

**Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**



Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Council Minutes –April 6, 2010
2. Consent Agenda
  - Minutes
    - Telecommunication Commission – March 31, 2010
    - EDA Commission – April 12, 2010
    - Park & Recreation Commission – April 12, 2010
    - Library Board – April 13, 2010
3. Department Heads
4. Jerad Heger – Windom Area Schols – Telecom Donation Request
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Closure Request - Riverfest
6. LMCIT Annual Insurance Renewal – Ken Hoffman
7. Disposition of Equipment – Electric Utility
8. Contractor Payment
  - Airport Runway – Wicks \$ 6,875.00
9. Regular Bills
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Council Concerns
13. Adjourn



**Council Meeting**  
**Windom City Hall, Council Chamber**  
**April 6, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kruse at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mayor: Kirby Kruse

Council Members: Jean Fast, Corey Maricle, Robert Messer, Bradley Powers and JoAnn Ray

Council Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Bruce Caldwell, Street Superintendent; Dan Olsen, Telecom Manager; Mike Haugen, Water\Wastewater Superintendent; Joan Hunter, Library Director; Craig Mueller, Wenck and Associates and Terry Glidden, Telecom

Public Present: Richard Oltmans, Nancy Wepplo, Windom Boys Basketball Team and Coach, Randy Dittman and Dirk Abraham

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion by Fast second by Ray, to approve the City Council minutes from March 16, 2010. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

5. Consent Agenda:

Kruse said that minutes were received from the following Boards\Commissions:

- Park & Recreation Commission – March 15, 2010
- Telecommunications Commission – March 19, 2010
- Community Center Commission – March 22, 2010
- Utility Commission – March 24, 2010
- Economic Development Authority – March 29, 2010
- Street Committee – March 31, 2010

**Motion by Powers second by Maricle, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 5–0.**

6. Public Hearing – Langley Street Vacation:

Kruse opened the public hearing and asked if anyone from the public wanted to address the City Council.

Messer asked why the vacation is being sought. Nasby said the re-alignment of the right-of-way is being recommended as the 2009 Street project had included a re-configuration of Langley Street, so there is consistency with the other streets in the community.

Richard Oltmans, 1655 Langley Street, said that he does not want the vacated property and asked why it would benefit him. Nasby replied that the additional property would increase the value of his property. Oltmans did not think it would add value.

Oltmans said that he wants to do landscaping in the right-of-way. Nasby said that some landscaping could be allowed, but not a fence. Nasby asked Bruce Caldwell, Street Superintendent, to address Oltmans' request. Caldwell said that landscaping in the right-of-way is generally not ideal as damage can occur through snow removal and that sight lines cannot be compromised as to impede safety. Caldwell said he would work with Oltmans but property owners must realize that any landscaping in the right-of-way is the sole responsibility of the property owners and if damages occur it is not the City's responsibility. Oltmans said he understood that responsibility and is envisioning a small strip of 1.5 inch river rock along the curb and maybe some flowers.

Oltmans asked if there would be paperwork on the property vacation and transfer. Nasby said he though there would be something done by the City Attorney.

**Council member Messer introduced the Resolution No. 2010-08, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATING OF A PORTION OF LANGLEY STREET COUNTY AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION NO. 4 AS DESCRIBED HEREIN" and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Powers and on roll call vote: Aye: Maricle, Messer, Powers, Ray and Fast. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.**

7. Resolution of Recognition – Windom Boys Basketball Team:

Kruse recognized the presence of the Windom Boys Basketball Team and coach. He asked Ray if she would read the resolution of recognition. Ray read the resolution.

Council members congratulated the team on their successful season.

Coach Tony Taylor thanked the Windom community for all of its support and especially the donations received from local businesses to offset the costs of attending the State tournament.

Phillip Symens, team representative, thanked the City Council and the community for all of their support.

**Council member Ray introduced the Resolution No. 2010-09, entitled “RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2009-2010 WINDOM EAGLES BASKETBALL TEAM” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Fast and on roll call vote: Aye: Messer, Powers, Ray, Fast and Maricle. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.**

8. Proclamation – National Library Week:

Kruse asked Fast if she would read the proclamation. Fast read the proclamation.

Messer asked Joan Hunter, Library Director, if she had any remarks. Hunter said that the library offers many services and resources to citizens such as help with census forms, tax returns, job seeking and filing for unemployment benefits. Hunter thanked the City Council for the proclamation. Council members thanked Hunter and her staff for all of their work.

**Council member Fast introduced the Resolution No. 2010-10, entitled “2010 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Maricle and on roll call vote: Aye: Powers, Ray, Fast, Maricle and Messer. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.**

9. License Applications:

Application for an Exempt Permit for gaming from the Good Samaritan Society for bingo at their facility on April 17, 2010.

**Motion by Messer second by Maricle, to approve the Exempt Permit for gaming for the Good Samaritan Society at their facility on April 17, 2010. Motion passed 5–0.**

Nancy Wepplo, Windom GSS Executive Director, said that they were hosting a bingo fundraiser for the Feed My Starving Children event at their campus on April 17 from 2 – 4 pm. She invited the public to attend.

10. Department Heads:

None

11. 2010 Seal Coat Project:

Caldwell and Craig Mueller, Wenck Associates, introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of the proposed seal coat project. Caldwell noted there was a reduction in the scope of the project to bring it within budget. The areas removed from the project included the alley by Center Stop and one block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He noted the alley was eliminated as the Electric Department is planning some work their this summer and it would be a waste to seal coat the alley and then tear it up to do underground electrical work.

Messer asked if the project would be all oil-based. Caldwell said that is correct. Messer asked about the removal of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Caldwell said it was removed to bring the project within budget.

Caldwell said there was a minor error in the Street Committee minutes as the project price was stated as \$15 different than the quote. The project price is \$42,579.

**Motion by Powers, seconded by Ray, to approve the quote for the 2010 Seal Coat project from Bituminous Paving as revised. Motion carried 5 –0.**

12. Telecom – Adara Contract Equipment and Services:

Dan Olsen, Telecom Manager, said that this new contract would replace the services needed to operate the set-top boxes for the cable tv system. Nasby noted the contract was marked as “confidential” and under the terms of the non-disclosure agreement it was not in the City Council packets. Olsen said the Telecom Commission recommended approval and that the City Attorney had a couple of suggestions for revisions.

**Motion by Messer, seconded by Maricle, to approve a contract with Adara subject to City Attorney review. Motion carried 5 –0.**

13. POET Water Agreement:

Randy Dittmann, POET Bio-refinery and Mike Haugen, Water\Wastewater Superintendent, introduced themselves. Dittmann reviewed the history of POET’s relationship with the City, the provisions of the Water User Agreement and subsequent revisions to the agreement. Dittmann said that POET has developed its own water source and installed a water recovery project. These two capital improvements are designed to be environmentally friendly and reduce the water use from the City’s aquifers. He noted that the City had previously pumped 415 million gallons and POET’s changes will significantly reduce that number.

Haugen said that the City had a very good working relationship with POET and Red Rock Rural water. POET does not need treated water and the proposed arrangement would be of benefit to the both POET and the City. Haugen said that since POET has reduced its water use from the City the static well levels have gone up 1.7 feet since 2008.

Messer asked if Windom residents would see a price increase due to this proposed agreement. Haugen said that there may be an increase in the rates, which is under consideration, but it was not in response to this proposed revision of the water purchase agreement.

Maricle asked if the City was near its permit level before the POET improvements. Haugen said the City was as high as 415 million gallons, which is right at the 420 million gallon permitted amount. Haugen credited Red Rock rural water for its help.

Fast said that the Utility Commission had discussed this and recommended the revisions. She asked Nasby to discuss the financial components of the proposed changes. Nasby said that the proposed agreement had three pieces. First, POET would purchase a minimum of 40 million gallons at full price, whether or not they actually use that much water. Second, POET would have 70 million gallons of water on reserve in case of emergencies. If the reserve water were used then the price cost would be full price, but if it was not used the reserve water would be billed at 40 percent of full cost to cover Operational and Maintenance costs. Third, POET would make a one-time, up front payment of \$484,000 to the City to cover their share of the outstanding capital debt on the water treatment plant. This one-time debt payment would save the City approximately \$68,000 per year on its loan for the eight remaining years left to pay on that loan.

**Motion by Messer, seconded by Fast, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Windom and POET Bio-refinery as proposed. Motion carried 5 - 0.**

14. Mavor Appointments for Boards and Commissions:

Kruse said he is proposing the re-appointment of Al Peterson and Steve Fresk to the Hospital Board.

**Motion by Powers, seconded by Maricle, to approve the re-appointments of Al Peterson and Steve Fresk to the Hospital Board. Motion carried 5 - 0**

15. Set Schedule for Budget Workshop:

Kruse proposed a budget workshop for April 20<sup>th</sup> prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Messer said that did not work for him, but to proceed if it worked for others.

Consensus of the Council to hold a budget workshop at 6:00 pm on April 20.

16. Regular Bills:

**Motion by Fast, seconded by Ray, to approve the regular bills. Motion carried 5 - 0.**

17. Unfinished Business:

None

18. New Business:

None

19. Council Concerns:

Fast encouraged residents to clean up their properties.

Ray noted that Spring Clean-up is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Messer noted that Caldwell had a remark and asked that his time go to Caldwell. Caldwell let the public know that the compost site is now open Tuesday and Saturday. Passes and the hours are available at City Hall and information is on the website.

20. Adjourn:

**Kruse adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Kirby Kruse, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Nasby, City Administrator

**Telecommunication Commission Minutes**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

1. Call to Order: Wendell Woodcock called the Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present: Virgil Meier, Forrest Fosheim, Robert Messer, Wendell Woodcock.

Commission Members Absent: Corey Maricle

City Staff Present: Dan Olsen, Londa Fosheim, Steve Nasby

Public Present: None

3. DNCS – Set Top Box Control Solution – Action Required :

Dan Olsen updated the board as to the options for replacing Cisco DNCS offering. Options included splitting a controller with Reedburg WI, Partnering with McCloud in Iowa or entering into a contract with ADARA. Each option was explained and Olsen made a recommendation to the board to adopt the ADARA option. ADARA will take over control of Set Top Boxes for 3,500.00 a month or \$3.00 per household a month, whichever is greater.

Motion made by Virgil, seconded by Forrest - to approve the 3 year Contract with ADARA. Motion carried For – 4 Absent - 1.

Dan Olsen stated Jeremy is working on off air tests and ESPN U. ESPN2 has been added to the HD channel lineup.

Stimulus Update:

Some applications are having problems with environmental issues. Still waiting for Packet from RUS.

4. Adjourn:

Wendell Woodcock adjourned the meeting

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES APRIL 12, 2010**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Terry Fredin at 5:16p.m. In the council chambers at city hall.
2. Roll Call:

Commission Present:	Terry Fredin, Sherri Zimmerman & Angie Blanshan
Commission Absent:	Jeff LaCanne & Kay Clark
City Staff Present:	Recreation Director Al Baloun & Park Director Bruce Caldwell
Council Liaisons:	JoAnn Ray Attending & Corey Maricle Absent
Public:	None
3. Approve Agenda  
**Motion by Blanshan, seconded by Zimmerman to approve agenda**  
**Motion Carried Unanimous**
4. Approve Minutes, March 15, 2010  
**Motion by Blanshan, seconded by Zimmerman**  
**Motion Carried Unanimous**
5. Park Superintendent-Bruce Caldwell
  - a. Island Park Baseball Association Field Lighting Request:

The Commission reviewed a request from the baseball association to buy new field light bulbs. The cost to replace 46 light bulbs will run \$30.27 each totaling \$1392.42 plus tax. In the contract agreement between the City & School it states that this expenditure would be a shared by both parties. Marv Grunig Electric Department Manager told Caldwell prior to this meeting his department would take care of the installation of the new lights. The Commission asked Caldwell to discuss this further with Mr. Grunig to see if the cities portion could be for the installation and the purchase of the bulbs be the responsibility of the School. This was not figured into the 2010 Park Departments maintenance budget.
  - b. Discussion Contracting Ball Field Maintenance Work Spring & Summer Due to limited City park staff the Commission discussed the possibility of contracting the ball field prep work for the entire season. Currently the school uses several of the fields in the spring in which they pay the City an annual maintenance fee for field preparation. This fee could be used to help pay for this concept along with some additional moneys from our maintenance line item. Caldwell was asked to discuss this option with the City Administrator for direction.
  - c. Review Walking Trails & Skate Park Parking Lot Crack Repair Quotes

Caldwell had received two quotes from area contractors as stated below.  
Bergen Inc. price quote \$6,173.00  
Hardline Asphalt price quote \$1,198.08  
Caldwell told the Commission that he had contacted Hardline Asphalt concerning their quote and they said it was correct.  
**Motion by Blanshan, Seconded by Zimmerman to award project to Hardline Asphalt for the sum of \$1,198.08**  
**Motion Carried Unanimous**
  - d. Part Time Staffing 2010

Caldwell stated that he had received 10 applications and he would review them with Commission Chair Terry Fredin following this meeting. Time frame for the seasonal part time staff person as follows: First person April 19<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>, the second person June 7<sup>th</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each position would be for no more than 65 working days.

6. Director's Report- Al Baloun

A. Arena Items:

- a. Entry Reconstruction Update & Price Quotes for Project  
Al updated the commission on the entry reconstruction. The doors have been ordered and should be arriving in about three weeks. The Commission building committee also discussed steel construction for the lobby. Fredin commented that construction costs for steel would be about 25-30 % higher for steel. Funds are not available in the budget to go with steel.

**Motion by Blanshan, Seconded by Zimmerman to proceed with the bidding for construction with contractor to replace steel on south side of building, with reinforcement between the beams (six to eight feet).**

**Lobby, steel, and reinforcement materials as quoted by Lampert's.**

**Commission members LaCanne and Clark were authorized by**

**commission members approve contractor quote's.**

**Motion carried Unanimous.**

- b. Horse Stall Bedding Quotes  
Al presented the quotes that he had received for stall bedding. The following are the quote's that were received:

Running's (Windom) - \$4.85 per bag

Great American Lumber- \$4.25 bag

**Motion by Blanshan, Seconded by Zimmerman to purchase bedding from the low bidder, Great American Lumber for \$4.25 bag.**

**Motion carried Unanimous.**

B. Summer Recreation:

- a. Price Quotes T-Shirts & Hats

Al presented quotes for T-shirts from the following bidders:

Tropical Paradise- \$5 per shirt screened and \$8 per shirt in vinyl.

Numbers for 75 shirts were .60 cents screened and 2.33 per shirt vinyl.

MARR Sales Group- \$5.45 per shirt screened and \$3 per shirt for numbering for 75 shirts.

The Graphic Edge- \$4.79 per shirt screened and \$1.50 per shirt for numbering for 75 shirts.

Al presented quotes for hats from the following bidders:

MARR Sales Group- \$3.70 per hat

The Graphic Edge- \$8.99 per hat

Sponsorship fees would cover the cost for t-shirts and hats. Al recommended that the sponsorship fee be \$150.

**Motion by Zimmerman, Seconded by Blanshan to purchase t-shirts and hats from the low bidder. The Graphic Edge for t-shirts and MARR Sales Group for hats. Sponsorship fees would be \$150.**

**Motion carried Unanimous.**

- b. Summer Recreation and swimming lesson registration will be Thursday, May 6 at the Windom Community Center.

7 Open Mike:

Al Baloun updated the commission on the Air Quality Bill being proposed at the legislative level. He recommended contacting our representatives with how this bill is an unfunded mandate and air quality levels are appropriate where they are currently at.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6.05P.M.

**Next Park & Recreation Meeting May 10, 2010 5:15 p.m. Council Chambers**

Windom Library Board Meeting  
Windom Library  
April 13, 2010  
5:05 p.m.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Jan Johnson at 5:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Kathy Hiley, John Duscher, Jan Johnson, Beth Fleming, Mary Erickson and Charles Reid  
  
Members Absent: Anita Winkel  
  
Library Staff Present: Dawn Aamot  
  
City Council Member Present: None
3. Agenda and Minutes  
Motion by Charles Reid, seconded by John Duscher to approve the Agenda and the Minutes as amended.
4. Financial Report:  
Dawn informed the board that the expense of \$149.50 for a subscription requested by the Windom Women's investment Group is actually ½ the actual cost. The Windom Women's Invest Group pays the other half and leaves the subscription at the library.  
Motion by Mary Erickson, seconded by Beth Fleming to approve the Financial Report.
5. Librarians Report:  
Dawn reported that Joan went before the city council informing them that the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> is National Library week.  
Mayor Kirby Kruse made an official proclamation declaring the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> be National Library Week here in Windom.  
The front windows that had been damaged by someone shooting a BB gun have been replaced.  
Duluth author, Brian Freeman, will make his appearance on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Windom Community Center. Joan will ask the Friends of the Library to help host this event. The children's summer reading program was advertised in the Windom Community Ed newsletter that just came out. Children may register to participate starting June 14. Dawn will include all of the program offerings that she offered last summer. Children will be reading for prizes.  
Motion by John Duscher and seconded by Charles Reid to approve the librarian's report.
6. Old Business:  
None

7. New Business:

Dawn informed the board of a checking account at Bank of the West that is under the name "Art Group of the Library". This group which Lil Hagstrom was a member has been defunct for years. Joan recommends that the balance of this account, \$,1,623.72, be rolled over to the Friends of the Library for future projects at the library.

Motion by Charles Reid and seconded by John Duscher to roll the balance from the Art Group of the Library to the Windom Friends of the library.

8. New Book Suggestions:

The board presented their suggestions.

9. Adjourn:

Motion by Charles Reid, seconded by Kathy Hiley to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hiley, recording secretary

# CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

PWSID: 1170006

## City of Windom 2009 Drinking Water Report

The City of Windom is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2009. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

### Source of Water

The City of Windom provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: eight wells ranging from 87 to 142 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian and Quaternary Water Table aquifers.

The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards, but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

Call 507-831-6138 if you have questions about the City of Windom drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

### Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2009. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations:

**MCLG**—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL**—Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MRDL**—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

**MRDLG**—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

**AL**—Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**90th Percentile Level**—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

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ppm—Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb—Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

nd—No Detection.

N/A—Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2009)	Average /Result*	
Barium (ppm)	2	2	N/A	.22	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Dalapon (ppb)	200	200	nd-.8	.4	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.97-1.2	1.15	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60	N/A	18.2	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10	10	N/A	.95	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80	N/A	37.2	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.2-2.2	1.27	Water additive used to control microbes.

\*\*\*\*Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

\*\*\*\*\*Highest Quarterly Average.

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Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	N/A	1.3	1.21	1 out of 20	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb)	N/A	15	nd	0 out of 20	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Windom is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These unregulated contaminants are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected:

Contaminant (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2009)	Average/Result	
Sodium (ppm) (03/19/2007)	N/A	13	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm) (03/19/2007)	N/A	82.4	Erosion of natural deposits.

## Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

*Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

*Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

*Pesticides and herbicides*, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

*Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

*Radioactive contaminants*, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

***Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.***



April 14, 2010

City of Windom  
City Officials  
444 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Windom, MN 56101

Re: 2010 Insurance Renewal Summary

Attached is the summary of the renewal premiums and coverages of the policies offered by the LMCIT. I have also included policies secured through other markets for coverages that are either more competitive than the LMCIT or not offered by the LMCIT.

I have listed the previous years premiums for your information to see the changes that are taking place.

The LMCIT has declared a dividend to participating cities this year. Windom's dividend is \$23,758 and was paid out in December 2009. I have attached the chart showing the city of Windom's share of the dividends for the past 10 years. As you can see these dividends vary from year to year. This years dividend was higher for 2009 and is largely possible for two reasons: very few large storms or fire losses during the second half of 2008 and stronger investment returns during the first half of 2009.

Presented by:

Ken Hoffmann, CIC  
Agent of Record

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST

PROPERTY/CASUALTY

2009 DIVIDEND CALCULATION

AT MAY 31, 2009

MIS AGENCY INC

BANK MIDWEST INSURANCE

PO BOX 189

WINDOM MN 56101-0189

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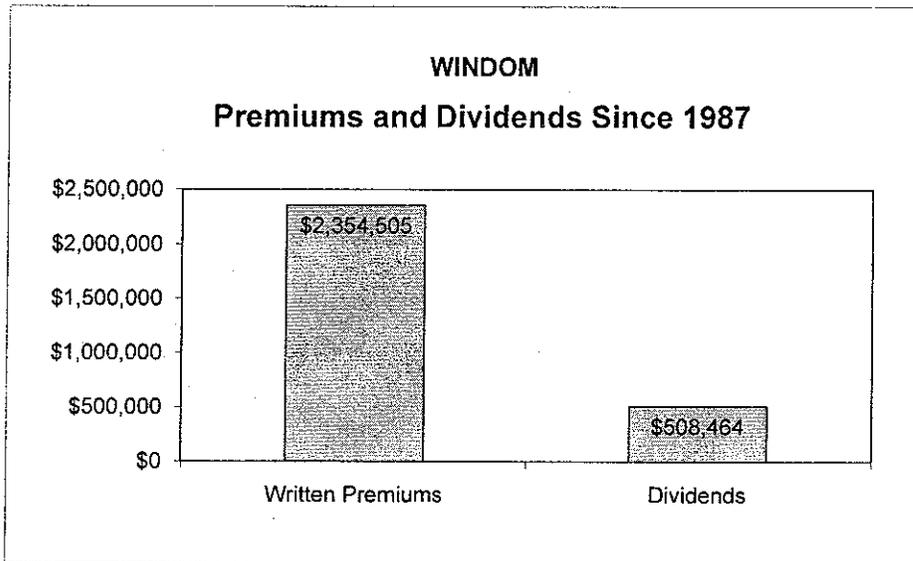
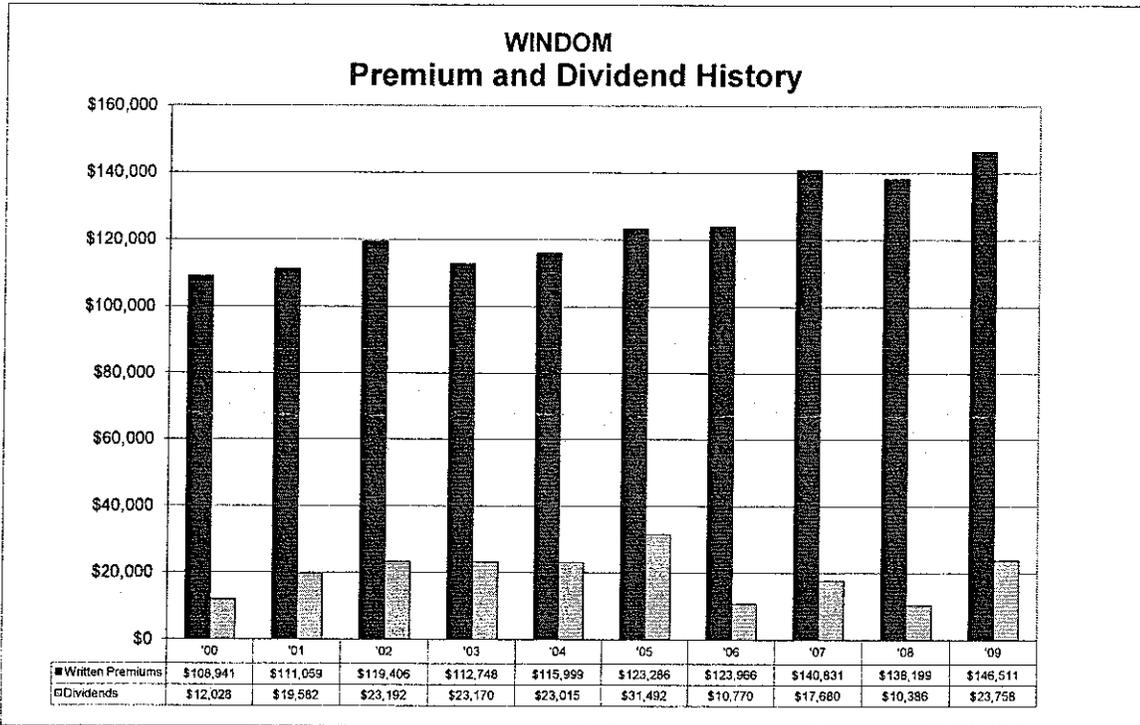
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GROSS EARNED PREMIUM	\$ 2,360,477
ADJUSTED LOSSES	\$ 734,486
MEMBERS DIVIDEND PERCENTAGE	.00263974309
DIVIDEND AMOUNT	\$ 23,758

### LMCIT Property/Casualty Program



CITY OF WINDOM  
RENEWAL PREMIUM SUMMARY

Coverage	2009 Prem. Basis	Premium	2010	Premium
Property	\$39,187,440	\$63,519	\$40,017,011	\$65,595
	Property Values			
Mobile Property	\$1,156,051	\$5,195	\$1,184,953	\$5,290
	Equipment Values			
Municipal Liability Inc. Airport Liab.	Various	\$54,058	Various	\$52,207
	Expenditures, payroll, sq.ft., etc.			
Automobile Liability	All Units	\$8,774	All Units	\$8,473
Automobile Physical Damage		\$7,168		\$7,199
	Physical damage is inc. on police, fire, & emerg. veh. No physical damage on other dept. veh. >10 yrs old			
Equipment Breakdown	\$28,583,225	\$4,430	\$39,914,811	\$4,512
	Total bldg value minus municipal power plant			
Open Meeting Law		\$414		included
	Percent of the municipal liability premium			
Liquor Liability	Receipts	<u>\$2,953</u>	Receipts	<u>\$2,632</u>
	Total	\$146,511	Total	\$145,908

\* Refer to the next page for a summary of changes.

## PREMIUM RATE CHANGES FOR 2010

City renewals received the following general rate increases:

Coverage	Rate Change
Liability	+3%
Property	unchanged
Auto Liability	-4%
Auto Physical Damage	-6%
UM/UIM	unchanged
Excess Liability	unchanged
Machinery breakdown	-15%
Liquor Liability(off sale)	-15%
Bond	unchanged
Open Meeting law defense	included in coverage automatically
Workers Compensation	-2%

The rate changes do not mean that your city's actual premium will change by these exact amounts. Each city's actual premium is affected by changes in city expenditures, property values, payrolls, other exposure measures, and experience rating.

These are some changes that directly affect the City of Windom's renewal premiums: Property values are \$40,017,011 compared to \$39,187,440 on last years renewal. Values are increased by the inflation factors currently in place.

Mobile property values are \$1,184,953 compared to \$1,156,051 for last year.

### **Open Meeting Law (OML) Defense Coverage**

Open meeting law defense coverage will now be a standard coverage for all LMCIT property/casualty program members, rather than an extra-cost option.

Any elected or appointed official or employee of the city is covered under the OML defense coverage. This doesn't include officials or employees of a utilities commission, port authority, HRA, EDA, redevelopment authority, municipal power or gas agency, hospital or nursing home board, airport commission, or joint powers board unless that board is specifically named in the Declarations. ( EDA, HRA, Windom Municipal Power and Light are currently listed)

The standard OML defense coverage will reimburse a city official for 100% of the defense cost incurred by the city official in defending an OML lawsuit. The OML Defense Costs Reimbursement Agreement is limited to \$50,000. This is the most LMCIT will reimburse any one city official for defense costs for OML suits begun during the coverage term, regardless of the number suits or the number o actual alleged violations.

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY  
CLAIMS SUMMARY  
2009 CONTRACT YEAR

Type of Claim	Total amount paid
Property 1	\$20,981
Liability 5	\$ 8,560
Medical Payments 0	\$0
Auto-physical damage 0	\$0
Auto-liability 1	<u>\$ 769</u>
	\$30,310

\* The total claims amount paid is based on losses paid to date for the year 2009. Total loss amount includes subrogation amounts if applicable.

CITY OF WINDOM  
RENEWAL OF  
OTHER POLICIES

	2009	2010
	Premium	Premium
1. Boiler and Machinery – Municipal Power Plant and Substation	\$37,477	\$37,477
Limit of \$9,952,900		
Deductible: \$100,000 on Detroit Allison Gas Turbine \$100,000 on any other object covered by policy		
2. Miscellaneous bonds as required	\$ 722	\$ 847
Package Premium from previous page	<u>\$146,511</u>	<u>\$145,908</u>
Total Premium	\$184,710	\$184,232

## WORKERS COMPENSATION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Exp. Mod. Factor</u>	<u>Premium</u>
2004	\$2,299,160	1.26	\$69,683
2005	\$2,515,187	1.31	\$84,268
2006	\$2,755,735	1.05	\$76,862
2007	\$3,009,735	1.15	\$95,808
2008	\$3,045,443	.83	\$73,099
2009	\$3,188,463	.84	\$78,113
2010	\$3,118,552	.82	\$76,547

11 new claims for 2006  
 11 new claims for 2007  
 6 new claims for 2008  
 8 new claims for 2009

The experience modification factor decreased to .82 in 2010 from .84 in 2009. The experience modification factor is determined by a formula taking into account the actual losses versus the expected losses in each classification and premiums paid. A three year period is used for this formula not including the most recent year. The experience modification factor for 2010 is determined by using data from years 2006, 2007, and 2008.

2006 claims total cost \$ 2,554.08  
 2007 claims total cost \$ 4,284.77  
 2008 claims total cost \$ 3,760.23  
 2009 claims total cost \$ 2,107.39

The city is taking advantage of the 10% non-smoker discount for fire department and police department class rates.

**Items needing council action:**

**Statutory Limits on Municipal Tort Liability:** \$500,000 per claimant and \$1,500,000 per occurrence.

**Waiver of Statutory Tort Limit:** The city currently does not waive the statutory tort limit of \$500,000 per claimant.

**I need a motion to leave this the same or waive the statutory tort limit.**

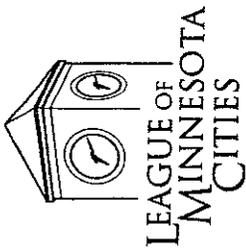
**Excess Liability:** You can add \$1,000,000 excess liability coverage for an annual premium of \$16,566.

The city has not elected to accept this coverage in the past.

LMCIT provides a standard \$1,500,000 liability coverage limit to match the statutory limit. However, there are a number of ways in which that coverage could turn out not to be enough: federal civil rights suits, liability assumed by contract, liability for actions in another state, inverse condemnation liability for land use claims, the possibility of the caps being found invalid, and exhaustion of annual aggregate limits on products liability, limited pollution and land use claims are some examples.

**I need a motion to accept or reject the Excess Liability coverage for 2010.**

This is a brief description of some of the changes made by LMCIT. This is not a complete list and is not intended for use in determining coverage. Consult the actual policy language for complete coverage description.



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### LMCIT Liability Coverage Options

Coverage structure <b>If the city:</b>	On a liability claim to which the statutory limits apply		On a liability claim to which the statutory limits do not apply
	This is the maximum amount a single claimant could recover on an occurrence.	This is the maximum total amount that all claimants could recover on a single occurrence.	
Does not have excess coverage & Does not waive the statutory limits	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Does not have excess coverage & Waives the statutory limits	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Has \$1,000,000 of excess coverage & Does not waive the statutory limits	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,500,000
Has \$1,000,000 of excess coverage & Waives the statutory limits	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

This is the maximum amount of damages which LMCIT would pay on the city's behalf for a single occurrence, regardless of the number of claimants.

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES  
INSURANCE TRUST

145 UNIVERSITY AVE. WEST    PHONE: (651) 281-1200    FAX: (651) 281-1298  
ST. PAUL, MN 55103-2044    TOLL FREE: (800) 925-1122    WEB: WWW.LMC.ORG

# Memo

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Denise Nichols

**CC:** Steve Nasby

**Date:** 4/16/2010

**Re:** Disposition of Surplus Equipment – 1997 Electric Utility Bucket Truck

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The Utility Commission has approved the purchase of a new Electric Utility Bucket Truck for the Electric Dept. The truck has been ordered and a trade-in amount for the old truck has been offered by the dealership.

The Commission believes that the value of the old truck exceeds the amount that has been offered for trade-in.

An advertisement requesting sealed bids for the 1997 Electric Utility Bucket Truck was placed in the Citizen and Shopper, the Worthington Daily Globe and the New Ulm Journal newspapers. Website postings were submitted to the League of MN Cities and MN Municipal Utilities Association for their sites. Sealed bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010.

If the highest bid is above the trade-in value offered by the dealership, the Electric Department will sell the truck to the highest bidder.

**Staff recommendation to the Council is to approve the sale of the bucket truck to the highest bidder above the trade-in offer.**

4/12/2010

**BUCKET TRUCK FOR SALE  
CITY OF WINDOM ELECTRIC UTILITY  
WINDOM, MINNESOTA**

**Sealed bids for a 1997 5TC-55 Hi-Ranger Electric Utility Bucket Truck will be received at the City of Windom Electric Utility Office until 5:00 PM on Friday, April 30, 2010. Truck specifications include:**

- 1. 1997 Ford F700 truck chassis with 429 -EFI gas engine and 5-speed Eaton manual transmission**
- 2. Platform height - 55' Category "B" for 69 KVAC**
- 3. Equipped with single 2-man rotating bucket**
- 4. Truck is tested yearly, MnDOT inspected, and maintained at the highest level**

**Additional questions about the specifications shall be directed to Marv Grunig, Electric Utility Manager, 507.831.6151.**

**Bids must be sealed and marked: Bid for Electric Utility Bucket Truck.**

**Bids should be addressed to: City of Windom Electric Utility  
444 9<sup>th</sup> St. PO Box 38  
Windom, MN. 56101  
Attn. Marv Grunig**

**The City of Windom reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities in the best interest of the City of Windom.**

**Marv Grunig  
Windom Electric Utility Mgr.  
507.831.6151  
[marvg@windom-mn.com](mailto:marvg@windom-mn.com)**



USDA-FmHA  
Form FmHA 1924-18  
FINAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE - ARRA FUNDS

CONTRACT NO. 0045-27  
PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE #4

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OWNER: CITY OF WINDOM  
2009 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

CONTRACTOR:  
WICKS CONSTRUCTION  
DECORAH, IA 52101

PERIOD OF ESTIMATE  
FROM 8/29/2009 TO 9/29/2009

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY				ESTIMATE	
NO.	FmHA Approval Date	Amount			
		Additions	Deductions		
1				1. Original Contract.....	\$940,358.37
2				2. Change Orders.....	\$0.00
3				3. Revised Contract (1+2).....	\$940,358.37
4				4. Work Completed*.....	\$1,047,931.10
5				5. Stored Materials*.....	\$0.00
6				6. Subtotal (4+5).....	\$1,047,931.10
7				7. Retainage*.....	\$0.00
8				8. Previous Payments.....	\$1,041,056.10
9				9. Amount Due (6-7-8).....	\$6,875.00
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TOTALS		\$0.00	\$0.00		
NET CHANGE		\$0.00	\$0.00		

\* Detailed breakdown attachment

CONTRACT TIME

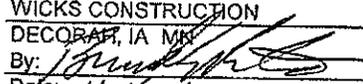
Original (days) 45  
Revised  
Remaining 0

On Schedule  Yes  No

Starting Date 7/13/2009  
Projected Completion

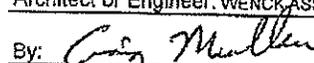
**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:**

The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of their knowledge, information and belief the work covered by this payment estimate has been completed in accordance with the contract documents, that all amounts have been paid by the contractor for work which previous payment estimates was issued and payments received from the owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due

WICKS CONSTRUCTION  
DECORAH, IA MN  
By:   
Date: 4-15-10

**ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:**

The undersigned certifies that the work has been carefully inspected and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and the work has been performed in accordance with the contract documents

Architect or Engineer: WENCK ASSOCIATES  
By:   
Date: 4/12/10

**APPROVED BY OWNER**

Owner: CITY OF WINDOM  
By:  
Date:

**ACCEPTED BY FmHA:**

The review and acceptance of this estimate by FmHA does not attest to the correctness of the quantities shown or that the work has been performed in accordance with the contract documents

By:  
Date:



CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MAYOR & COUNCIL	CONVENT. & VISTOR BU	LODGING TAX	2,417.03
MAYOR & COUNCIL	COTTONWOOD CTY	RECOR SERVICE	46.00
	Total for Department 101		2,463.03*
CITY OFFICE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	176.16
CITY OFFICE	LEAGUE OF MN. CITIES	REGISTRATION	120.00
CITY OFFICE	VERIZON WIRELESS CEN	REGISTRATION	13.50
	Total for Department 103		309.66*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	72.00
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	97.50
	Total for Department 106		169.50*
CITY HALL	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	560.94
CITY HALL	SANDRA HERDER	CLEANING	385.95
CITY HALL	MELISSA PENAS	CLEANING	385.95
	Total for Department 115		1,332.84*
POLICE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	70.62
POLICE	KEVIN L. PATTERSON	EXPENSE	106.27
POLICE	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	49.54
POLICE	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	105.05
	Total for Department 120		331.48*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	28.41
FIRE DEPARTMENT	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	103.12
	Total for Department 125		131.53*
STREET	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	3,279.17
STREET	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	424.25
STREET	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	90.97
STREET	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	62.32
	Total for Department 140		3,856.71*
PARKS	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	14.60
PARKS	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	71.78
PARKS	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	31.47
	Total for Department 165		117.85*
	Total for Fund 01		8,712.60*
LIBRARY	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	328.51
LIBRARY	SANDRA HERDER	CLEANING	385.95
LIBRARY	MELISSA PENAS	CLEANING	385.95
	Total for Department 171		1,100.41*
	Total for Fund 03		1,100.41*
AIRPORT	RED ROCK RURAL WATER	WATER	23.50
AIRPORT	SO. CENTRAL ELECTRIC	POWER COST	907.14
	Total for Department 174		930.64*

CITY OF WINDOM  
 FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
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	Total for Fund 11		930.64*
AMBULANCE	JORDAN BUSSA	EXPENSE	40.05
AMBULANCE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	23.26
AMBULANCE	LONDA FOSHEIM	EXPENSE	20.94
AMBULANCE	TIM HACKER	EXPENSE	64.31
AMBULANCE	ALLAN REMPEL	EXPENSE	26.12
AMBULANCE	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	1,891.47
AMBULANCE	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	115.95
	Total for Department 176		2,182.10*
	Total for Fund 13		2,182.10*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	1,040.51
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	RIVER BEND LIQUOR	MERCHANDISE	130.20
	Total for Department 177		1,170.71*
	Total for Fund 14		1,170.71*
	WESTERN COMMUNITY AC TRIPLE J BAKERY PROJECT		500.00
	Total for Department		500.00*
	Total for Fund 17		500.00*
N IND PARK	SO. CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COST		43.92
	Total for Department 147		43.92*
	Total for Fund 18		43.92*
LIQUOR	BELLBOY CORP	MERCHANDISE	860.00
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	6,850.81
LIQUOR	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	831.02
LIQUOR	EXTREME BEVERAGE, LL	MERCHANDISE	100.50
LIQUOR	FIELDSTONE VINEYARDS	MERCHANDISE	231.12
LIQUOR	WIRTZ BEVERAGE MN WI	MERCHANDISE	7,368.73
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	12,872.75
LIQUOR	JOHNSON BROS.	MERCHANDISE	1,071.81
LIQUOR	PHILLIPS WINE & SPIR	MERCHANDISE	931.37
LIQUOR	QUALITY WINE SPIRITS	MERCHANDISE	1,997.32
	Total for Department 180		33,115.43*
	Total for Fund 60		33,115.43*
WATER	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	3,833.06
WATER	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	5.07
WATER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	146.25
WATER	LEAGUE OF MN. CITIES	REGISTRATION	10.00
WATER	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL-SREVICES	802.52
WATER	MN DEPT OF HEALTH	SURCHARGE	3,166.00
WATER	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	253.05

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
		Total for Department 181	8,215.95*
		Total for Fund 61	8,215.95*
	ELECTRIC FUND	PAY YUKABETH KYAKUNDI'S	44.03
	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	500.00
	YUKABETH KYAKUNDI	REFUND-UTILITY PREPAYMEN	255.97
		Total for Department	800.00*
ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	268.74
ELECTRIC	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	5.07
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	146.25
ELECTRIC	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL-SREVICES	1,655.22
ELECTRIC	MN DEPT OF COMMERCE	REFUND GERTRUDE GRUNIG (	56.77
ELECTRIC	BRAD BUSSA	CLEANING	184.60
ELECTRIC	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	22.49
ELECTRIC	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	73.01
ELECTRIC	BANK MIDWEST INSURAN	BOILER INSURANCE	37,477.00
ELECTRIC	THOMAS CHRISTENSEN	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	JUSTIN DERICKSON	ENERGY REBATE	25.00
ELECTRIC	LEO DOHERTY	ENERGY REBATE	35.00
ELECTRIC	LINDA EISENMENGER	ENERGY REBATE	25.00
ELECTRIC	THERESA JONES	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	GEORGE KOENS	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	MARK NEMITZ	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	KEVIN PATTERSON	ENERGY REBATE	35.00
ELECTRIC	PAT PERRY	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	DARYL TASLER	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	PAUL VESEY	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	GORDON ZIMMER	ENERGY REBATE	25.00
		Total for Department 182	40,384.15*
ELECTRIC	COMMISSIONER OF TRAN	REFUND FOR DUPLICATE PAY	865.55
		Total for Department 282	865.55*
		Total for Fund 62	42,049.70*
SEWER	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	14,493.65
SEWER	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	42.04
SEWER	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	5.07
SEWER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	146.25
SEWER	LEAGUE OF MN. CITIES	REGISTRATION	10.00
SEWER	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL-SREVICES	802.52
SEWER	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	63.34
		Total for Department 183	15,562.87*
		Total for Fund 63	15,562.87*
ARENA	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	6,733.87
ARENA	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	49.16

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Department 184			6,783.03*
Total for Fund 64			6,783.03*
	BANK MIDWEST	LOAN PAYMENT	1,194.47
Total for Department			1,194.47*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	DAVIS TYPEWRITER	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	66.96
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	128.46
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MN ABSTRACT & TITLE	TITLE	100.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	STAR TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	117.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	BANK MIDWEST	LOAN PAYMENT	2,805.53
Total for Department 187			3,217.95*
Total for Fund 67			4,412.42*
	MN 9-1-1 PROGRAM	911 SERVICE	1,009.47
	SOUTHWEST/WEST CENTR	BLANDIN GRANT MATCH	2,115.00
	RICHARD BOOZE	REFUND- STATEMENT CREDIT	1.04
Total for Department			3,125.51*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DATA CONNECTION	SERVICE	13,600.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	1,479.57
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	15.24
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	438.75
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL-SREVICES	1,755.50
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MN DEPT OF LABOR & I	LICENSE	121.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	DIRECTORY LISTING	158.17
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	75.91
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	123.41
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WOODSTOCK TELEPHONE	SERVICE	186.67
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	RICHARD BOOZE	REFUND- STATEMENT CREDIT	15.20
Total for Department 199			17,969.42*
Total for Fund 69			21,094.93*
Grand Total			145,874.71*

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MAYOR & COUNCIL	SOGGE GOOD SAMARITAN	TAX BENEFIT FOR ADDITION	129.23
		Total for Department 101	129.23*
CITY OFFICE	STEVE NASBY	EXPENSE	35.00
		Total for Department 103	35.00*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	MN DEPT OF LABOR & I	BLDG PERMIT SURCHARGE	409.18
		Total for Department 106	409.18*
CITY HALL	J & G THE BOILER GUY	BOILER INSPECTION	143.75
CITY HALL	KATO ROOFING, INC	FIRE HALL ROOF	13,138.39
CITY HALL	MACARTHUR COMPANY &	ROOF MAINTENANCE	1,800.00
		Total for Department 115	15,082.14*
		Total for Fund 01	15,655.55*
LIBRARY	JOAN HUNTER	COMP REPAIR	24.75
LIBRARY	J & G THE BOILER GUY	BOILER INSPECTION	131.25
		Total for Department 171	156.00*
		Total for Fund 03	156.00*
	WICKS CONSTRUCTION I	AIRPORT RUNWAY	6,875.00
		Total for Department	6,875.00*
		Total for Fund 11	6,875.00*
AMBULANCE	ARROW MANUFACTURING	MAINTENANCE	38.60
AMBULANCE	ELECTRIC FUND	MAINTENANCE	40.60
AMBULANCE	ALLAN REMPEL	EXPENSE	2.66
		Total for Department 176	81.86*
		Total for Fund 13	81.86*
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	2,479.45
LIQUOR	WIRTZ BEVERAGE MN WI	CREDIT TAKEN 2X'S	13.20
LIQUOR	WIRTZ BEVERAGE MN WI	MERCHANDISE	1,700.21
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	2,337.45
LIQUOR	A H HERMEL CANDY & T	MERCHANDISE	696.52
LIQUOR	JOHNSON BROS.	MERCHANDISE	2,361.00
LIQUOR	PAUSTIS & SONS	MERCHANDISE	404.76
LIQUOR	PEPSIAMERICAS	MERCHANDISE	148.80
LIQUOR	QUALITY WINE SPIRITS	MERCHANDISE	2,557.57
LIQUOR	BANK MIDWEST	NSF CHECK	25.00
LIQUOR	THE WINE COMPANY	MERCHANDISE	138.00
		Total for Department 180	12,861.96*
		Total for Fund 60	12,861.96*
WATER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	129.38
		Total for Department 181	129.38*

CITY OF WINDOM  
 FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Fund 61			129.38*
ELECTRIC	MARV GRUNIG	EXPENSE	31.00
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	129.37
ELECTRIC	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	POWER COST	81,794.00
ELECTRIC	BANK MIDWEST	NSF CHECK	100.00
Total for Department 182			82,054.37*
Total for Fund 62			82,054.37*
SEWER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	129.37
Total for Department 183			129.37*
Total for Fund 63			129.37*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	AARON BACKMAN	EXPENSE	175.00
Total for Department 187			175.00*
Total for Fund 67			175.00*
RIVERBLUFF ESTATES	UNITED PRAIRIE BANK	LOAN PAYMENT	641.48
Total for Department 166			641.48*
Total for Fund 68			641.48*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	B B C AMERICA	SUBSCRIBER	8.91
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	BIG TEN NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	1,575.30
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	BLUEHIGHWAYS	SUBSCRIBER	28.16
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CNN - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	803.84
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST MEDIA CENTER	SUBSCRIBER	16.25
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DHJV COMPANY LLC	SUBSCRIBER	8.66
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DISCOVERY DIGITAL NE	SUBSCRIBER	48.47
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FOX SPORTS	SUBSCRIBER	5,324.80
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	388.13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	KARE	SUBSCRIBER	476.70
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	LIFETIME	SUBSCRIBER	678.40
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	LIFETIME MOVIE NETWO	SUBSCRIBER	30.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NATIONAL CABLE TV CO	SUBSCRIBER	21,319.09
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TBS - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	691.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TCM - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	377.60
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TNT - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	1,603.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TOWER DISTRIBUTION C	SUBSCRIBER	218.62
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	UNIVERSAL SERVICE AD	USER FEES	3,158.16
Total for Department 199			36,755.49*
Total for Fund 69			36,755.49*
COLONIAL LIFE INSURA			INSURANCE 8.82
MINNESOTA REVENUE			WAGE LEVI - STEVE WILLIA 267.00
Total for Department			275.82*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
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		Total for Fund 70	275.82*
		Grand Total	155,791.28*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MAYOR & COUNCIL	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	261.65
MAYOR & COUNCIL	MCDONALD & SCHRAMMEL	LEGAL FEES	94.50
MAYOR & COUNCIL	GREAT BEND TOWNSHIP	TAX BENEFIT FOR ADDITION	129.23
	Total for Department 101		485.38*
CITY OFFICE	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
CITY OFFICE	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	115.02
CITY OFFICE	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	111.85
CITY OFFICE	DAVIS TYPEWRITER	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	71.33
CITY OFFICE	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
CITY OFFICE	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	10.67
CITY OFFICE	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	16.02
CITY OFFICE	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
	Total for Department 103		386.73*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	15.47
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
	Total for Department 106		38.73*
CITY HALL	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	172.05
CITY HALL	AMERIGAS - WORTHINGT	WATER TREATMENT	23.46
CITY HALL	COTTONWOOD COUNTY SO	RECYCLING PICK UP	18.00
CITY HALL	CULLIGAN	SERVICE	12.50
CITY HALL	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	85.04
	Total for Department 115		311.05*
POLICE	COTTONWOOD CTY SHERI	REIMBURSE FOR SERVER	908.00
POLICE	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	45.60
POLICE	MCDONALD & SCHRAMMEL	LEGAL FEES	3,444.00
POLICE	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	22.50
POLICE	MN CHIEF OF POLICE A	REGISTRATIOIN	480.00
POLICE	NEW STAR SALES & SER	VOICE RECORDER	162.97
POLICE	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	5.54
POLICE	FLEET SERVICES DIVIS	LEASE CAR	2,565.56
POLICE	UNICEL	TELEPHONE	195.59
POLICE	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
POLICE	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	11.32
POLICE	PRORIDER INC	SUPPLIES	178.80
	Total for Department 120		8,036.64*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	20.04
FIRE DEPARTMENT	DICKS WELDING	MAINTENANCE	14.92
FIRE DEPARTMENT	LUCAN COMMUNITY TV I	MAINTENANCE	269.32
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
FIRE DEPARTMENT	QUEST	TELEPHONE	58.86
FIRE DEPARTMENT	RIVERSIDE LAUNDRY	SERVICE	32.06
FIRE DEPARTMENT	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	46.37
	Total for Department 125		448.07*
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	200.00

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Department 130			200.00*
ANIMALS	COTTONWOOD-SLAYTON V	VETERINARY SERVICE	254.50
Total for Department 135			254.50*
STREET	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	102.90
STREET	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	103.35
STREET	COTTONWOOD COUNTY LA	GARBAGE	10.00
STREET	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	62.52
STREET	GDF ENTERPRISES, INC	MAINTENANCE	122.82
STREET	GCC ALLIANCE CONCRET	MAINTENANCE	56.32
STREET	GEMPLER'S	SUPPLIES	109.90
STREET	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	130.85
STREET	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	10.63
STREET	LAMPERTS YARDS, INC.	MAINTENANCE	84.50
STREET	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	115.50
STREET	MACQUEEN EQUIP. CO.	INCORRECT PAYMENT ON LAS	816.01
STREET	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
STREET	Verizon Wireless	TELEPHONE	89.60
STREET	MILLER SELLNER EQUIP	MAINTENANCE	238.50
STREET	MTI DISTRIBUTING, IN	MAINTENANCE	262.58
STREET	NAPA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	153.44
STREET	QUEST	TELEPHONE	58.86
STREET	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	840.80
STREET	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	213.06
STREET	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	231.35
STREET	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	08 SEAL COAT	657.80
STREET	COUNTRY PRIDE SERVIC	MAINTENANCE	540.93
STREET	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
STREET	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	171.02
Total for Department 140			5,206.50*
RECREATION	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
Total for Department 150			38.58*
PARKS	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	205.80
PARKS	GOPHER	SUPPLIES	344.64
PARKS	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	299.56
PARKS	M-R SIGNS CO., INC	MAINTENANCE	233.74
PARKS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	113.18
PARKS	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	29.36
Total for Department 165			1,226.28*
Total for Fund 01			16,632.46*
LIBRARY	AMERICAN DIABETES AS	DUES	17.95
LIBRARY	BBC AUDIO	BOOKS	112.26
LIBRARY	CENTER POINT LARGE P	BOOKS	85.08
LIBRARY	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	69.85
LIBRARY	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	18.28

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LIBRARY	ESPN, THE MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION	26.00
LIBRARY	GALE	BOOKS	396.73
LIBRARY	HEARST CORP	SUBSCRIPTION	26.00
LIBRARY	INGRAM	BOOKS	2,208.59
LIBRARY	J & K WINDOWS	CLEANING	20.00
LIBRARY	MICROMARKETING	BOOKS & AUDIO	409.90
LIBRARY	MN DEPT OF LABOR & i	INSPECTION FEE	55.00
LIBRARY	PARENTING	SUBSCRIPTION	18.00
LIBRARY	RECORDED BOOKS, LLC	BOOKS	149.20
LIBRARY	READERS SERVICE	BOOK	40.22
LIBRARY	READERS DIGEST - AUD	SUBSCRIPTION	29.96
LIBRARY	UPSTART	SUBSCRIPTION	19.80
LIBRARY	BOTTOM LINE	SUBSCRIPTION	39.00
LIBRARY	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOU	SUPPLIES	163.32
LIBRARY	HISTORY EDUCATION	BOOK	103.50
LIBRARY	WINDOM WOMEN'S INVES	SHARE COST OF SUBSCRIPTI	149.50
LIBRARY	YANKEE	SUBSCRIPTION	24.00
LIBRARY	DISNEY MOVIE CLUB	MOVIES	98.22
	Total for Department 171		4,280.36*
	Total for Fund 03		4,280.36*
AIRPORT	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	9.61
AIRPORT	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	13.50
	Total for Department 174		23.11*
	Total for Fund 11		23.11*
POOL	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
POOL	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	485.10
POOL	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
	Total for Department 175		540.44*
	Total for Fund 12		540.44*
AMBULANCE	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	98.00
AMBULANCE	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PR	SUPPLIES	143.00
AMBULANCE	HIGLEY FORD SALES	MAINTENANCE	2,721.82
AMBULANCE	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	108.00
AMBULANCE	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
AMBULANCE	Verizon Wireless	TELEPHONE	89.93
AMBULANCE	QUEST	TELEPHONE	58.87
AMBULANCE	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION	SERVICE	461.07
AMBULANCE	QUALITY GLASS	WINDSHIELD REPAIR	65.00
AMBULANCE	RON'S ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	64.89
AMBULANCE	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	6.40
AMBULANCE	WINDOM AREA HOSPITAL	SERVICE	157.50
AMBULANCE	COUNTRY PRIDE SERVIC	MAINTENANCE	876.00
AMBULANCE	WINDOM FARM SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	611.64
AMBULANCE	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AMBULANCE	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	44.30
AMBULANCE	ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORA	SUPPLIES	806.91
	Total for Department 176		6,336.59*
	Total for Fund 13		6,336.59*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	220.50
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	315.33
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	103.03
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	158.00
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	31.50
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	Verizon Wireless	TELEPHONE	13.04
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	18.69
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	126.33
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	WERNER ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	48.22
	Total for Department 177		1,073.22*
	Total for Fund 14		1,073.22*
LIQUOR	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
LIQUOR	ENVIROMASTER, INC.	SERVICE	39.54
LIQUOR	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	130.60
LIQUOR	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	102.59
LIQUOR	FIELDSTONE VINEYARDS	MERCHANDISE	61.92
LIQUOR	HEARTLAND PAPER COMP	SUPPLIES	101.88
LIQUOR	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	48.06
LIQUOR	S&K LINES	FREIGHT	713.00
LIQUOR	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	48.57
LIQUOR	TOTAL REGISTER SYSTE	SUPPLIES	90.47
LIQUOR	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
	Total for Department 180		1,391.97*
	Total for Fund 60		1,391.97*
	HD SUPPLY WATERWORKD	MAINTENANCE	195.16
	Total for Department		195.16*
WATER	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	111.50
WATER	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTO	SUPPLIES	99.60
WATER	CITY OF WINDOM	PURCHASE HOSE FROM FIRE	480.00
WATER	HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	1,597.55
WATER	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	4.47
WATER	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	42.00
WATER	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
WATER	Verizon Wireless	TELEPHONE	51.12
WATER	MN VALLEY TESTING	TESTING	56.25
WATER	NORTHERN WATER WORKS	SUPPLIES	134.22
WATER	QUEST	TELEPHONE	58.87
WATER	RON'S ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	63.00

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
WATER	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	6.40
WATER	WINDOM AREA HOSPITAL	TESTING	35.00
WATER	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
		Total for Department 181	2,753.24*
		Total for Fund 61	2,958.40*
	B & B TRANSFORMER	INVENTORY	5,290.31
	BORDER STATES ELECTR	INVENTORY	1,292.82
	GDF ENTERPRISES, INC	MAINTENANCE	319.56
	J. H. LARSON	INVENTORY	239.58
	J. H. LARSON	SUPPLIES / MAINTENANCE	268.91
	RESCO	INVENTORY	3,647.43
	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	500.00
	WERNER ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	1,407.16
		Total for Department	12,965.77*
ELECTRIC	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
ELECTRIC	AMERICAN PUBLIC POWE	DUES	3,094.24
ELECTRIC	BLACKBURN MFG. CO.	MAINTENANCE	325.88
ELECTRIC	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	20.75
ELECTRIC	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MAINTENANCE	1,093.33
ELECTRIC	DUECO, INC.	MAINTENANCE	222.38
ELECTRIC	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	84.75
ELECTRIC	JERRY'S REPAIR	MAINTENANCE	917.31
ELECTRIC	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	244.20
ELECTRIC	J. H. LARSON	SUPPLIES / MAINTENANCE	107.84
ELECTRIC	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
ELECTRIC	MN REVENUE	ANNUAL EMISSIONS FEE	45.93
ELECTRIC	MMUA	CONNECTOR	250.00
ELECTRIC	NAPA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	219.82
ELECTRIC	QUEST	TELEPHONE	55.41
ELECTRIC	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	148.25
ELECTRIC	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	12.80
ELECTRIC	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	5.70
ELECTRIC	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	102.30
ELECTRIC	UTILITIES PLUS ENERG	MAINTENANCE	13,025.62
ELECTRIC	WINDOM AREA DEVELOPM	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	1,200.00
ELECTRIC	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	484.97
ELECTRIC	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	67.77
ELECTRIC	ZIEGLER, INC.	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	15,840.00
ELECTRIC	ENERGY CONSERVATION	SERVICE	975.00
		Total for Department 182	38,589.33*
		Total for Fund 62	51,555.10*
	RON'S ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	7,296.01
		Total for Department	7,296.01*
SEWER	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	77.16

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
SEWER	ATCO INTERNATIONAL	MAINTENANCE	92.22
SEWER	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTO	SUPPLIES	99.60
SEWER	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	261.00
SEWER	CITY OF WINDOM	PURCHASE HOSE FROM FIRE	480.00
SEWER	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	82.27
SEWER	DEFRIES COLLISION CE	MAINTENANCE	1,197.00
SEWER	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOUR	SUPPLIES	255.65
SEWER	HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	1,005.16
SEWER	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	85.04
SEWER	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	9.61
SEWER	JIFFY-JR. PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	242.73
SEWER	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6.50
SEWER	Verizon Wireless	TELEPHONE	51.13
SEWER	MN VALLEY TESTING	TESTING	2,406.40
SEWER	NAPA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	398.26
SEWER	NORTH SHORE ANALYTIC	TESTING	125.00
SEWER	NORTHERN WATER WORKS	SUPPLIES	334.05
SEWER	QUEST	TELEPHONE	260.61
SEWER	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	593.44
SEWER	RON'S ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	181.96
SEWER	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	158.46
SEWER	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	157.52
SEWER	SEWER EQUIPMENT CO	MAINTENANCE	117.13
SEWER	TEXAS REFINERY CORP	MAINTENANCE	142.46
SEWER	WINDOM AREA HOSPITAL	TESTING	35.00
SEWER	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	30.95
SEWER	HULS CONSTRUCTION	MAINTENANCE	415.00
	Total for Department 183		9,301.31*
	Total for Fund 63		16,597.32*
ARENA	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	38.58
ARENA	CULLIGAN	SERVICE	380.75
ARENA	HEARTLAND PAPER COMP	SUPPLIES	188.45
ARENA	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	130.88
ARENA	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	74.00
ARENA	RON'S ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	219.46
ARENA	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	121.50
ARENA	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	9.55
ARENA	WINDOM FIRE SAFETY	MAINTENANCE	115.00
ARENA	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
ARENA	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	12.28
	Total for Department 184		1,307.21*
	Total for Fund 64		1,307.21*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	243.55
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	14.96
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	WINDOM EDUCATION & C	REGISTRATION	30.00

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Department 187			305.27*
Total for Fund 67			305.27*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	115.56
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	223.14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	74.57
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GLOBAL GOV'T/EDUCATI	MAINTENANCE	992.99
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO	MAINTENANCE	99.29
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	IP NETWORKS	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	6,492.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	382.40
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	81.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NATIONAL CABLE TV CO	EQUIPMENT	5,215.12
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NEW STAR SALES & SER	COPIER MAINTENANCE	35.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CALIX	MAINTENANCE	110.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	296.58
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	57.39
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	16.76
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	BANK MIDWEST INSURAN	BOND	125.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	YELLOWBOOK	SERVICE	23.21
Total for Department 199			14,343.21*
Total for Fund 69			14,343.21*
Grand Total			117,344.66*

## Main Identity

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**From:** "Peterson, Lynn" <lpeterson@lmc.org>  
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### **Still no phase-two budget**

Despite rushing to complete work on phase-one of the supplemental budget before their spring recess, the House and Senate have yet to unveil their second phase proposed solutions to the projected \$994 million deficit faced by the state for the balance of the current 2010-2011 biennium, which ends on June 30, 2011.

According to legislators, they are still reviewing the impacts of the complex federal health care reform on Minnesota's general fund budget. As of today, we believe that the phase-two bills, which will predominantly focus on cuts to health care and human services programs, will likely be unveiled sometime next week. Based on House budget targets, the bill will include approximately \$155 million in health care and human service spending reductions. The Senate has not officially announced its target for the bill or if it will include cuts to K-12 education.

The first phase of the supplemental budget was signed by the governor on April 1 and it addressed \$312 million of the \$994 million deficit. The new law, [Chapter 215](#), includes an additional \$52.5 million in cuts to cities in the distributions of market value homestead credit (MVHC) and local government aid (LGA) for 2010. The League has posted a spreadsheet that compiles the city cuts into one document. That spreadsheet can be found at:

[http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/citycuts\\_ch215.pdf](http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/citycuts_ch215.pdf)

The \$994 million deficit was also reduced through the passage of the [Chapter 200](#), the General Assistance Medical Care bill. That new law provides the state with approximately \$147 million in favorable general fund adjustments.

With the passage of those two bills, the state has addressed \$459 million of the immediate deficit, leaving the Legislature with roughly \$535 million in additional needed general fund adjustments. In addition to the phase-two health care and human services budget, the Legislature is counting on Congressional action on an extension of increased federal funding for Medicare. The current estimate of the favorable impact of this change is \$408 million for the balance of the current biennium.

If the combined impact of the phase two supplemental budget bills and the Congressional extension of Medicaid funding does not at least cover the remaining deficit, the Legislature will have to return to the drawing board to identify additional state general fund adjustments. We will be watching closely.

*Questions? Contact Gary Carlson at 651-281-1255 or [gcarlson@lmc.org](mailto:gcarlson@lmc.org).*

### **Update: Ice arena air quality mandate amended, laid over**

A bill that, as introduced, would mandate installation of an electronic air monitoring device in every indoor ice arena has been amended in response to concerns raised by cities, school districts and the Amateur Sports Commission. The bill is aimed at reducing the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning that proponents of the bill say may be caused by exposure to fumes generated by non-electric ice resurfacers and edgers.

In the Senate, [SF 3175](#) (Sen. Ellen Anderson, DFL-St. Paul) was amended in the [Senate Finance Committee](#) to exempt facilities that have electric ice resurfacers and edgers and to require facilities that have non-electric equipment to have the machines retrofitted with catalytic converters. As the bill stands currently, facilities would have more time to comply than was provided in the original bill; and, the continuous air quality monitors would be required only if other requirements are not met. The bill was laid over because the Finance Committee did not have an updated fiscal note.

In the House, a new version of [HF 3512](#) (Rep. Rick Hanson, DFL-South St. Paul) is expected early next week in advance of a hearing in the House Outdoor Heritage Finance Committee scheduled for Wednesday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m. The bill's author, Rep. Rick Hansen, convened a meeting of stakeholders earlier this week and the group expects that the next version of the bill will be significantly different than earlier versions. It will likely contain language that requires certification for rink operators

and a directive to the Department of Health that the agency develop more stringent rules pertaining to indoor ice arena air quality management. The rulemaking process is presently underway.

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## Ignition interlock device legislation awaiting floor debates

Bills that would require individuals convicted of driving while impaired (DWI) to install an ignition interlock device on every vehicle they drive have moved through the committee process in both the House and Senate and are awaiting floor action. The measure, [HF 3106](#) (Rep. [Karla Bigham](#), DFL-Cottage Grove)/[SF 2741](#) (Sen. [Steve Murphy](#), DFL-Red Wing) is a priority for the [Minnesota Department of Public Safety](#) (DPS) and [Gov. Tim Pawlenty](#) (R). An ignition interlock device prevents a vehicle from starting until a sober driver breathes into an attached breathalyzer. If the breathalyzer registers a blood alcohol content (BAC) above 0.02 percent, the vehicle will not turn on and the failure is reported. The device also requires random breath samples after the equipped vehicle begins moving.

As introduced, the bill would impose the interlock device requirement on first-time DWI offenders and on every vehicle the offender drives. However, as the bill has moved through committees it has been modified significantly. The House and Senate version are now vastly different. In the House version, for instance, the legislation would apply to repeat offenders. The Senate version contains a provision requested by the League that would allow an individual subject to the interlock device requirement to drive an employer-owned vehicle while performing job duties. The exception would be subject to an agreement between the employer and the DPS and would exclude commercial vehicle drivers.

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## Senate omnibus tax bill to come out soon

The [Senate Tax Committee](#) met April 15 taking up several individual bills. The committee also announced a schedule to present and process an omnibus bill next week. [SF 3327](#) (Sen. [Tom Bakke](#), DFL-Cook) will be presented in committee on Tuesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. in Room 15 of the Capitol and then amended and passed out of committee the next morning, April 21, at 9 a.m. The bill is likely to contain at least some of the city-specific local options sales tax legislation or tax-increment changes brought forward this session.

The House seems to be moving at a slower pace with hearings scheduled through the end of April. (Link to the House Tax Committee page. <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=86103> ).

Many have speculated since the start of session on whether there would be another tax bill after the first round of local government aid/market value homestead credit budget cuts in the budget-balancing bill of [HF 1671](#).

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## Governor signs LMC's securities safekeeping bill

This week [Gov. Pawlenty](#) signed into law [Chapter 234](#).

The bill idea came out of the Improving Fiscal Futures Policy Committee and accomplished two goals. First, the new law expands those banks which may do securities lending for municipalities. The law had been limited to just US Bank. Second, the new law adds to the safekeeping portion of the statutes. The bill originated as [HF 3065](#) (Rep. [Steve Simon](#), DFL- St. Louis Park) and [SF 2590](#) (Sen. [Linda Scheid](#), DFL-Brooklyn Park).

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## Interest rate bill signed into law

On Thursday, April 15, [Gov. Pawlenty](#) signed into law a bill undoing a 2009 change in state law that increased the required interest rate for awards and judgments over \$50,000 to 10 percent. The new law is [Chapter 249](#), and under this new legislation the maximum interest rate that would be applied to any award or judgment involving the state or a local unit of government would be the greater of 4 percent or the return to the rate based on the secondary market yield of one-year United States Treasury bills determined last December. The December treasury bill rate was below the 4 percent minimum and therefore the statutory interest rate is currently set at 4 percent.

The League of Minnesota Cities worked with the [Minnesota InterCounty Association](#) and the [Association of Minnesota Counties](#) on the legislation. The bills, [SF 2722](#) and [HF 3085](#), were authored by [Sen. Rod Skoe](#) (DFL-Clearbrook) and [Rep. Paul Marquart](#) (DFL-Dilworth).

The 2009 law change that increased the interest rate to 10 percent was tucked into the omnibus public safety bill and was intended to incent insurance companies to distribute awards and judgments on a timely basis. Advocates for the amendment claimed that insurance companies were delaying payments because the statutory interest rate has been low.

Unfortunately, the law change created problems for cities, counties and even the state. The most obvious problem was financial. With all levels of government generally facing intense budget pressure due to the stagnant economy and reduced tax and other revenues, higher interest costs for awards and judgments only compounds the financial pressures. However, perhaps a more insidious problem was that the substantial 2009 increase in the interest rate on judgments and awards was so far in excess of market rates, it resulted in a disincentive for a property owner to finalize property tax appeals or condemnation proceedings due to the fact that delays by the property owner will yield an automatic 10 percent return.

Chapter 249 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to judgments and awards finally entered on or after that date. The bill was signed on April 15, which makes it effective today, April 16.

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### House and Senate convention plan

The House and Senate have cleared the legislative schedules for the next two Thursdays and Fridays to accommodate the two state party conventions. The DFL state convention will be held from Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25 while the Republican state convention will be held Thursday, April 29 to Saturday, May 1. The Independence Party state convention will be held on Saturday, May 8.

On Monday, April 19, the Legislature will have four weeks to complete their work for the 2010 legislative session.

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### Last call for Women in City Government Leadership Award nominations

The April 23 deadline is fast approaching for nominations for the 2010 Minnesota Women in City Government (MWCG) annual Leadership Awards. MWCG will recognize two outstanding women in Minnesota city government, one elected woman and one appointed woman.

Past winners of this award include Pat Coupanger, councilmember for Elmore and Laurie Ahrens, city manager for Plymouth in 2009; Elizabeth Kuoppala, councilmember for Eveleth, and Theresa Goble, finance director for Brainerd in 2008; and Brenda Johnson, former councilmember and vice mayor for Chatfield and Desyl Peterson, city attorney for Minnetonka in 2007.

Nominations are due on or before April 23, 2010. Nomination information is available online at [www.mwcg.org](http://www.mwcg.org) or by contacting MWCG President Mary McComber at [marymccomber@aol.com](mailto:marymccomber@aol.com) or Brian Strub, LMC, at 651-281-1256, 800-925-1122, or [bstrub@lmc.org](mailto:bstrub@lmc.org).

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**Reference:** EMW-2009-FC-00262R

Dear Station Construction Grant (SCG) Applicant:

Thank you for applying for a Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, P.L. 111-5) Station Construction Grant (SCG).

The ARRA provided \$210 million for the FY 2009 ARRA SCG Program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) received more than 6,000 applications requesting approximately \$10 billion in Federal funding. Due to the competitiveness of the application process and the limited amount of available funding, less than two percent of those that applied will be awarded. Unfortunately, FEMA was not able to offer funds to many worthy applicants. Many Applicants were not considered because the application did not match up well in relation to the funding priorities and rating criteria for the FY 2009 ARRA SCG Program.

Funding priorities and rating criteria for the evaluation of FY 2009 ARRA SCG Program applications were established based on recommendations from a panel comprised of representatives from nine major fire service organizations. These priorities were included in the FY 2009 ARRA SCG Program Guidance

and were reflected in the FY 2009 ARRA SCG application in the form of questions regarding the applicant's

organization and community, as well as the proposed project. !

The answers to these questions were the primary basis for determining whether an application warranted further evaluation in the peer review stage of the competition. To reach the second level of evaluation (the peer review), priority was given to the following:

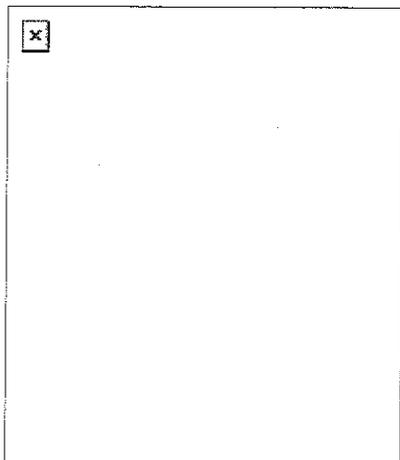
1. Applicants whose proposed projects were consistent with the announced funding priorities
2. Communities that have been subject to significant increases in unemployment rates
3. Applicants whose projects could start soon after the award was made
4. Applicants whose projects would positively affect firefighter and public safety in the near term

If you would like a more detailed account of how your application was rated, please register your request

at [www.firegrantsupport.com/turndowns](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/turndowns) within 30 days of this notice. FEMA will respond to these requests in the order in which they are received

I appreciate your interest in the ARRA SCG Program and look forward to working with you on future homeland security issues.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth M. Harman, Assistant Administrator  
Grant Programs Directorate



## Pension Bills Head to Finance Committees

The legislation intends to provide financial sustainability to public employee pension plans.  
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The House version of the 2010 omnibus pension bill, **HF 3281** (Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF3281&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF3281&ssn=0&y=2009)) (**Rep. Mary Murphy** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10444>), DFL-Hermantown), was approved by the House **State Government Finance Division** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=86123>) and sent to the House **Finance Committee** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=86106>) on April 8. The Senate version of the bill, **SF 2918** (Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2918&ssn=0&y=2010](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2918&ssn=0&y=2010)) (**Sen. Don Betzold** (Link to: [http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member\\_bio.php?mem\\_id=1006&ls=-](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1006&ls=-)), DFL-Fridley), is awaiting a hearing in the Senate **Finance Committee**. (Link to: [http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee\\_bio.php?ante\\_id=1007&ls=86](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?ante_id=1007&ls=86))

The omnibus pension bills include the pension sustainability provisions for the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) General Plan and Police and Fire (P&F) Plan as well as other public employee pension plans. These provisions are based on recommendations from the state's three largest public employee pension plans—the PERA Board, the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) Board, and the Board of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS).

### Primary PERA changes

The bills attempt to ensure stability of benefits for retirees and active employees through a series of shared sacrifices that will impact employers, employees, and retirees. The core of the PERA Board sustainability recommendations include a General Plan contribution increase of 0.25 percent from the employer and 0.25 percent from the employee, and a reduction in the annual pension benefit adjustment to General Plan retirees from 2.5 percent to 1 percent. For the P&F Plan, the bill includes a contribution increase of 0.3 percent from the employer and 0.2 percent from the employee, while the annual pension benefit adjustment is limited to 1 percent for two years and then is adjusted according to the consumer price index, with a limit of no more than 1.5 percent per year.

The bills would also increase the vesting requirement in the General Plan from three years to five years, while the vesting requirement in the P&F Plan would increase from three years to 10 years in a phased-in schedule. Other changes in the PERA recommendations would decrease interest paid to certain employees who leave public service and either withdraw contributions or leave funds in the pension system.

The bill also includes a set of changes to administratively consolidate the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) with the PERA General Plan. The consolidation will not impact the funding of the PERA General Plan and would be accomplished with increased contributions from Minneapolis, other employers with MERF participants, and the state.

### Teacher opposition

The only active opposition to the bill is from Education Minnesota, the statewide teacher's union.

Education Minnesota has been arguing for a benefit improvement for teachers that the group argues will provide equity for all teachers hired after 1989. In 1989, the Legislature eliminated the “Rule of 90” for all prospective hires. Employees hired before June 30, 1989, can retire early with unreduced benefits when the employee’s age plus service credit equal 90.

### **Governor concerned about cost**

According to Finance Commissioner Tom Hanson, Gov. Pawlenty has some general concerns about the cost of the bill. Although the Commissioner did not specify the exact cost concerns, the bill would increase the state’s cost for contributions on behalf of the state patrol and includes a yet-to-be-specified state contribution to the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) to assist with the deficiency in that plan. The bill also includes increased contributions for participants in the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), but those contributions do not directly increase the state’s cost.

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## House Caucus Begins Redesign Effort

Efforts launched by the House would take an outside-the-committee-process look at approaches to redesign local and state governments, tax policy, and more.

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A House Redesign Caucus had its first meeting on April 6, and invited several non-legislative people to comment on matters related to redesigning various aspects of state and local government.

**Rep. Paul Marquart** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10401>*) (DFL-Dilworth) called together the bi-partisan group with 12 to 15 legislators, signaling to outsiders that many legislators are interested in helping to shape this “new normal.” Staff from the League and the Association of Minnesota Counties represented local government perspectives. Rep. Marquart said he hoped the Senate would participate in future meetings.

### Moving forward with “innovation” bills

The caucus discussed plans for the innovation-type bills brought forward this session. While **Rep. Marsha Swails** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=15280>*)’s (DFL-Woodbury) bill, **HF 2840** (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2840&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2840&ssn=0&y=2009)*), will continue to move on its own as a stand-alone bill, the others will be amended into one package, and Marquart will become the chief author.

The bills will officially be amended together on April 15 in the House **State and Local Government Operations, Reform and Technology Committee** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=86132>*)

under number **HF 2227** (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2227&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2227&ssn=0&y=2009)*), originally authored by **Rep. Bill Hilty** (*Link to:*

*<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10256>*) (DFL-Finlayson). The bills are:

- **HF 3011** (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF3011&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF3011&ssn=0&y=2009)*), Board of Innovation (**Rep. Keith Downey** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=15311>*), R-Edina).
- **HF 2884** (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2884&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2884&ssn=0&y=2009)*), Institute of Public Policy (**Rep. Carlos Mariani** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10399>*), DFL-St. Paul).
- **HF 2660** (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2660&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2660&ssn=0&y=2009)*), Board of Innovation (**Rep. Paul Thissen** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10791>*), DFL-Minneapolis).

The consolidation plan does not exactly line up with the Senate work in this area. For example, **Sen. Terri Bonoff** (*Link to: [http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member\\_bio.php?mem\\_id=1069&ls="](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1069&ls=)*) (DFL-Minnetonka) has introduced **SF 2620** (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2620&ssn=0&y=2010](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2620&ssn=0&y=2010)*), which is the companion to HF 3011.

**Five areas targeted for redesign**

If this proposal moves forward, there will be plenty of interim work to be done when these bills become law. The Redesign Caucus hopes to send out a Request for Innovations proposal in five redesign areas: local government, state government and enterprise collaboration, education, health care, and tax policy.

Working groups will form for each of these redesign areas. Under the rough timeline presented, the ideas would come back to the Redesign Caucus in August, and each working group would produce two bills from the ideas generated by the public. The bills would then be introduced early in the 2011 session. Expect to hear more on this Request for Innovations proposal.

**Background**

This work began in 2009, when Marquart, as Property Tax chair, led the charge for redesign by convening three different working groups to start brainstorming and developing legislation. The three groups focused on mandate relief, overhauling the property tax system, and developing accountability measures. Of the three, only a small part of the mandate relief efforts actually made it into law.

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## LMC Testifies in Support of Expanding Local Impact Note Statutes

The bill could help fight against unfunded mandate legislation, and arm policy-makers with local cost information.

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The League testified in support of **SF 3325** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF3325&ssn=0&y=2010](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF3325&ssn=0&y=2010)) (**Sen. Ron Latz** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member\\_bio.php?mem\\_id=1102&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1102&ls=)), DFL-St. Louis Park) during the week of April 5 in both the Senate **State Government Budget Division** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee\\_bio.php?cmte\\_id=2004&ls=86](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=2004&ls=86)) as well as the full Senate **Finance Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee\\_bio.php?cmte\\_id=1007&ls=86](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1007&ls=86)). The bill passed without any dissent, and will go on to the full Senate for a vote.

### Authority to request a note

As drafted, the bill would simply add the House Ways and Means chair and the Senate Finance chair to those who can request that a local impact note be done on a bill under *Minnesota Statutes, section 3.987* ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=3.987](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=3.987)). Currently, only the chairs of each Taxes committee can make such a request.

League President Ardell Brede, mayor of Rochester, also wrote a letter supporting the bill. The idea for the bill actually came from discussions with the Hopkins City Council earlier this session, according to Sen. Latz's staff. The League's Improving Service Delivery Committee had included the proposal of adding other legislators to the local impact note process, to the policy number SD 1-Unfunded Mandates.

### Cost of the measure

Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) scored the bill as costing the state \$8,000 to administer, which the Senate did not see as a problem for the bill's passage. Currently, the MMB uses volunteer local officials from both cities and counties to act as a sounding board when local impact notes are requested. An e-mail message goes out, some input from locals is given, and the MMB staff prepare a local impact note for the committees to consider.

There are actually not many local impact notes requested. Most of the time, legislators, their legislative analysts, and League association staff or others are able to help estimate the cost of various legislative proposals. The League and others have been sympathetic to the fact that a lot of the work on local impact notes is done by locals—who obviously have other duties and responsibilities for their individual cities and counties.

### House companion bill

The House companion, **HF 3748** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF3748&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF3748&ssn=0&y=2009)) (**Rep. Steve Simon** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=12280](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=12280)), DFL-St. Louis Park), was referred to the House Health and Human Services Finance Division. It is

uncertain whether it will receive a hearing this session.

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## Supplemental Budget phase-2

The League infrequently has legislation referred to the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committees. However, with the immense state budget deficit that has yet to be fully addressed, the League will be paying close attention to activity in those committees in the coming weeks.

Earlier this week, the House Health Care and Human Services Finance Division was scheduled to unveil the second phase of the House supplemental budget but the release has been delayed as legislators and staff refine their HHS budget cut proposal. The Senate continues to work on its HHS proposal as well.

Under the House budget targets, the Health and Human Services budget will be reduced by a total of \$710 million. Although this sounds like an immense cut in spending, the target has already been partially achieved due to the passage of the General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) bill that provided the state general fund with savings of \$147 million.

In addition, the House target assumes that Congress approves a temporary extension of the increase in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), the federal government's share of the cost of Medicare in Minnesota. This FMAP increase will provide the state with savings of \$408 million. The remainder of the HHS target, or roughly \$155 million, will actually be achieved though the savings in the yet-to-be-released HHS supplemental budget bill.

The only other portion of the state budget that has not been included in the supplemental budget bills is K-12 education. Under the

House budget target, K-12 is targeted to lose only \$1 million. We expect a K-12 bill in the near future as well.

Although it appeared that the Legislature might be angling for an early adjournment, it now appears that they will have to wait on Congressional action on the FMAP extension.

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## Pension bills advance

The House version of the 2010 omnibus pension bill, HF 3281, Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown), was approved by the House State Government Finance Division on Thursday and sent to the House Finance Committee. The Senate version of the bill, SF 2918, (Sen. Don Betzold, DFL-Fridley), is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee.

The only active opposition to the bill is from Education Minnesota, the statewide teacher's union. Education Minnesota has been arguing for a benefit improvement for teachers that it believes will provide equity for all teachers hired after 1989. In 1989, the Legislature eliminated the "Rule of 90" for all prospective hires. Employees hired before June 30, 1989 can retire early with unreduced benefits when the employee's age plus service credit equals 90.

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plans, the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Board, the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) Board and the Board of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS).

The bills attempt to ensure stability of benefits for retirees, as well as active employees, though a series of shared sacrifices that will impact employers, employees and retirees. The core of the PERA Board sustainability recommendations include a general plan contribution increase of 0.25 percent from the employer and 0.25 percent from the employee, and a reduction in the annual pension benefit adjustment to General Plan retirees to one percent from the current law 2.5 percent. In the Police and Fire plan, the bill includes a contribution increase of 0.3 percent from the employer and 0.2 percent from the employee while the annual pension benefit adjustment is limited to one percent for two years and then is adjusted according to the consumer price index, with a limit of no more than 1.5 percent per year.

The bills would also increase the vesting requirement in the general plan to five years from three years while the vesting requirement in the police and fire plan would be increased to 10 years from three years in a phased-in schedule. Other changes in the PERA recommendations would decrease interest paid to certain employees who leave public service and either withdraw contributions or leave funds in the pension system.

The bill also includes a set of changes to administratively consolidate the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund (MERF) with the PERA General Plan. The consolidation will not impact the funding of the PERA General Plan

and would be accomplished with increased contributions from Minneapolis, other employers with MERF participants and the state.

*Questions? Contact Gary Carlson at 651-281-1255 or [gcarlson@lmc.org](mailto:gcarlson@lmc.org).*

## Sunday liquor sales shelved in the House

On Thursday, the House took up the omnibus liquor bill, SF 2808, and two different amendments that would have allowed liquor stores to sell on Sundays, but were defeated. Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Minneapolis) brought up the first amendment, which would have permitted sales on all Sundays. The amendment was defeated on a roll call, 20-110, but only after a colorful debate that largely centered around the business struggles of mom/pop liquor stores vs. the big-box versions. The League did not have an official position on the amendment, but many in the industry did oppose it, including the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association (MMBA).

A limited, holiday version was then offered, which would have allowed for Sunday sales between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. This was defeated on a voice vote. An amendment to privatize all municipal liquor store operations by 2011 was then defeated.

Proponents of the bill claimed the increase to seven days would bring in \$3 to 4 million dollars to state coffers, with opponents and the Department of Revenue claiming it would be more like \$300,000.

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## Competitive cable franchising receives final legislative approval

With a unanimous vote of the Minnesota House of Representatives yesterday, legislation that clarifies current state cable law, Chapter 238, is now expected to be presented to the governor for final approval.

On Thursday, the House unanimously approved the provisions. Both the House and Senate have now approved legislation, HF 2852 (Rep. Sheldon Johnson, DFL-St. Paul)/SF 2535 (Sen. Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis), allowing cities to grant cable franchises to local phone companies to offer services to the areas within the city where the provider has phone service territory. The legislation makes clear that the "level playing field" requirements in Chapter 238 regarding *area served* can be satisfied by such franchise agreements.

The cable franchise legislation now exists as an amendment to unrelated telecommunications legislation that was already moving through final legislative approval, HF 3097, Rep. Al Juhnke (DFL-Willmar)/SF 2616, Sen. Kathy Sheran (DFL-Mankato).

*Questions? Contact Ann Higgins at 651-281-1257 or [ahiggins@lmc.org](mailto:ahiggins@lmc.org).*

## Contact Congress in support of Local Jobs for America Act

The Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4812, would provide up to \$75 billion to cities, counties, and school districts over the next two years as they struggle to cope with the devastating impacts of the recession.

Companion legislation is expected to be introduced soon in the US Senate.

This legislation is specifically targeted to helping local governments avoid layoff of existing employees, rehire employees recently separated, and create a limited number of new positions in both the public and non-profit community sectors. Not only will the funds help continue local services, but they will also support employment in our hometown communities when every layoff only adds to the already high unemployment levels.

City officials are urged to contact Minnesota's congressional delegation, encouraging them to co-sponsor and support this legislation. United States Reps Betty McCollum and Keith Ellison are co-sponsors. Additional details on this legislation online at <http://bit.ly/cL7TiG>.

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202-224-3244

612-727-5220

888-224-9043

*Sen. Al Franken*

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*Rep. Tim Walz*

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*Rep. John Kline*

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*Rep. Erik Paulsen*

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*Rep. Betty McCollum*  
202-225-6631  
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*Rep. Keith Ellison*  
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612-522-1212

*Rep. Michele Bachmann*  
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*Rep. Collin Peterson*  
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## **Women in City Government Leadership Awards**

Minnesota Women in City Government (MWCG) will present Leadership Awards again in 2010 to recognize two outstanding women in Minnesota city government. One award will be presented to an elected woman in city government, and another award will be awarded to an appointed woman in city government. Both winners will be recognized for individual achievement in their cities, as well as leadership and mentoring roles both inside and outside of their communities.

MWCG is now seeking nominations for both awards. Nominations are due on or before April 23, 2010. A nomination form and additional information is available online at

[www.mwccg.org](http://www.mwccg.org) or by contacting MWCG President Mary McComber at [marymccomber@aol.com](mailto:marymccomber@aol.com) or Brian Strub, LMC, at 651-281-1256, 800-925-1122, or [bstrub@lmc.org](mailto:bstrub@lmc.org).

The MWCG Leadership Awards are open to all women elected and appointed Minnesota city officials. A panel of judges representing MWCG and the League of Minnesota Cities will determine the finalists and the winner of the awards. Current members of the MWCG Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

Finalists for the awards will be announced in advance of the LMC Annual Conference in St. Cloud, June 23-25, 2010. The winners will be announced and honored, along with the other finalists, during the annual MWCG Membership Meeting Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in St. Cloud. Completed nomination forms and nomination statements should be mailed to MWCG, c/o Mary McComber, 5728 Penfield Avenue North, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082 or Email with attachments to [marymccomber@aol.com](mailto:marymccomber@aol.com).

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Dear Mayors and Chief Appointed Officials:

Last week Governor Pawlenty signed into law the first supplemental budget bill, Chapter 215 (HF 1671). This week's *Cities Bulletin* includes an expanded description of this new law. Among other provisions, it will further reduce Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) and Local Government Aid (LGA) payments by \$52.5 million in 2010. This is on top of the \$128 million in cuts to those two programs that cities have already taken into account in their adopted 2010 budgets.

While these latest cuts are not welcome news, we know the reductions could have been far worse. You may recall that the Governor initially recommended \$125 million in cuts to MVHC and LGA in his supplemental budget proposal while the House Tax Chair introduced a bill that would have cut cities by \$115 million. By comparison, the cuts as they currently stand are much less than they might have been. Clearly, our collective efforts to explain the impacts of such deep cuts helped to change minds. If you have not already done so, a "thank you" to those legislators who supported this compromise would be appropriate.

However, the signing of Chapter 215 does not eliminate the possibility of additional cuts for cities in 2010. The Legislature and Governor have yet to agree on the second supplemental budget bill which will affect the education and health and human services budgets. Likewise, Chapter 215 was based on the expectation that the state will receive an additional \$400 million in Medicaid assistance from the federal government. If the Governor and Legislature cannot agree on the remaining cuts necessary to balance the budget and/or if the federal Medicaid assistance is not forthcoming, the Legislature will have to revisit its earlier actions and possibly increase budget cuts already included in Chapter 215.

Even cities that no longer receive MVHC and LGA could be affected if the Legislature considers cuts to other aid and credit programs such as PERA pension aid or police and fire aid, programs that all cities currently receive. That, in fact, has already happened this session; \$10.5 million was diverted from the Fire Safety Account, a dedicated source of training dollars for fire departments statewide, as part of Chapter 215.

I am, therefore, taking this unusual step of writing to ask that you convey to your legislators the importance of not further reducing city programs - in any form - during the final weeks of the session. Including the cuts authorized in Chapter 215, cities have lost over \$300 million in aids since the end of 2008. And, as it currently stands, the state faces a \$5.8 billion deficit in the next biennium beginning July 1, 2011 meaning the likelihood of even more cuts to these aid programs

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in the 2011 legislative session. Please remind your legislators of the difficult choices your city councils have already made and the impact these latest cuts will have on your residents and businesses.

The League will continue to make this point in coming weeks, but your advocacy may be the difference between what is now law and even more severe reductions. If you have questions or concerns about the budget bill or the possibility of additional cuts, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Miller".

Jim Miller  
Executive Director

	Certified 2010 LGA	2010 LGA Reduction due to Unalotment	2010 LGA Legislative Reduction	Final 2010 LGA after all Reductions	Certified 2010 MVC	2010 MVC Reduction due to Unalotment	2010 MVC Legislative Reduction	Final 2010 MVC after all Reductions	Total 2010 LGA/MVC Legislative & Unalotment Reductions	Est. 2011 LGA
Sartell	373,329	-369,775	0	3,554	205,038	0	-168,010	37,028	-537,785	297,937
St. Charles	875,913	-118,574	0	757,339	80,086	0	-57,329	22,757	-175,903	840,133
St. James	1,513,065	-177,008	0	1,336,057	177,966	0	-81,333	46,633	-258,341	1,479,149
St. Peter	2,971,096	-354,970	0	2,616,126	191,815	0	-171,141	20,674	-526,111	2,921,852
Staples	1,091,899	-134,326	0	957,573	84,372	0	-62,182	22,190	-196,508	1,060,589
Thief River Falls	2,745,096	-326,190	0	2,418,906	148,874	0	-148,377	497	-474,567	2,660,266
Tracy	977,585	-118,415	0	859,170	100,994	0	-59,528	41,466	-177,943	956,325
Virginia	4,543,165	-480,260	0	4,062,905	316,817	0	-243,796	73,021	-724,056	4,456,095
Wadena	1,349,217	-158,142	0	1,191,075	85,843	0	-73,355	12,488	-231,497	1,307,177
Waite Park	228,590	-228,590	0	0	147,491	-141,505	-5,986	0	-376,081	161,280
Warren	630,467	-69,311	0	561,156	59,715	0	-32,985	26,730	-102,296	663,623
Warroad	839,653	-94,710	-12,560	732,383	35,404	0	-35,404	0	-142,674	809,963
Waseca	2,744,853	-471,202	0	2,273,651	289,937	0	-211,953	77,984	-683,155	2,677,816
Willmar	4,673,575	-620,784	0	4,052,790	311,763	0	-286,032	25,731	-906,816	4,482,275
Windom	1,421,548	-218,631	0	1,202,917	189,409	0	-102,370	87,039	-321,001	1,475,626
Winona	10,430,544	-1,225,750	-39,657	9,165,137	529,502	0	-529,502	0	-1,794,909	10,171,841
Worthington	3,143,998	-438,891	0	2,705,107	263,515	0	-199,407	64,108	-638,298	3,030,078
CGMC Total	171,707,723	-29,871,705	-229,144	141,606,865	17,611,112	-141,505	-13,687,846	3,781,761	-43,930,200	166,892,420

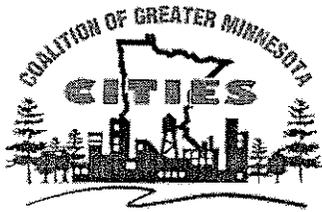
**Other Regional Centers**

Duluth	31,509,961	-3,529,008	-531,914	27,449,037	1,137,385	0	-1,137,385	0	-1,669,299	30,895,148
St. Cloud	12,802,204	-2,687,905	-4,973	10,109,325	1,225,313	0	-1,225,313	0	-1,230,286	12,726,090

**Select Metro**

Andover	0	0	0	0	528,122	-490,049	-38,073	0	-38,073	-528,122	0
Anoka	1,458,183	-557,088	0	901,095	315,367	0	-255,135	60,232	-255,135	-812,223	1,767,028
Apple Valley	0	0	0	0	1,058,525	-1,046,140	-12,385	0	-12,385	-1,058,525	0
Blaine	0	0	0	0	909,052	-741,834	-167,218	0	-167,218	-909,052	0
Bloomington	0	0	0	0	1,371,763	-1,371,763	0	0	0	-1,371,763	0
Brooklyn Center	1,480,854	-1,069,475	0	411,378	630,990	0	-504,022	126,968	-504,022	-1,573,497	1,505,425
Brooklyn Park	184,239	-184,239	0	0	1,355,039	-1,355,039	0	0	0	-1,539,278	389,335
Burnsville	0	0	0	0	1,164,636	-1,140,575	-24,061	0	-24,061	-1,164,636	0

Source: MN Dept. of Revenue MN House Research Data  
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Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities  
**CGMC in Brief**

April 16, 2010

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**Important dates to  
keep in mind as  
session winds down**

With just a month left in the legislative session, CGMC staff would like to remind you of several important dates between now and May 17.

**April 23 – 25: DFL State Convention**  
**April 29 – 31: GOP State Convention**

The state DFL party and GOP will be holding their endorsement conventions in the next two weeks. For the governor's race, both Tom Emmer and Marty Seifert have agreed to abide by the GOP endorsement. On the DFLer's side, Mark Dayton, Matt Entenza, and Susan Gaertner have indicated that they will run in a primary regardless of the endorsement, while other candidates will likely abide by the endorsement. Either way, you can expect the DFL field to thin out to some degree.

**May 6: CGMC meets with gubernatorial candidates**

The CGMC Board of Directors and the CGMC Property Tax & LGA Committee will meet at Flaherty & Hood offices on Thursday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. Members will continue their meetings with gubernatorial candidates and hear from Independence Party candidate Tom Horner at 10:30 a.m. and DFL candidate Mark Dayton at 1:00 p.m. As with all Board meetings, all CGMC members are welcome to attend (please contact Colleen Millard at [cfmillard@flaherty-hood.com](mailto:cfmillard@flaherty-hood.com) if you plan to attend so that we have an accurate headcount). The CGMC Board has already met with DFLers Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Tom Rukavina, R.T. Rybak, and Paul Thissen, and Republican candidates Tom Emmer, Marty Seifert, and Pat Anderson (who has now dropped out of the governor's race to enter the state auditor's race).

**May 17: Legislature's adjournment contingent on federal money**

As reported in previous issues of the CGMC in Brief, the legislature's plan to balance the state's \$1 billion deficit relies on \$400 million of federal money in addition to the \$300 million in spending cuts and \$150 million in GAMC savings already negotiated, and reductions of \$150 million in a yet-to-be-unveiled health and human services bill. Members of the legislative leadership have suggested halting work on the health and human services bill until the \$400 million in federal dollars is finalized through the congressional process.

**Legislation  
amending JOBZ  
subsidy agreements  
receives hearing in  
Senate**

Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate to allow businesses to amend their JOBZ business subsidy agreement if they met their job and wage goals in 2008 but failed to meet their goals in 2009 due to economic or business conditions. The legislation (S.F. 3343/Fischbach and H.F. 3764/Hosch) is targeted at businesses that have used JOBZ to grow jobs and



produce investment, yet have come upon hard times since the recession.

The Senate version received a hearing in the tax committee on Thursday. Members expressed support for the legislation but questioned the cost. The Department of Revenue projects the legislation will cost the state \$1.4 million in the second half of FY2011 and increase to approximately \$2.8 million per year. Tax Committee Chairman Tom Bakk expressed his concern that Governor Pawlenty would not support the tax increase necessary to fund this legislation. The Senate author and the Department of Revenue pledged to refine the scope of the bill, if necessary, in order to win the governor's approval. The bill was then laid-over for possible inclusion in an omnibus tax bill that Chairman Bakk will likely introduce next week.

**Parks and trails  
legacy summit maps  
out public input  
process**

On Tuesday Bradley Peterson attended the Parks and Trails Legacy Summit on behalf of CGMC. This meeting was hosted by the Minnesota DNR and was a gathering of park and trail advocates, park and recreation administrators, and civic leaders to discuss the process for gathering public input as the DNR completes its strategic plan for use of the state's Legacy Funds, as well as more traditional sources of funding for state and regional parks and trails.

As part of this effort, 16 regional meetings are being planned around the state for May and June. At these meetings, citizens, civic leaders, and interested organizations will be invited to participate in a discussion about the future of Minnesota's parks and trails and how they will be funded. The locations and schedules for the regional meetings can be found at <http://patl.intergov.mn.gov/public-meetings/>. These meetings will be a great opportunity to offer your vision for Minnesota's parks and trails, and you are encouraged to share this information with citizens, organizations, and others who might be interested.

**Annual CGMC  
breakfast at League  
conference set for  
June 25 in St. Cloud**

Plan on joining your fellow city officials and CGMC lobbyists for a brief recap of the 2010 legislative session and a preview of the Summer Conference in Winona during our annual CGMC breakfast at the League of Minnesota Cities conference in St. Cloud. This will be a great opportunity to hear about the challenges that will be facing cities in 2011 and to begin discussing ways to address them. Breakfast will be served. CGMC members are encouraged to invite non-members who might be interested in learning more about the CGMC. Stay tuned for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
CGMC Summer  
Conference  
August 18 – 20**

Save the date for CGMC's summer conference, which will be held August 18 – 20 in Winona. The CGMC summer conference is an annual event for members to meet and discuss priorities and strategies for the upcoming session. In election years, we also invite candidates for major state offices (i.e. governor, state auditor) to discuss their views on issues important to CGMC. Please make every effort to send at least one representative from your city to this important event. Conference registration materials will be sent to members in early summer.





Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities  
**CGMC in Brief**

April 5, 2010

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**Governor signs supplemental budget bill that softens blow to cities**

Last Thursday, Governor Pawlenty signed a supplemental budget bill into law that cuts \$312 million in state spending. The bill was the result of a legislative conference committee report, which passed out of both chambers the previous Saturday.

As part of the spending cuts, LGA and MVC will be reduced by a total of \$52.5 million in 2010 and \$56.5 million in 2011. For 2010, cities will see their levy plus aid reduced by 3.4%, not to exceed \$28 per capita; the reduction will be taken from MVC first, and then from LGA if necessary. In 2011, the bill reduces the LGA program by \$31 million to \$527 million. Market Value Credit reimbursement for high-wealth communities will also be cut in 2011 and beyond. To see city-by-city LGA/MVC runs for both years under the bill, visit [www.greatermncities.org/lga-property-tax-relief](http://www.greatermncities.org/lga-property-tax-relief).

The final bill is a significant improvement over the governor's original budget proposal, which would have cut aid to cities by \$125 million in 2010 and \$253 million in 2011. CGMC would like to thank all cities that actively lobbied their legislators to reduce these cuts. Many of you also made great use of your local press and city council meetings to illustrate the severity of these cuts to essential services and property taxes. With CGMC staff hitting the halls of the Capitol and CGMC members making the case for LGA back home, we believe CGMC was instrumental in alleviating LGA/MVC cuts in the final bill.

The DFL legislative leaders have indicated that they do not plan on reducing city aids and credits any further for the remainder of the session. Closing the state's remaining budget gap will require cuts to Health and Human Services and additional federal money.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
CGMC Summer  
Conference  
August 18 – 20**

Save the date for CGMC's summer conference, which will be held August 18 – 20 in Winona. **Please note that this is a change in date.** With the legislature and governor approving a bill to move primaries to early August, CGMC decided to reschedule the conference after the primaries in order to invite primary winners to the conference's candidate forum.

The CGMC summer conference is an annual event for members to meet and discuss priorities and strategies for the upcoming session. In election years, we also invite candidates for major state offices (i.e. governor, congress, auditor, etc.) to discuss their views on issues important to CGMC. Please make every effort to send at least one representative from your city to this important event. Conference registration materials will be sent to members in early summer.



**Angel investor credit, compact TIF districts to spur economic development in greater Minnesota**

A jobs bill was signed into law last Thursday that contains several items important to greater Minnesota. Under H.F. 2695, the state will create an angel investor tax credit program that will provide an \$11 million credit for 2010, and then a \$12 million credit per year through 2016. Language inserted by CGMC that requires the state to track where qualified investors are applying their funding in an effort to better learn whether the angel investment tax credit is helping grow jobs in greater Minnesota was also successfully included in the bill.

The jobs bill also contains tax credits for historic structure rehabilitation, a JOB-Z zone for the Ford plant in St. Paul (CARZ), and other specific TIF and research development provisions, including the compact development TIF proposal that CGMC incorporated into last year's land use bill. This provision creates a 25-year TIF district to be used for the cost of land acquisition, demolition and removal of existing buildings, site preparation, and the installation of infrastructure excluding the costs of roads, parking lots, or other items that would support private vehicle related transportation. The compact development district requires that the new structure has at least three times the square footage of the previous buildings. Under the new legislation, authority for creating compact development districts will expire on June 30, 2012.

The jobs bill is paid for by repealing the low-income fuels tax credit (see news item below). In order to avoid a conference committee, the two chambers and the governor negotiated the final parameters of the bill before passage on the House and Senate floor. The Senate then approved the House measure, which was signed into law by the governor on April 1.

**Legislature repeals low-income fuel tax credit to pay for jobs bill**

To pay for a package of new job-creating programs, the state legislature repealed a low-income fuel tax. The low-income motor fuels tax credit is a refundable credit of up to \$25, which is available to taxpayers based on their adjusted Minnesota taxable income. The credit was first enacted as part of the 2008 omnibus transportation finance bill (Ch. 152) as a way to offset the regressive nature of a gas tax increase. Critics have alleged the enabling statute was poorly drafted and permitted tax credits for many individuals who neither drove a car nor bought gas. Proponents argued repeal of the credit in favor of tax benefits for companies was a strike against the poor. Money generated for the general fund by the repeal of the fuel tax credit totals \$30.1 million in FY2011, \$31.1 million in FY2012, and \$32 million in FY2013 and subsequent years.

**Greater Minnesota transit affected by supplemental budget cuts**

Included in the state legislature's supplemental budget cuts (H.F. 1671) is a \$1.685 million cut to greater Minnesota transit's general fund state appropriation for FY2011. The rationale for this cut was a projected increase in MVST revenues that is expected to more than offset the loss in the general fund. Additionally, the legislature enacted a \$960,000 reduction to the base budget. The legislature also made cuts to Metropolitan Area Transit of \$12.915 million for the current biennium with a permanent reduction of \$5.64 million per year in the base budget. The cuts for both the metro and greater Minnesota are steeper than those proposed by the legislature going into a conference committee with the governor. The governor, however, insisted on these further reductions in order to agree to the legislation, which he signed into law on April 1.

