

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 5:07 p.m. at the Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Roll Call was conducted and the following Supervisors were present: Richard Brandl, Tim Brellenthin, Kathy Ingersoll, Daniel G. Kilkenny, Kenneth H. Monroe, Joe Schaefer, Charlene Staples, David A. Weber, Paul Yvarra, and Chair Nancy Russell. Vice-Chair Rick Stacey was absent.

○ **Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2014**

Administrator David Bretl invited Nicki Andersen, Deputy County Administrator-Finance, and Jessica Conley, Comptroller, to come forward. Bretl credited the Finance Department and all county departments for their work on the budget. Chair Russell read the award and presented it to Andersen and Conley.

○ **Presentation of County Administrator's proposed 2015 budget and budget workshop**

Bretl presented an overview of the 2015 Administrator's Budget. A copy of the 2015 Administrator's Budget was distributed to those present.

Bretl stated this budget proposes a .45% increase in the overall levy, which includes both uniform and non-uniform county levies, and this fits within the goal that had been established by the Finance Committee earlier this year. He explained the important dates in the budget process as outlined in the budget book. He referenced the sidebar articles highlighting key events that occurred throughout the year in Walworth County including the passing of Coroner John Griebel and the final Support the Troops Rally taking place on November 24, 2014.

Bretl gave an overview of the 2015 Budget Themes. **Conservative, Sustainable Practices:** Bretl gave an overview of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), which is the county's commitment to provide health care to its retirees. He said in his estimation, the county does not have to make an extraordinary contribution to this obligation this year. He also said Employee Health Care is important to our long-term well-being and the plan design changes that were made last year will be continued. He stated the county is drawing down the health insurance reserves in a planned way; therefore, he is not requesting an increase in the county's health insurance premium.

Bretl stated it is critical that the county move to a model where infrastructure can be maintained without the need to borrow funds. He said they have returned this annual expense to the tax levy by building reserves dedicated to road construction. He stated the county now has the ability to fund over \$15.3 million in road projects over the next five years without the need to borrow. He gave an overview of the county's capital assets, which depreciate each year. He said they are making progress toward the goal of fully funding the depreciation. He also said the county has been very aggressive in calling the bonds. He stated there is nothing left to call at this time until 2017 and 2018. He said

I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors for the September 4, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting.