidize those airports.

Ms. Bablitch indicated that they would continue to follow up on Supervisor McCue's request.

Staff Present:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

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COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 @ 10:00 a.m.
Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

Cassette No. 10, SIDE A: 437-EOT

Cassette No. 10, SIDE B: 01-490

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-5

EXCUSED: Supervisor Weishan-1

NOT PRESENT: Supervisor White-1

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 06-487 Resolution by Supervisor Nyklewicz, urging the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.

10-A-450 Supervisor Nyklewicz commented on the said resolution.

ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Moved approval. Vote 5-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-5

NOES: None

2. 06-10 Update on legislative matters. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

10-A-459 APPEARANCES:

Terrence Cooley, Chief of Staff, County Board

County Board Supervisor Gerry Broderick, District 3

Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. Cooley gave a synopsis of the State Task Force on Milwaukee County Finances Recommendations. They recommend that the Governor consider legislation-allowing Milwaukee County to issue Pension Obligation Bonds under certain reporting conditions. Including what would be an annual report on the progress of meeting financial benchmarks and putting together a multi-year financial plan.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

In addition, recommendation that the Governor consider the recommendations of the Director of State Courts in terms of making counties more partners with the State with revenue that comes through the court system.

A recommendation that the task force consider legislation that changes the requirements of the pension study commission to include financial qualifications.

A recommendation that the Governor look at higher funding levels for Shared Revenues.

A recommendation that the Governor look at the funding level and the method of distribution for the youth-aids formula.

They also made some suggested comments:

(1) That the County takes certain actions with the health care plan including incentives of moving enrollees in lower cost plans.

(2) For further study, recommend that legislation be looked at to study the impact of criminal penalty laws as they move forward.

(3) Encourage the Governor to review options for increasing federal claims under the General Assistance Medical Program.

(4) Suggested that the State look at the County's overall governance.

(5) Also suggested that the Governor consider looking at alternative funding models for the juvenile courts under youth aids.

The summary section of the report was a discussion of GAMP, which they indicate the States provides \$6.9m in GPR revenue and the County provides \$6.8M County funded support.

Mr. Cooley stated that he emailed the task force 2007 County Budget as it relates to GAMP, which shows that the County provides between \$12-13M in tax levy support.

Mr. Cooley stated that he emailed a comment to the task force and suggested that they may want to change the report, was where the report states that the State exclusively funds child welfare in Milwaukee County.

In addition, Mr. Cooley summarized the minority report recommendations that included:

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- New way of looking at the State/County relationship
- Stop deduct of \$20M in the shared revenue
- Address unfunded mandates-income maintenance
- Fully fund the sheriff Patrols of expressways
- Juvenile corrections issue where the County is paying \$78,000 per year for youths going to a State facility
- Remove mass transit from property taxes
- Counties be allowed a local sales tax option
- Allow counties and municipalities to impose a tax on cigarettes.

10-A-595 Supervisor Nyklewicz took exception that the POB's is the solution to all the issues and challenges confronting Milwaukee County. He stated that the County Board is taking steps that due diligence is done with regards to any POB issuance before authorizing a final product.

Supervisor Nyklewicz commended the work of Attorney Levinson (representing the County) for capturing the major issues that remained unaddressed by the Task Force.

10-A-632 Supervisor Broderick commented that the Task Force report failed to examine the tax structure in the State of Wisconsin.

Discussion ensued.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

3. 06-494 From Director of Intergovernmental Relations, submitting 2007-2008 Milwaukee County Legislative Package.

10-A-699- APPEARANCES:

EOT Roy de la Rosa, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
10-B-01 Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations
John Barrett, Clerk of Courts/Director of Court Services

The Intergovernmental Relations Staff prepares a legislative package for Milwaukee County prior to the beginning of every State biennial session. This document, upon approval by the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive, provides Intergovernmental staff the authority to communicate and advocate the expressed policy positions to members of the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Executive Branch.

Both Mr. de la Rosa and Ms. Bablitch commented on the said 2007-2008 Legislative Session Milwaukee County Legislative Package. The State faces a possible \$1.6 billion deficit by mid -2009.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- 10-B-75** Mr. Barrett addressed the Committee regarding the funding of court services. He mentioned that a meeting with the Milwaukee County delegation, Clerk of Courts/Director of Court Services and Chief Judge would take place on Monday morning, December 18, 2006.

Chairman Holloway stated that he would attend.

Discussion ensued at length on the said report which included:

- Health and Human Services
- Child Support Enforcement
- Sheriff, Transportation
- State Shared Taxes
- Milwaukee County Legislative Priorities-Airport
- Pension Obligation Bonds

- 10-B-281** It was recommended that IGR staff send a letter to Mr. Ron Waterman, County Lobbyist in Washington, to get the Senate and Congress to consider repeal of cuts previously passed. Mr. de la Rosa stated he has been in contact with Mr. Waterman via phone calls.

- 10-B-325** It was also recommended that a letter be sent to Secretary Michael Morgan, regarding the Shared Revenue Program.

Questions and comments continued.

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Moved approval. Vote 5-0

AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, McCue and Holloway (Chair)-5

NOES: None

Chairman Holloway commended both the IGR Committee and the IGR staff for their efforts.

Staff Present:

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