

Rich Abbott

From: Scott@ci.brookfield.wi.us
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:38 PM
To: Sarah Kitsembel
Cc: Rich Abbott
Subject: RE: WCME

Sarah has the story correct (as usual). Several communities in Waukesha County agreed to cooperatively fund a lobbyist. It was spearheaded by a group of mayors and village presidents or managers. It wasn't that effective and when belts started getting tighter people lost interest. Further, some of the leaders like Mayor Bloomberg had retired or were defeated. The last payment we made was in 2003. I'm not sure why you would have a special revenue fund, but I do recall we got some sort of refund of leftover money. I'm surprised my memory on this is clearer than Sarah's. :)

I personally would put the money in the general fund unless you have a good home for it.

Robert

From: Sarah Kitsembel <skitsembel@oconomowoc-wi.gov>
To: "Rich Abbott" <rabbott@ci.waukesha.wi.us>
Cc: "Scott, Robert W." <scott@ci.brookfield.wi.us>
Date: 02/03/2015 01:33 PM
Subject: RE: WCME

Hi Rich-

Yes there was a local lobbying group WCME. That group disbanded some years back. Oconomowoc used to do the books for the group. Can't remember how we handled the termination of the group, if there was money left and we distributed to the member munis or if there was even any money left at all. That was a long time ago now J Not sure what the \$2,000 balance you have would have come from, possibly the termination?

I would think you could donate the money to an organization if you wanted.
That group no longer exists.

Thanks for the blast from the past J
Sarah

From: Rich Abbott [mailto:rabbott@ci.waukesha.wi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:21 PM
To: Scott, Robert W.; 'skitsembel@oconomowoc-wi.gov'
Subject: WCME

Robert/Sarah,

Do you recall an effort back in the 2002-2005 to meet as municipalities

in Waukesha County to lobby? We have a special revenue fund called Waukesha County Municipal Executives group (WCME). This fund only has \$2,044 in it and was told this might be donated funds. It has been stagnant since 2006. There is little record of the purpose of the fund.

Both of your municipalities were listed as being part of the group, so I thought I'd check. My intention is to donate this to an organization that is deserving, if I can't track down the purpose.

Thanks,

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Rich Abbott

From: Wendi Unger <Wendi.Unger@bakertilly.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Rich Abbott
Subject: WCME

Hi,

I went through our files and I have nothing to better clarify that funds purpose. For the dollar amounts in there – and if it has really had no activity in 8 years – I would think you could close it.

Thank you and have a great day,

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March 16, 2006

Representative Scott Jensen
P.O. Box 8952, 321 East
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Representative Jensen:

The voices of Waukesha County local government officials, as listed on our letterhead, would humbly request your reconsideration of the endorsement/sponsorship of the Taxpayer Protection Amendment (TPA) that is anticipated to be presented to your governing body in the month of April 2006. To re-iterate what you have heard from our group, the detrimental affect that this legislation would create is presented:

- Job growth in WI will be curtailed as industry will not come into our state if there's no guarantee local governments can preserve infrastructure cost needs/police/fire protection. Long term positive growth for economic/educational development needs ability to know capital costs/service costs for attractive jobs and housing is needed. Less property tax base for us means less sales and income tax revenue for the state.
- Citizens live in local communities and local elected representatives are the ones who should determine their budget needs/levy. Not have state cap legislation.
- Revenue cap adversely affects local budgets/services
- Proposal does not apply to Town Governments
- What is the rationale for the amendment? Less local services equals lower property values. State citizens will be the biggest losers as home ownership is the greatest asset we can give. Skilled work force will depart WI and quality of life will also depart.

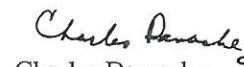
This request is made in an attempt to have the governing voices of the legislator and local official walking together united and not divided.

Three other pieces of legislation that are coming before your body that we would ask your support on are AB 268 allowing public employees to compete to find more cost-effective ways to perform the work in order to keep that work, in those circumstances where local government has found a do the work at lower cost, without using public employees. AB 857 linking public-employee contracts to the ability to pay, and AB146 increasing the competitive bidding threshold on municipal construction contracts from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Sincerely,



Jack Chiovaturo
WCME Co-Chair



Charles Damaske
WCME Co-Chair

WCME/TABOR Reconsideration

#442

From: Carol Lombardi
To: Mark Slocomb
Date: 3/24/2005 2:09:02 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Information from the Wisconsin Ethics Board

Thanks for update. I'm asking Carol to hardcopy to put in our WCME file. Good luck and happy Easter.

>>> "Mark Slocomb" <mslocomb@ci.muskego.wi.us> 3/24/2005 1:32:06 PM >>>

In conjunction with our (WCME) membership with the Wisconsin Ethics Board I have set up my computer to automatically forward all received emails no matter what the content. I suspect that the below message may have generated a few questions on our status and our legal ability to lobby on behalf of respective communities and as the WCME.

The requirement to register and provide semi-annual reporting applies to organizations that employ paid lobbyists. As we have discontinued our relationship with any lobbying organization we no longer need to register. As elected or appointed officials we are exempt from the registration requirement either singly or as a group (WCME). The statutory references are 13.621(3) and 13.62(11)(m). Should any community or the WCME decide to again acquire the services of a paid lobbyist, either on a contract basis or by an in-house staff position, registration would be required. *

Regardless of registration, the daily Focus emails will continue as this is a subscription based service. The \$95.00 fee for this service is paid out of my office subscription account. *

If you have any further questions on any of the above, please email or call.

Thank you and Think Spring,

Mark
262-679-5675

-----Original Message-----

From: ethics@ethics.state.wi.us [mailto:ethics@ethics.state.wi.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2005 9:18 AM
To: Mark Slocomb
Subject: Information from the Wisconsin Ethics Board

Our records show that your organization was registered to lobby during the 2003-2004 legislative session. Your organization's registration as a lobbying organization, authorization for licensed lobbyists to lobby on your behalf, and your lobbyists' licenses expired on December 31, 2004.

If your organization intends to lobby during the 2005-2006 legislative session, your organization may need to be registered and to authorize a licensed lobbyist to lobby on your behalf.

The Ethics Board has created a series of guidelines to assist you in determining if your organization needs to be registered as a lobbying organization. The following link will take you to these guidelines and

all necessary forms to get your organization registered and authorized
and for your lobbyists to be licensed.

<http://ethics.state.wi.us/LobbyingRegistrationReports/HowToRegister.htm>

The Ethics Board's staff is available to answer any questions you may
have concerning Wisconsin's lobbying law.

Sincerely,

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