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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Minutes of the Meeting under s. 13.10

December 10, 2024

Co-Chair Marklein presided and called the meeting to order.

Present: Senators Marklein, Stroebel, Felzkowski, Ballweg, Testin, Wimberger, Johnson, Roys
Representatives Born, Katsma, Zimmerman, Rodriguez, Kurtz, Dallman, McGuire, Andraca

{Secretary's note: Items I through X were taken up en masse in a single motion.}

I. Department of Justice

State of Wisconsin v. Shelley R. Dumais (Florence County Circuit Case No. 24-CX-01)

II. Department of Justice

Pre-suit agreement between the State of Wisconsin and Smitty's Salvage & Supply, Inc.

III. Department of Justice

State of Wisconsin v. No More Timeshare Fees, LLC, et al. (Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 2023-CX-08C)

IV. Department of Justice

Pre-suit agreement between State of Wisconsin and James Wiechmann (in his individual capacity and d/b/a Wiechmann Enterprises Unlimited), Gile Tojek (in his individual capacity), and 10 LLCs

V. Department of Justice

State of Wisconsin v. Melvin R. Weaver and Glenn H. Zimmerman (Clark County Circuit Court Case No. 2022-CX-02)

VI. Department of Justice

Pre-suit agreement between the State of Wisconsin and Belcoat Corporation

VII. Department of Justice

State of Wisconsin v. A to Z Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (Bayfield County Circuit Court Case No. 24-CX-01)

VIII. Department of Justice

Federal Trade Commission and States of Wisconsin, California, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Virginia v. Cancer Recovery Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Women's Cancer Fund and Gregory B. Anderson (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Case No. 24-CV-881)

IX. Department of Justice

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development v. Crushin It Promotions, LLC, et al. (Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 2024-CV-001055)

X. Department of Justice

Pre-suit agreement between the State of Wisconsin and Restoration Holdings, Inc.

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Born to approve the ten settlement agreements submitted by the department to the Joint Committee on Finance under s. 165.08. Pursuant to s. 165.10, and in light of the presumption embodied in s. 20.906(1), the committee believes that the Attorney General must deposit all settlement funds, including attorneys' fees from settlements, into the general fund for general revenue purposes. However, in light of the decision in *Wis. State Legislature v. Kaul*, No. 2021-CV-152 (Wis. Cir. Ct. Polk Cnty.) on the meaning of s. 165.10, the committee approves the proposed plans, notwithstanding the plans' failure to commit all attorneys' fees into the general fund for general revenue purposes. The committee notes, however, that the decision in *Wisconsin State Legislature v. Kaul* on the meaning of s. 165.10 is currently on appeal. See *Wis. State Legislature v. Kaul*, No. 2022-AP-431 (Wis. Ct. App. notice of appeal filed March 14, 2022). Should the appellants prevail in that ongoing appeal as to the meaning of s. 165.10, the committee will expect the Attorney General at that time to deposit all attorneys' fees from these settlements into the general fund for general revenue purposes.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0

XI. Department of Military Affairs

Moved by Senator Marklein and seconded by Representative Born to approve the department's modified request for a supplement of \$2,369,000 SEG in fiscal year 2024-25 from the committee's appropriation under s. 20.865(4)(u) to the department's state disaster assistance; petroleum inspection fund appropriation under s. 20.465(3)(s) to increase expenditure authority for the state disaster assistance program.

Ayes, 16; Noes, 0



Dustin Trickle, Secretary

Date: 12/11/24



Senator Marklein, Co-Chair

Date: 12/12/24



Tony Evers, Governor

Date: 12/13/24

SUMMARY

DETAIL OF JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROPRIATED LEVELS

**2023-25 Biennium
September 26, 2024**

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-25 Biennium</u>
20.865(4)(a) Appropriation Total Summary - GPR			
Unreserved	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200
Reserve for Building Commission – Transfer to Building Trust Fund	32,000,000	0	32,000,000
Reserve for Children and Families – National Reading Program	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Reserve for Corrections – Population and Inflationary Cost Increases	5,675,100	5,675,100	11,350,200
Reserve for Corrections – Contract Bed Funding	0	8,790,400	8,790,400
Reserve for Corrections – Reentry Centers	4,000,000	0	4,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Telemedicine Crisis Response Pilot Program	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Crisis Urgent Care	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Dentistry Residency	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Complex Patient Pilot Program	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Grants to Support Hospital Services (Act 97)	15,000,000	0	15,000,000
Reserve for Military Affairs – Town of Silver Cliff Public Safety Building	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Reserve for Military Affairs – Pre-Disaster Flood Mitigation	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Reserve for Military Affairs – WISCOM Upgrades	0	2,000,000	2,000,000
Reserve for Miscellaneous Appropriations – WisconsinEye	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for Natural Resources – Well Compensation	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – Literacy	50,000,000	0	50,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – Shared School District Services	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – Recovery School	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Reserve for UW System – Workforce Development	31,881,800	0	31,881,800
Reserve for Veterans Affairs – State Veterans Homes	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – UW Branch Campus Redevelopment Grants (Act 250)	20,000,000	0	20,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – Opportunity Attraction and Promotion Fund	10,000,000	0	10,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – Childcare Revolving Loan Program	15,000,000	0	15,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – Technology & Innovation Hub Grant to BioForward (Act 96)	7,500,000	0	7,500,000
Reserve for WTCS – Oral Healthcare Workforce	20,000,000	0	20,000,000
Reserve for Workforce Development – Commercial Drivers License Training Grants	250,000	250,000	500,000
 Current Total - GPR	 \$255,940,500	 \$20,349,100	 \$276,289,600
 20.865(4)(g) Appropriation Total Summary - PR			
Reserve for Administration -- Tribal Grants	\$11,000,000	\$0	\$11,000,000
Reserve for Administration – Division of Facilities Development Staffing	964,000	1,285,400	2,249,400
Reserve for Shared Revenue -- County Aid Payments	3,213,000	400,000	3,613,000
 Current Total - PR	 \$15,177,000	 \$1,685,400	 \$16,862,400
 20.865(4)(m) Appropriation Total Summary - FED			
	\$0	\$0	\$0
 Current Total - FED	 \$0	 \$0	 \$0
 20.865(4)(u) Appropriation Total Summary - SEG			
Reserve for Transportation - Driver Education Grants	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Reserve for Transportation - Local Bridges and Culverts	12,500,000	0	12,500,000
 Current Total - SEG	 \$12,500,000	 \$6,000,000	 \$18,500,000

**SUMMARY
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
GPR APPROPRIATION STATUS
2023-25 Biennium
September 26, 2024**

2023 Act 19 (Biennial Budget)	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-25 Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Biennial Appropriation Reserved Amount [s. 20.865(4)(a)]	\$255,806,900	\$20,215,500	\$276,022,400		
<u>Reserved For</u>					
Reserve for Building Commission – Transfer to Building Trust Fund	\$32,000,000	\$0	\$32,000,000		\$32,000,000
Reserve for Children and Families – National Reading Program	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Reserve for Corrections -- Population and Inflationary Cost Increases	5,675,100	5,675,100	11,350,200		11,350,200
Reserve for Corrections – Contract Bed Funding	0	8,790,400	8,790,400		8,790,400
Reserve for Corrections – Reentry Centers	4,000,000	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Reserve for Health Services – Telemedicine Crisis Response Pilot Program	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Reserve for Health Services – Crisis Urgent Care	10,000,000	0	10,000,000		10,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Dentistry Residency	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Reserve for Health Services – Complex Patient Pilot Program	5,000,000	0	5,000,000		5,000,000
Reserve for Health Services – Grants to Support Hospital Services (Act 97)	15,000,000	0	15,000,000		15,000,000
Reserve for Military Affairs – Town of Silver Cliff Public Safety Building	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Reserve for Military Affairs – Pre-Disaster Flood Mitigation	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Reserve for Military Affairs – WISCOM Upgrades	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		2,000,000
Reserve for Miscellaneous Appropriations – WisconsinEye	10,000,000	0	10,000,000		10,000,000
Reserve for Natural Resources – Well Compensation	1,000,000	0	1,000,000		1,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – Literacy	50,000,000	0	50,000,000	327,400	49,672,600
Reserve for Public Instruction – Shared School District Services	5,000,000	0	5,000,000		5,000,000
Reserve for Public Instruction – Recovery School	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Reserve for UW System – Workforce Development	31,881,800	0	31,881,800	31,881,800	0
Reserve for Veterans Affairs – State Veterans Homes	2,500,000	2,500,000	5,000,000		5,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – UW Branch Campus Redevelopment Grants (Act 250)	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	20,000,000	0
Reserve for WEDC – Opportunity Attraction and Promotion Fund	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – Childcare Revolving Loan Program	15,000,000	0	15,000,000		15,000,000
Reserve for WEDC – Technology & Innovation Hub Grant to BioForward (Act 96)	7,500,000	0	7,500,000	7,500,000	0
Reserve for WTCS – Oral Healthcare Workforce	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	19,842,600	157,400
Reserve for Workforce Development – Commercial Drivers License Training Grants	250,000	250,000	500,000	500,000	0
Reserved Balance	\$255,806,900	\$20,215,500	\$276,022,400	\$101,051,800	\$174,970,600
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance</u>					
Reserve for Public Instruction – Literacy (s. 13.10 on 12/5/23)	\$106,500	\$220,900	\$327,400		
Reserve for Military Affairs – Town of Silver Cliff Public Safety Building (s. 13.10 on 2/1/24)	1,000,000	0	1,000,000		
Reserve for UW System – Workforce Development (s. 13.10 on 2/29/24)	15,940,900	15,940,900	31,881,800		
Reserve for Health Services – Dentistry Residency (s. 13.10 on 2/29/24)	1,250,000	3,750,000	5,000,000		
Reserve for Military Affairs – Pre-Disaster Flood Mitigation (s. 13.10 on 5/7/24)	2,000,000	0	2,000,000		
Reserve for Children and Families – National Reading Program (s. 13.10 on 5/7/24)	500,000	500,000	1,000,000		
Reserve for Health Services – Crisis Pilot Program (s. 13.10 on 5/7/24)	0	2,000,000	2,000,000		
Reserve for Public Instruction – Recovery School (s. 13.10 on 5/7/24)	500,000	500,000	1,000,000		
Reserve for WTCS – Oral Healthcare Workforce (s. 13.10 on 5/7/24)	19,842,600	0	19,842,600		
Reserve for Corrections – Reentry Centers (s. 13.10 on 6/6/24)	4,000,000	0	4,000,000		
Reserve for WEDC – Opportunity Attraction and Promotion Fund (s. 13.10 on 6/6/24)	5,000,000	0	5,000,000		
Reserve for WEDC – UW Branch Campus Redevelopment Grants (Act 250) (s. 13.10 on 7/9/24)	0	20,000,000	20,000,000		
Reserve for WEDC – Technology & Innovation Hub Grant to BioForward (Act 96) (s. 13.10 on 7/9/24)	0	7,500,000	7,500,000		
Reserve for Workforce Development – Commercial Drivers License Training Grants (s. 13.10 on 9/26/24)	0	500,000	500,000		
Total Releases	\$50,140,000	\$50,911,800	\$101,051,800		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$205,666,900	(\$30,696,300)	\$174,970,600		
Current Biennial Appropriation Unreserved Amount [s. 20.865(4)(a)]	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200		
<u>Releases from Unreserved Balance</u>					
	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Net Unreserved Balance Remaining	\$133,600	\$133,600	\$267,200		
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$206,800,500	(\$30,562,700)	\$176,237,800		

SUMMARY
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
PR APPROPRIATION STATUS
2023-25 Biennium
September 26, 2024

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-25</u> <u>Biennium</u>	<u>Releases</u> <u>to Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u> <u>Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(g)]	\$15,177,000	\$1,685,400	\$16,862,400		
<u>Reserved For:</u>					
Reserve for Administration – Tribal Grants	\$11,000,000	\$0	\$11,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$2,000,000
Reserve for Administration – Division of Facilities Development Staffing	964,000	1,285,400	2,249,400		2,249,400
Reserve for Shared Revenue – County Aid Payments	3,213,000	400,000	3,613,000	3,613,000	0
Reserved Balance	\$15,177,000	\$1,685,400	\$16,862,400	\$12,613,000	\$4,249,400
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance</u>					
Reserve for Administration – Tribal Grants (s. 13.10 on 10/31/23)	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000		
Reserve for Shared Revenue – County Aid Payments (s. 13.10 on 1/11/24)	3,213,000	400,000	3,613,000		
Total Releases	\$12,213,000	\$400,000	\$12,613,000		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$2,964,000	\$1,285,400	\$4,249,400		

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SEG APPROPRIATION STATUS
2023-25 Biennium
September 26, 2024**

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-25 Biennium</u>	<u>Releases to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(u)]	\$12,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$18,500,000		
<u>Reserved For:</u>					
Reserve for Transportation - Driver Education Grants	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0
Reserve for Transportation - Local Bridges and Culverts	12,500,000	0	12,500,000	12,500,000	0
Reserved Balance	\$12,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$0
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance:</u>					
Reserve for Transportation - Local Bridges and Culverts (s.13.10 on 12/5/23)	\$12,500,000	\$0	\$12,500,000		
Reserve for Transportation - Driver Education Grants (s. 13.10 on 5/7/24)	0	6,000,000	6,000,000		
Total Releases	\$12,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$18,500,000		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0		

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
FED APPROPRIATION STATUS
2023-25 Biennium
September 26, 2024

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-25</u> <u>Biennium</u>	<u>Releases</u> <u>to Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u> <u>Reserve</u>
Current Appropriation Amount [s. 20.865(4)(m)]	\$0	\$0	\$0		
<u>Reserved For:</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Releases from Reserved Balance</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Releases	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Remaining Reserved Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0		