



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors and citizens of Ozaukee County:

What an honor to present the Annual Report for the County Administrator's Office highlighting 2010 accomplishments and ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality service to our citizens and taxpayers! Per our Departmental mission, the County Administrator shall:

"Coordinate all administrative and management functions of County government not otherwise vested by law to other entities, through facilitating the cooperation and communication between Ozaukee County residents, the County Board, and County Departments."

None of the following achievements could have been accomplished without the steadfast support of the County Board and the dedication, professionalism, and quality of our management team and fine employees. Please note the following highlights:

- NO TAX LEVY INCREASE: With the support of our management team, fine employees, and the direct involvement of Board leadership, we were able to have a flat tax levy for 2010-11. Various savings were assumed in the 2011 budget process and resulted without an appreciable loss of needed services to our citizens that "pay the bills."
- Major county infrastructure capital improvements: studies, funding, work on Justice Center building chillers, air handlers, plumbing, video conferencing in Jail, court rooms, conference room, for Adm Center chillers and air handlers, carpeting, remodeling, Lasata Crossings finishing touches, Lasata Kitchen upgrades, siding of Lasata Heights. Projects included energy efficiency measurements, grant applications and significant utility operating savings. Grants were obtained to assist with the payback of the investment including Focus awards and stimulus funding for capital infrastructure.
- Completion of Lasata Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC): The project was delivered on time and on budget with an opening scheduled in second half of 2010. Other major Lasata developments included replacement of key management personnel including grounds manager and a review of the vacated Asst. Director position, hiring of measurable management consultant to assist our management team with the creation of "one campus" mentality and operations maximizing operating efficiencies.
- Fairgrounds Planning, involving Ozaukee County community: Many hours were spent meeting with the Milwaukee Curlers, Cedarburg Fire Department Inc, local neighbors, City of Cedarburg officials, stakeholders including 4H, Farm Bureau, Ozaukee County Agricultural Society and our own staff to work on the details of a master plan and major reinvestment in the county property. Staff work led to the passage in May of resolution #10-3, Conditional Support of Ozaukee County Fairgrounds Master Plan. A Long-term (50 year) agreement was reached with the Cedarburg Fire Department; geo-technical work was done to determine the suitability of various potential building locations, and major zoning changes enabling site activities were enacted at the City of Cedarburg. Work continues on a development of a long term lease and development agreement with the Milwaukee Curlers Association Inc. and the appropriate funding therein.

- Other major policy and operational initiatives: Highlights of items include development of the Pro Phoenix software, shared criminal records initiative involving municipal partnerships, Technology Resources Strategic Plan, Sheriff Dept management review and adjustment, WCA Program Planning for Annual Conference, numerous Revolving Loan Fund activity and business recruitment with the Economic Development Office, site assessment grant in Fredonia for Phillips Plastic, Intergovernmental Agreement with Dodge County re HS placements and Marsh Country Health Alliance, recruiting/filling Public Health Director vacancy, outstanding year and surplus revenues for Ozaukee golf, NOAA Federal Stimulus grant and supplemental funding in partnership with various entities re Milwaukee River Fish Passage with local governments, major force account work for Highway Dept, rental of County Fairgrounds to Cedarburg Soccer Club, development of policies regarding the Horse Facilities at Fairgrounds, creation of in-house County Psychiatrist position saving thousands of net contract dollars and providing better service to our Human Service clients, Land Information Council development and support, risk management review of employee insurance options with various vendors, and legislative review with the County Ambassador Program.
- Ongoing connection with the community: Items included: filling appointments to various Boards/Commissions, reviewing operations and discussing program/facility options with National Flag Day Foundation, Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, Ozaukee County Historical Society, City of Port Washington for traffic improvements at Adm Center, Franklin and Focus on Energy re energy rebates and incentives re major infrastructure upgrades at Justice and Administrative Centers, Milwaukee Public Policy Forum panel regarding county operations, MATC and UW Extension Friday Forums, Ozaukee Autumn Open and the study and community review of creation of an Ozaukee Foundation, Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation, Advisory Committees for Interurban Trail, Land Preservation Board, Comprehensive Plan, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Executive Board, meetings with Mid-Moraine Administrators, hosted YMCA, Northern Ozaukee United Way at Court House, Port Washington Rotary, Ozaukee County legislators and Wisconsin Counties Association, Port Washington Soccer Club, Ozaukee County Property Trading Game, Group Health Trust, Luxembourg Community Center, Concordia University with Economic Development and Milwaukee 7, Ozaukee Ice Association accounting of free public skate, Aurora Health Care Systems, St. Mary's Hospital, Cedar Springs, South-East Wisconsin Railroad Association, Miller Ride for Arts, Riveredge, Radio System User Group and Reorganization Committee. Throughout the year, I communicated with our partners and strived to maintain a first class organization that is responsive to the taxpayer constituents and to the judicious use of public resources.

The year 2010 has come and gone and I am proud of the record of Ozaukee County. We are looked upon as the "gold standard" within the membership of 72 Wisconsin Counties. Collectively we continue to strive for continuous improvement and look forward to working with the County Board as we plan our reformed Committee Structure and future moving forward.

Sincerely yours,

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