

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a joint meeting of the **Brown County Executive Committee** and the **Brown County Education & Recreation Committee** was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Resch Centre – 1901 South Oneida Street in Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present:

Executive Committee Members – Tom Lund, Chair, Patrick Moynihan, Bernie Erickson, Patrick Buckley, Patrick Evans, Patrick Wetzel, and Steve Fewell

Education & Recreation Committee Members – Patrick Wetzel, Chair, John VanderLeest, Erik Hoyer, John VanDyck, and Patrick Williams

Also Present: Executive Troy Streckenbach, Carolyn Maricque, Supervisors LaViolette, Moynihan, Schuller
Rob Strong – City of Green Bay,
Ken Wachter - PMI
Other Interested Parties, Media

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Lund at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion by Supervisor Fewell, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the agenda. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. **Closed Session: Deliberation and possible negotiations/action relating to the PMI/County Resch Lease Agreement. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(e), any meeting of a governmental body may be convened in closed session for purposes of deliberating or negotiation the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or the conducting of other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

Motion by Supervisor Fewell, seconded by Supervisor Wetzel to enter into Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. Roll Call: All Present. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Motion by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to return to regular order of business at 6:45 p.m. Roll Call: All Present. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. **Discussion and possible approval of PMI/County Resch Lease Agreement:**
5. **Discussions/Updates with Possible Action re: Progress between PMI and Brown County in re-negotiating their lease Agreement for the Veterans Memorial Complex and the implication if said negotiations are still ongoing subsequent to June 1, 2012:**

When asked by Supervisor Moynihan, PMI President Ken Wachter addressed the committees relative to the offer made by PMI and a timeline of events.

Wachter explained that in February 2012 he met with County Executive Streckenbach at which time a 10 year agreement was proposed with rent at \$300,000 per year. The County requested the proposal be put in contract form for the March Board meeting. A week before the County Board meeting, Wachter heard from Streckenbach that the County was not ready and that the deal was unacceptable, that it was not enough money.

A counter proposal was received from the County in April with a request for \$1 million from PMI. Wachter stated that was unacceptable that PMI would be bankrupt in two years. In May, a meeting was held with Tom Lund, Pat Evans, John VanderLeest at which time PMI was told that a larger rent payment was needed with an escalator. The rent was raised and a 3% escalator offered. Wachter stated that he did not hear from the County Executive until May 15th at which time a request was made to change the clause as to how rent was handled. Wachter agreed and clarified that the money which was offered and the escalator was agreeable. On Friday, May 18th he heard from the County that the rent was increased by \$575,000. Wachter stated that this contract is unacceptable and above industry standards. Although he feels that the contract is 99% acceptable, he pointed out that PMI takes all risks and covers all expenses. The County has not bonded since 1987 when ShopKo Hall was built.

Supervisor Evans stated that he has read both contracts, pointing out that the County has had a positive relationship with PMI in the past.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to accept the PMI agreement as proposed and that PMI and Brown County continue to negotiate in good faith and bring back their intensions to the County Board on June 20, 2012.

Motion made by substitution by Supervisor VanDyke, seconded by Supervisor VanderLeest to approve the lease agreement as

proposed by Brown County's template incorporating the rent as proposed by PMI and incorporating the language changes that were mutually agreed upon today, and that any further language issues that remain be negotiated in good faith between Brown County and PMI by Friday, May 25, 2012.

Supervisor Fewell stated he was not in agreement with either motion suggesting that PMI and the County get together and come to a decision in time for a final vote at a special County Board meeting Wednesday. Fewell pointed out that 25 years ago there was the same argument, that the County Board wanted to see all the books and all the salaries and they were told that PMI would not supply this information.

Motion by Supervisor Fewell, seconded by Supervisor Erickson that PMI and the County get together and make a decision by Friday, May 25th with expected passage by the County Board the following Wednesday. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

County Board Chairman Moynihan requested that the parties meet face to face and have a decision by Friday.

Above motions by Supervisor Evans and Supervisor VanDycke withdrawn.

6. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

Motion made by Supervisor Fewell, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary