

**MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
ANNUAL PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING
August 20th, 2015
Community Services Center, Sparta, Wisconsin**

BOARD PRESENT:

David Pierce, Chairperson
Craig Buswell, Vice Chairperson
Wade Blackdeer
James Rice
Cynthia Wise

STAFF PRESENT:

Ron Hamilton, Director
Tracy Thorsen, Clinical Administrator
Sue Rettler, ADRC Supervisor
Diane Erickson, Business Administrator
Cathy Abbott, Admin. Services Coord.

BOARD ABSENT:

Christopher King, Secretary
Daniel Olson
Susanne Peck (Excused)
James Shilling (Excused)

GUEST:

Theresa Burns Gilbert

Call to Order: Chairperson David Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. One individual was present from the general public to hear the budget presentation or comment on the same.

Presentation/Discussion/Public Comment of 2016 Proposed Human Services Budget –

Discussion/Action: Ron Hamilton and Diane Erickson informed Board members about the process that was utilized in preparing the 2016 budget. They presented a budget comparison of revenues and expenditures from 2012 through 2016, along with a comparison of the 2015 revised budget to the 2016 proposed budget. They reviewed specific line items in the proposed budget providing more detail on items included under each revenue and expenditure category.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that the staff salary and fringes that were included are very close estimates as these figures have not yet been made available through the fiscal software. Ms. Erickson explained the revenues and expenses associated with the various consortia, the carryover amount of \$107,000 for use with the Avatar software, and the \$300,000 reserve fund that will also carry into next year. She also noted some areas under office operations and client services where the budget reflects a modification from the current year's budget.

Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Erickson explained that there will be no additional county levy required for next year's budget, although the overall budget reflects an increase by \$754,451 due to the expansion of current programs and all program areas being fully staffed.

Although no formal action was necessary, it was determined following discussion about the budget after inquiries had been addressed, A MOTION MADE BY CRAIG BUSWELL, SECONDED BY JAMES RICE, CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR to send the proposed 2016 Human Services budget to Cathy Schmit, the County Administrator, for her consideration and recommendations to the Finance Committee during their budget deliberation process prior to presentation of the full county's budget at their November County Board meeting. There were no comments made by the public who was present at this meeting.

Adjournment (approximately 10:30 a.m.): Upon completion of the 2016 budget presentation and addressing questions, the annual public budget meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. following A MOTION BEING MADE BY CYNDI WISE, SECONDED BY JAMES RICE, AND CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted:



Cathy L. Abbott
Administrative Services Coordinator

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