



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

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

I am pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report for the Ozaukee County Administrator's Office highlighting our 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 staff throughout our organization. Please note the following of our County's 2008 highlights:

Implementation of Family Care: a State managed long term care initiative, designed to more efficiently allocate resources for those citizens functionally and financially eligible for support along with the establishment of Ozaukee County's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), a one stop shop of information and advocacy.

Harmony Case management software go live: the evolution of the Integrated Government Services Platform (IGSP) for Human Services finally benefiting from the investment of time, money and resources in a project that provides outstanding support for our human services staff through an automated case management system and an ability to track staff time to help generate needed Departmental revenues.

Completion of major capital projects: major projects completed in Downtown Port Washington at the Court House/Administrative Center; demolition of the old jail, mortar work and new roof for the Court House Bell Tower, and the full restoration and conservation of the County Board room. These projects will save energy costs, supply needed parking spots, protect the integrity of our structures, and provide a legacy for Ozaukee County generations linking our rich history with modern technology.

Lasata Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC): the Board made a long term investment in the Lasata campus with the establishment of a RCAC. The intent is to build a marketable facility to provide our citizens with a continuum of care and generate additional revenues to help the long term viability of the campus.

Departmental Reorganizations and positive Labor Relations: combining Emergency Management with the Sheriff Department, distinguishing Planning and Parks and augmenting our golf management structure along with the Land and Water

Management Departments will assist our citizens by providing additional resources to support the important EM functions, fine tune our management structure on our golf courses and afford a more user friendly environment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Administration Center for our two environmentally focused yet separate Departments. Labor negotiations with our bargaining units went smoothly led by HR Director Jason Dzwinel, Attorney Ron Stadler and strong guidance of the Administrative Committee.

Finishing point of some other major infrastructure initiatives: major products were completed or near completed in 2008, including our radio backbone upgrade, consolidated dispatch with the City of Port Washington, major asphalt plant investment, centralized Finance (Highway, Human Services, 09-10, Public Safety (10-11) to support some of our major Departments, near completion of county wide strategic planning process to go along with our program evaluation finished in 2007 and continuation of our Pandemic Planning in Public Health. All of these initiatives were designed to support the core of Ozaukee County, providing needed support for our municipal and local government partners and our citizens.

Ongoing connection with the community: reviewing the 2008 calendar, many connections were made with our citizens, including filling appointments to Boards/Commissions as ADRC, HHSB, LEPC and Traffic Safety, reviewing operations and discussing program or facility options with Cedarburg Fire Department, Ozaukee County Fair Board, National Flag Day Foundation, Ozaukee County Historical Society, MATC for First Fridays, Ozaukee Farm Bureau, Ozaukee Autumn Open, Advisory Committees for Interurban Trail and Comprehensive Plan, representing Ozaukee with Mid-Moraine Administrators, Milwaukee 7, Port Washington Rotary, Wisconsin Counties Association, Luxembourg Community Center, Concordia University, Ozaukee Ice Association, Cedarburg Planning Commission, Aurora Health Care Systems, St. Mary's Hospital, Cedar Springs, FEMA, East Wisconsin Railroad Association, Miller Ride for Arts, Riveredge, Radio System User Group, WCA Group Health Trust, and renting county facilities to Cedarburg Soccer Club and 4H Haunted House. Throughout the year, I communicated with our partners and strived to maintain a first class organization that is very responsive to the public and to the judicious use of public resources.

There is a reason why Forbes Magazine in June 2008 labeled Ozaukee County as the **2<sup>nd</sup> best place in the Country to raise a family**. Key Forbes Magazine determinants included school districts and their performance, cost of living, home prices and their relationship to property tax rates, owner occupied homes, crime rate, commute time and per capita income. Thank you to the citizens of Ozaukee County working in partnership with our dedicated County Board for their ongoing commitment to making our great Ozaukee County a safe and wonderful place to live, work, and raise our families.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS W. MEAUX  
County Administrator