
Chair Tatur called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Schmit distributed a budget estimate for 2011 which included an estimated wage and benefit increase, an estimated 10 percent increase in health insurance, a reduction in sales tax revenue, a reduction in jail inmate housing revenues due to no contract with Washburn County, and with every other expense remaining constant. Using this estimate, there needs to be $436,593.56 cut from the budget to get to the allowable levy amount. This would be a 6.95 percent increase.

The group discussed options to reduce health insurance costs. Furlough days were discussed. Shortening the work day by fifteen minutes was also discussed.

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to go into closed session. Chair Tatur called for closed session for possibilities for 2011 Budget Reductions for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, WI Stats 19.85(1) (c). Roll call: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Kaiser, yes; Dixon, yes. Motion to go into closed session carried by roll call vote.

The Committee went into closed session at 12:02 p.m.

Dixon/Platteter made a motion to go into open session. Motion carried.

The Committee went into open session at 1:51 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary