**February Update**:

**Boys & Girls Club of Washington County was the non-profit selected for the Washington County annual Employee Appreciation Dinner. Approximately $4000 was raised.**

Awards and Anniversary photos:

<https://photosbyfran.smugmug.com/013125-Employee-Appreciation-Core-Value-Anniversaries/n-j2Lz2F>

Social gathering photos

<https://photosbyfran.smugmug.com/013125-Employee-Appreciation-social-prize-drawing/n-x8PJRc>

**Land Use and Planning:**

Parks Naming Rights

For Immediate Release – Natural Resources Department      January 23, 2025

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Washington County Parks Naming Rights and Sponsorship Opportunities

WEST BEND, WI – In 2017, theWashington County Parks Fiscal Sustainability Plan created opportunities forenhanced partnerships with businesses.  Periodically, the list for naming rights is updated to reflect current park amenities.  The Heritage Trails Mountain Bike Park and Washington County Fair Park have recently been added to this list.

Opportunities for naming rights, sponsorships and advertisement partnerships include existing and planned amenities, shelters, and facilities.\*  These opportunities are available for both private and public entities. Agreements are subject to the Washington County Donations and Naming Rights Policy.



**County Executive Listening Sessions**

March 10, 3:00-4:00 PM - Village of Newburg

March 10, 5:30-6:3o PM - City of Hartford

March 11, 8:009:00 AM – Village of Jackson

March 11, 10:00-11:00 AM - Village of Slinger

March 11, 5:00-6:00PM, Town of Farmington

**February Washington County Board of Supervisors Agenda Items:**

**2024 Resolution 55: Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed $10,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes**

POLICY QUESTION:

- Should the Washington County Board approve a resolution authorizing Washington County to issue debt in an amount not to exceed $10 million to fund the initial phases of the Washington County Campus Master Plan and County road projects?

STRATEGIC PRIORITY/RESULT ACHIEVED:

-Effective Mobility and Reliable Infrastructure; Well Governed and Administered County

DISCUSSION:

-modifications to the Government Center and Justice Center

-total project cost is expected to be approximately $7.4 million.

-The remaining balance of the $10 million will be used to fund County road projects.

FISCAL EFFECT:

- The proposed resolution authorizes the County to issue debt of no more than $10 million. The resulting debt issue will require future fiscal obligations for principal and interest payments. This obligation is funded in the 2025 Budget and will be funded in future budgets.

**2024 Resolution 56: Consideration for the Continuation of Funding for the Conservation & Heritage Grant Program**

POLICY QUESTION:

-Should the Washington County Board set parameters for revisiting the funding for the Conservation & Heritage Grant Program?

STRATEGIC PRIORITY/RESULT ACHIEVED:

-Well Governed and Administered County

 DISCUSSION:

-At the November meeting, the County Board approved 2024 Resolution 36, which appropriated funding of $150,000 for the Conservation & Heritage Grant Program in 2025 using the Agricultural Land Conservation Fee as an ongoing funding source.

-The resolution also directs that the funding for the Program be considered for modification during the budget process, beginning with the 2028-2029 Biennial Budget - if revenue from Agricultural Land Conversion Fees decline below $40,000.

FISCAL EFFECT:

-There is no fiscal impact at this time. Future budgets will include the continued funding as part of normal budgeting procedures and approvals.

**2024 Resolution 57: Consideration for the Continuation of Funding for the Heart & Homestead Program**

POLICY QUESTION:

-Should the Washington County Board set parameters for revisiting the funding for the Heart & Homestead Earned Down Payment Incentive Program (H&H)?

STRATEGIC PRIORITY/RESULT ACHIEVED:

-Well Governed and Administered County

DISCUSSION:

-At their November meeting, the County Board approved 2024 Resolution 36, which appropriated funding of $500,000 for the Heart & Homestead Program in 2025 using interest income on investments as an ongoing funding source.

-The resolution also directs that the funding for the Program be considered for modification during the budget process, beginning with the 2028-2029 Biennial Budget - if revenue from interest on investments declines below $2,500,000. The $2.5M figure used for the standard would represent actual revenue collection at a level that is nearly $250,000 or about 10% under budget.

FISCAL EFFECT

-There is no fiscal impact at this time. Future budgets will include the continued funding as part of normal budgeting procedures and approvals.

**2024 Resolution 58: Human Services Department Staffing Change**

POLICY QUESTION:

-Should the County approve a request to add one additional Case Manager position to the Human Services Behavioral Health Division?

 STRATEGIC PRIORITY/RESULT ACHIEVED:

-Access to Basic Physical, Behavioral and Socio-Economic Needs Safe and Secure Community

DISCUSSION:

-The Washington County Health & Human Services, Behavioral Health Division has been receiving grant funding from the State Opioid Response (SOR) funds since 2019 and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Jail funds since 2018. We have historically funded a contracted Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Case Manager position through Professional Services Group.

-In the past we have found it to be very cost effective to work with external contractors to hire additional positions to ensure the Human Services department can meet the needs of the community. However, in the past several years with rising inflation and low unemployment the costs for our contracted providers have risen.

-Bringing this position in house as a county-funded position would not only be more fiscally responsible - as it would save us $45,883 that could be used for other treatment services - but it would also allow us to have more direct oversight of the position and the outcomes of their work, because we would supervise the case manager directly

FISCAL EFFECT:

- The cost of one additional Substance Use Disorder Case Manager would be $60,437.10 salary plus $30,679.91 benefits for a total cost of $91,117.01.

-Grant Funding from State Opioid Response (SOR) at $67,500 and grant funding from the Medication Assisted Treatment in the Jail program at $23,617.01 would cover the cost of this position.

**Open Discussion**

**Farmland Preservation**

**Other**

In gratitude & partnership,

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