

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND  
ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Wood County Board Room, Wood County Courthouse, Wisconsin Rapids

**PRESENT:** Hilde Henkel, Lance Pliml, Trent Miner, Al Breu, Michael Feirer, Ed Wagner,  
Donna Rozar

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County board supervisors, Department heads and staff, members of the public

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miner.

A comprehensive power point presentation on the 2017 Wood County budget was given by Mike Martin and Marla Cummings from the Finance Department. Highlights included how the budget evolved from a \$5.6 million shortfall in August to a \$39,023 surplus in October 2016. The 2017 budget is up by approximately \$4 million from 2016 with debt service, step increases and COLA compensation, and health premium expenses being the biggest drivers of both the shortfall and budget increase.

**Public Comment** – At 9:01 a.m., the chair opened the meeting to comments from the public. 13 individuals spoke in favor of reinstating the funding for the Airport CBRF in Rapids. (Public hearing videotaped by River Cities Community Television and available on county website.)

The Chairman then requested comments from county board supervisors. Comments were made by Robert Ashbeck and Bill Clendenning.

The Chairman then requested comments from the Executive Committee (EC). Ed Wagner was the only EC member who made a comment.

To conclude the comment section, Chairman Miner made general observations about the 2017 budget.

**Motion (Rozar/Feirer) to approve the resolutions setting the tax levy and the 2017 budget of \$110,924,709 and forward those resolutions to the full County Board. All ayes. Motion passed.**

**Motion (Breu/Henkel) to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by,

***Donna Rozar***

Secretary, Executive Committee