

Manitowoc County Executive Committee
Administration Building
February 10, 2025

Attendance: Chairman Martell, Supervisor Behnke, and Falkowski. Also in attendance: County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Finance Director JJ Gutman, Human Services Director Lori Fure, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Supervisors Brey, Grambow, Hacker, Hansen, Lillibridge, Naidl, Shimulunas, Schiesl, and Zimmer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martell at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of the January 15, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes: Supervisor Behnke moved to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting, seconded by Falkowski. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Comments regarding Budget Process from County Executive: County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer provided the timeline of the budget process. One issue he reported has been the future year budget has to be passed before the current year budget is complete. The deficit in 2023 was estimated to be \$2.5 million, but came out less at \$2.27 million, a plus. The projected 2024 deficit was \$3.5 million. Currently, the deficit is at \$3 million, which is another plus. There are budget issues because of errors in 2024 budget, retirements, new staffing and a few issues from 2023. In 2025, the budget is in a good place, and the county has a good handle on the HSD budget. Two highlights were; the estimate from 11 months ago was less than projected, and the county has been investing the right amount of money into the HSD.

Discussion and possible action on Budget Process Ordinance: Chairman Martell presented the budget process ordinance. Discussion followed. Supervisor Behnke moved to bring the ordinance to the County Board, seconded by Falkowski. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion on the Human Services budget: After discussion, the committee agreed to have a Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:00 p.m. on March 18 before the County Board meeting. The Human Services Director Lori Fure would present on the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program.

Adjournment: Supervisor Behnke moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Falkowski. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk