

Proposed Waseca County Budget Reductions

Balancing for County Program Aid Cuts in County FY 2008 and 2009

Basis:

- The County lost \$ 181,885 from its December 2008 County Program Aid payment
- The County will lose a total of \$ 135,621 from its July and December 2009 County Program Aid payments
- The budget will be balanced based on spending reductions rather than the use of fund balance, which the County requires for normal cash flow needs, as well as future unforeseen expenses and declines in revenue
- All reductions made to balance 2008 and 2009 will need to be sustainable into 2010 without being restored, since the County will lose \$ 275,372 from 2010 County Program Aid payments and the Board desires to limit the property tax levy
- In addition to 2008 and 2009 spending reductions, the County will preserve as many options as possible for further 2010 reductions
- Since the County Human Services budget will need to be balanced separately for additional cuts, chiefly in CSSA funding, the Human Services budget will not be used to balance the lost County Program Aid.
- Consistent with the County's mission statement, reductions will be designed to cause the least possible disruption in services to the public.

RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

YEAR	ITEM	\$ SAVINGS {RUNNING TOTAL}	WHY	SUSTAINABLE INTO 2010?
2008	Classification/ Compensation Study Implementation	\$ 175,000	From 2006-2008, \$175K was budgeted but unspent	Yes. This reduction would not be restored in future budgets. Any pre-2009 negotiated class/comp changes would need to be cost neutral
			Makes up for loss of fund balance due to 12/08 cut	
			Results in no loss of services to citizens	
2009	Energy conservation measures	\$ 1,000	Efforts include reducing heating and A/C costs, shutting off computers not in use, lighting, etc.	Yes. This is ongoing and budget savings should increase. Estimate is conservative.
2009	Employees taking voluntary unpaid leave	\$ 10,000 (\$ 11,000)	Employees are aware of current and future budget problems, want to avoid layoffs/furloughs	Yes. Even during better budget times savings = \$10K+
2009	Reduce Attorney professional/technical services	\$10,000 (\$ 21,000)	Well below budget YTD (10K spent 6/09 vs. 65K budgeted), spending has not exceeded \$27K in past 3 years	Probable. Continued reduction = \$55K line item
2009	Reduce Court Administrator court-appointed attorney contract	\$5000 (\$ 26,000)	Revised contract w/added CHIPS cases was less costly than expected	Probable. Contract to be rebid for 2010, historically has resulted in zero or minimal cost increase
2009	Cancel Emergency Management City Watch maintenance contract	\$ 1800 (\$ 27,800)	Suggested by EM Director	Yes. Would not be renewed

2009	Reduce Board of Prisoners expense	\$ 25,000 (\$ 52,800)	Well below budget YTD (36.5K spent vs. 175K budgeted). Past expenses = 97K/06, 112K/07, 118K/08.	Probable. Continued reduction = \$150K item (pre-Zabawa amount)
2009	Reduce Road/Bridge Gasoline/Diesel Fuel	\$ 50,000 (\$ 102,800)	Well below budget YTD (89K spent vs. 690K budgeted), 440K spent in 2008	Probable. Continued reduction = \$640K item, \$200K above 08 costs.
2009	Reduce Extension MOA expenses	\$ 5,000 (\$ 107,800)	Per Extension Director suggestion. Additional purchased services have been budgeted but not used.	Could repeat in 2010, according to Director
2009	Reduce IT Software Support	\$ 10,000 (\$ 117,800)	Below budget YTD (63K spent vs. 120K budgeted). Past expenses = 102K/06, 80K/07, 75K/08. MCCC costs are fixed but LE Joint Records costs vary, tend to under-run initial estimates. IT Director is in agreement.	Probable, \$110K should be an adequate amount.
2009	Reduce Highway Maintenance salary and benefits total	\$ 10,660 (\$ 128,460)	2009 budget based on former Highway Maintenance Supervisor, who retired. Actual cost of new Supervisor is less	Yes, although the savings will be smaller.
2009	Reduce Jailer salary and benefits total	\$ 5,193 (\$ 133,653)	2009 budget based on former Jailer, who retired. Actual cost of new Jailer is less for last ½ of 2009	Yes. 2010 savings will apply for entire year.
2009	Reduce Attorney furniture	\$ 3000 (\$ 136,653)	Not currently needed according to Attorney	Current furniture can be used for foreseeable future

