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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 12, 1996

Mr. James R. Klauser, Secretary
Department of Administration
101 E. Wilson Street, 10th Floor
Madison, WI 53707

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Dear Secretary Klauser:

This letter is in response to the March 25, 1996, s.16.515 request regarding the Supreme Court. The Joint Committee on Finance agrees with the Department of Administration's analysis with one modification so that \$3,000 PR remains in the Data Processing Services appropriation in 1996-97. This would allow the Courts to charge non-GPR departments for the data processing services provided, as required by statute.

If you object to the modification, please respond by April 19, 1996, and the matter will be scheduled for s. 13.10 review. If you have no objection, the request will be approved with this modification.

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TIM WEEDEN
Senate Chair

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ben Brancel in cursive.

BEN BRANCEL
Assembly Chair

TW/BB/dr

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TO: Members of Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Senator Tim Weeden
Representative Ben Brancel
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Finance

DATE: March 25, 1996

RE: 16.515/.505(2) request
Director of State Courts: Central Services; Data Processing Services

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration dated March 25, 1996 pursuant to 16.515/.505(2) pertaining to requests from the Director of State Courts.

Please review these items and notify **Representative Ben Brancel's** office not later than **Thursday, April 11, 1996** if you have any concerns about the request or would like the committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

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3-25-96

CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Administration**

Date: March 25, 1996

To: The Honorable Tim Weeden, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance

The Honorable Ben Brancel, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance

From: James R. Klauser, Secretary
Department of Administration



Subject: S. 16.515/16.505(2) Requests

Enclosed are requests which have been approved by this department under the authority granted in s. 16.515 and s. 16.505(2). The explanation for each request is included in the attached materials. Listed below is a summary of each item:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1995-96</u>		<u>1996-97</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
SUP CT 20.680(2)(kc)	Central Services	\$19,600	1.00	\$78,300	1.00
SUP CT 20.680(2)(k)	Data Processing Services	(\$10,500)	-1.00	(\$41,900)	-1.00

As provided in s. 16.515, this request will be approved on April 15, 1996, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet in formal session about this request.

Please contact Linda Nelson at 266-3330, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

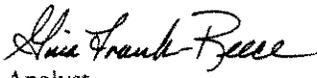
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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Administration

Date: March 20, 1996

To: James R. Klauser
Secretary

From: Gina Frank-Reece 
Policy and Budget Analyst

Subject: S. 16.515/505 Request of the Director of State Courts

Request:

Under the provisions of s. 16.515/505 the Director of State Courts (DSC), on behalf of the Supreme Court, requests an increase in expenditure authority of \$78,300 PRS beginning in FY96 in its Central services program revenue appropriation under s.20.680(2)(kc). The increase is requested to address greater workload demands on the central administrative staff of the Office of the Director of State Courts by the non-GPR departments of the court system.

Revenue Sources For Appropriation:

The increased expenditures in the Central services appropriation under s.20.680(2)(kc) will be funded from chargebacks from the following six non-GPR funded Supreme Court appropriations: Municipal judge training [s.20.680(2)(i)]; Circuit court automation systems (CCAP) [s.20.680(2)(j)]; Mediation fund [s.20.680(2)(qm)]; Board of bar examiners [s.20.680(3)(g)]; Board of attorneys professional responsibility [s.20.680(3)(h)]; and Library collections and services [s.20.680(4)(g)]. The amount of the chargebacks for each of the six appropriations to cover the costs of program specific services performed would be determined by the Director of State Courts.

Background:

1995 Wisconsin Act 27 appropriated \$41,800 PRS in FY96 and \$41,800 PRS in FY97 in a new Central services program revenue annual appropriation under s.20.680(2)(kc). All moneys received by the Director of State Courts from the Director of State Courts for programs administered by the Director of State Courts are credited to this appropriation account, except that no money may be transferred from the Supreme Court GPR sum-sufficient appropriation [s.20.680(1)(a)]. The money in the DSC PRS appropriation is currently used to support 1.0 FTE account specialist position that is responsible for processing vouchers, purchase orders and requisitions for the Wisconsin court system.

The Director of State Courts requests additional expenditure authority of \$78,300 in the Central services PRS appropriation to support a half-time (.50 FTE) pre-auditor position and a half-time (.50 FTE) financial clerk position. These two half-time positions are currently filled by limited term employees. According to the Director of State Courts, the individual who is currently performing the pre-audit responsibilities has been employed full-time as a limited term employee with the Director of State Courts' Office since August, 1993. However, the DSC indicates that half of this LTE position was recently converted to a half-time GPR-funded position that became vacant due to a retirement. The individual employed in the half-time fiscal clerk position has been employed with the DSC since January, 1996.

It should be noted that the Director of State Courts did not ask for additional position authority in the request. Rather, the DSC indicates that he plans to reallocate 1.0 FTE PRS position that has been vacant for at least two years from the Data processing services appropriation under s.20.680(2)(k) to the Central services appropriation under s.20.680(2)(kc). However, transfer of the existing 1.0 FTE PRS position from one appropriation to another would require the approval of the Joint Committee on Finance.

Analysis:

The Director of State Courts indicates that the increased expenditure authority is needed to fund two .50 additional FTE positions to meet increased demands on the workload of the financial services unit, and other supplies/services costs associated with the non-GPR departments of the Supreme Court. Specifically, the DSC requests additional expenditure authority to cover the following costs: salary, fringe benefits and supplies and services costs associated with two additional half-time .50 permanent PRS positions, travel expenses incurred by central administrative staff for CCAP, and DSC supplies and services costs (includes postage and paper) attributable to the non-GPR departments. The following table reflects the estimated annual expenditures beginning in FY96 for appropriation s.20.680(2)(kc).

	<u>FY96</u>
Chapter 20 Expenditure Authority	\$ 41,800
Salary for 1.0 FTE position	\$ 40,100
Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,000
Supplies/Services	\$ 5,200
Travel Expenses related to CCAP	\$ 7,000
Supplies/Services for non-GPR departments	\$ <u>18,000</u>
Total estimated annual expenditures	\$120,000
Additional Expenditure Authority Required	\$ 78,300

Currently, 2.5 permanent FTE positions and 1.0 limited term employee position provide all accounting functions for the Circuit Courts, Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court including the Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility, Board of Bar Examiners, State Law Library, Medical Mediation Panels, Circuit Court Automation Program (CCAP) and Judicial Education. The permanent staff consists of one position that supervises the other fiscal staff, provides final authorization on accounting transactions and performs the more complex accounting duties for the Wisconsin court system. The remaining permanent FTE positions and the LTEs process the actual accounting transactions.

The Director of State Courts has requested additional GPR position and expenditure authority for its central administrative fiscal staff on two separate occasions (including a s. 13.10 request in December, 1993 and in its 1995-97 biennial budget request). While neither of these requests were ultimately approved, the DSC made a compelling argument for additional fiscal staff in order to meet the increased workload demands on the financial services unit. Over the past several years new fiscal responsibilities have been added to the financial services unit without a commensurate increase in staff. The new fiscal responsibilities include delegation of the pre-audit function by the Department of Administration as a result of the new WISMART accounting system, and the continual creation of new programs such as the circuit court support grants, guardian ad litem reimbursements, reimbursements for court interpreter services and statutory reporting requirements for these programs to the Office of the Director of State Courts. Specifically, the number and complexity of transactions that are processed under WISMART have had a significant impact on the workload of the fiscal staff, in particular the pre-audit function. In FY95, for example, the fiscal staff processed 57 percent more deposit transactions than in the previous fiscal year. In addition, in its 1995-97 biennial budget request, the DSC indicated that the fiscal staff had experienced a 41 percent increase over the past five years in the volume of vouchers that it processed.

The Director of State Courts indicates that the amount of each chargeback will be based on each department's base budget and its use of services. The total combined authorized budgets for the six non-GPR departments is \$7.2 million annually. The additional annual expenditure authority of \$78,300 for the Central services appropriation represents approximately 1 percent of the total budgeted authority. A review of the appropriation balances (difference between the budgeted and expended amount) for the six appropriations revealed a total balance of \$589,800 at the end of FY95. Therefore, the chargebacks are expected to have minimal impact on each department's operations and will not require an increase in fees or charges.

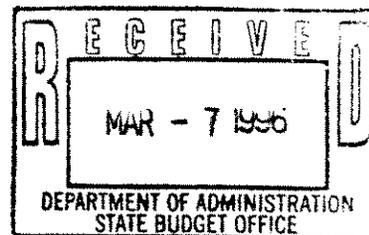
Based on a review and analysis of the request, it is clear that the continued use of LTEs to perform ongoing fiscal duties is not appropriate, inefficient and expensive. Converting the LTEs to permanent status is appropriate and would provide the DSC with the staff it needs to handle its general fiscal workload. Furthermore, the transfer of an existing PR position from one appropriation to another is an efficient use of existing resources and will not increase the total FTE count for the Office of the Director of State Courts. Therefore, I recommend approval of the request with the following technical modifications: 1) Reduce the expenditure authority to \$19,600 PRS in FY96 in order to reflect the remaining three months in the current fiscal year; and 2) Transfer the vacant PRS position from the Data processing services PRS appropriation under s. 20.680(2)(k) to the Central service PRS appropriation under s. 20.680(2)(kc), effective April 1, 1996; and 3) Reduce the expenditure authority in the Data processing services PRS appropriation to reflect the transfer of the vacant position to the Central services appropriation.

Recommendation:

Modify the Director of State Courts' request for increased expenditure authority by: 1) Providing \$19,600 PRS in FY96 and \$78,300 PRS in FY97 in the Central services PRS appropriation under s.20.680(2)(kc); 2) Transfer the vacant PRS position from the Data processing services PRS appropriation under s.20.680(2)(k) to the Central services PRS appropriation under s.20.680(2)(kc), effective April 1, 1996; and 3) Reduce the expenditure authority in the Data processing services appropriation under s. 20.680(2)(k) by \$10,500 PRS in FY96 and \$41,900 PRS in FY97 to reflect the transfer of the vacant position to the Central services appropriation.



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J. Denis Moran
 Director of State Courts

DATE: March 5, 1996

TO: Richard G. Chandler, State Budget Director
 Department of Administration

FROM: J. Denis Moran, Director of State Courts
 Supreme Court of Wisconsin

SUBJECT: Request under s. 16.515, Wis. Statutes, for an increase in expenditure authority for appropriation 20.680 (2)(kc), Central Services

REQUEST

Under the provisions of s. 16.515, Wis. Stats., the Director of State Courts, on behalf of the Supreme Court, requests a permanent increase in base expenditure authority of \$78,300, beginning in 1995-96, for appropriation 20.680 (2)(kc). This request is needed to accommodate the increased demands on the central administrative workload of the Director of State Courts (DSC) by the non-GPR departments in the Court System. The increased expenditures will be funded from chargebacks from the following non-GPR funded Supreme Court departments: Circuit Court Automation Program (CCAP), Board of Bar Examiners (BBE), Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility (BAPR), Medical Mediation Panels (MMP), Municipal Judge Education and Law Library (non-GPR components).

BACKGROUND

The Director of State Courts Office, funded by a sum certain GPR appropriation, provides administrative, business, technical and educational services to the Wisconsin Court System, according to Supreme Court Rule. Among the services provided are human resources, budget, fiscal, procurement, facility management, space allocation, information technology, training, judicial education, policy analysis, research and planning, legislative liaison and public information. Within the Court System are non-GPR funded departments created by statute or Supreme Court rule, that rely on the DSC office for some or all of the above. In general, it would not be cost efficient for individual departments to develop these services internally. Traditionally, the activities of the DSC

office have been supported by GPR.

Beginning with 1993 Wisconsin Act 16 (the biennial budget bill), the Director of State Courts has been given the ability to charge for services provided by DSC staff to non-GPR funded court departments through the creation of a new appropriation, "Central Services". In addition, the Director of State Courts has been required by statute to charge for data processing services provided to the Board of Bar Examiners, Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility and Medical Mediation Panels. Neither of these mechanisms (program revenue-service appropriations) has been extensively used prior to this year. Because the Director of State Courts appropriation has been level funded over the past few years while the demands on it have increased, it is now necessary to institute chargebacks for services provided.

The use of Program Revenue-Service appropriations by executive branch agencies with non-GPR departments to chargeback for administrative services is a common and accepted practice. This approach is used by the Department of Agriculture, DNR, DHSS and DILHR, among others. The UW System is allowed to pool GPR and certain non-GPR revenues to cover administrative costs.

The Central Services appropriation, under the Director of State Courts, allows the DSC to chargeback all Program Revenue/Segregated Revenue appropriations (CCAP, Municipal Judge Training, Mediation System, BBE, BAPR and the Law Library PR appropriations) for services provided to them by GPR funded personnel.

The statutory language governing this appropriation is:

• 20. 680 (2) (kc). Central Services. The amounts in the schedule for administrative and support services for programs administered by the DSC. All moneys received by the DSC from the DSC for programs administered by the DSC shall be credited to this appropriation account, except that no money may be transferred from the appropriation account under (1)(a).

The above language was proposed in the 1993-95 biennial budget bill by the Governor, and subsequently approved by the Legislature, in response to a request for additional GPR funded positions by the DSC. The rationale for the creation of this new language, according to the Executive Budget Book, was that non-GPR programs administered by the courts contribute to the central administrative workload of the Court System. According to the analysis performed by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the appropriation "allows the Director of State Courts to charge non-GPR programs administered by the courts (such as CCAP and BAPR) for the cost of program specific services which are performed centrally. The amount of these chargebacks would be determined by the Director of State Courts."

ANALYSIS

The Director of State Courts has requested additional GPR position and expenditure authority for its administrative staff on two occasions subsequent to the passage of 1993 Wisconsin Act 16:

- **November, 1993 under s. 13.10** - Two positions and continuing expenditure authority of \$78,800 were requested at that time because significant additional fiscal responsibilities had been placed on an already overburdened staff with no commensurate position authority. The new responsibilities included the delegation of the pre-audit function by the Department of Administration to the DSC as well as the conversion to the WISMART accounting system. In addition, the fiscal staff, in 1993-94, processed approximately 50% more transactions than five years earlier. Finally, it was indicated at that time that DSC staff processed twice as many vouchers per staff than workers at similarly-sized executive agencies. The request indicated that DSC was able to avoid a backlog of transactions by hiring limited term employes (LTE); the use of LTE's to meet ongoing workload demands has always been considered highly inappropriate.

In its analysis of this request, DOA stated: "the continuing use of LTEs to perform ongoing fiscal duties is not appropriate, is inefficient and expensive. Converting the LTEs to permanent status would provide the DSC with more productive staff resources with which to deal with its general fiscal workload." In conclusion, DOA recommended approval of 1.0 additional position.

Despite a similar analysis by the Fiscal Bureau, the request was denied by the Joint Committee on Finance.

- **1995-97 Biennial Budget Request** - A request was included in the Supreme Court's 1995-97 biennial budget submission for \$78,600 and two financial specialist positions to address significant workload increases added to an already understaffed financial services unit. Although the situation had not changed from the analysis provided in the s. 13.10 request, this request was denied by the Governor without explanation.

The critical nature of our situation has not been alleviated.

The creation of the "Central Services" appropriation, coupled with the continual denial of requests for additional GPR resources, clearly indicates the intent of both the executive and legislative branches is that chargebacks to non-GPR departments should be developed as a first step in obtaining additional resources. This approach is a last resort in obtaining adequate resources to fulfill our responsibility to provide adequate and efficient services to the Court System, at a time when the traditional means of funding have been denied.

Current Need

At the present time, the pre-audit responsibilities are still being performed by an LTE who has been employed as such since August, 1993. Obviously, the conclusion reached by DOA regarding the use of LTEs to perform ongoing duties as not being appropriate is true today. We have been fortunate in being able to retain this person who has gained expertise in this area; considering that her employment is not guaranteed and that benefits are minimal, turnover can be expected. As the DOA analysis indicated, such a situation is inefficient and expensive.

In order to fund the LTE, and other costs associated with serving non-GPR departments, money has had to be reallocated from other essential services within the DSC office. The current request is a first step to enable the DSC to allocate resources to efficiently and adequately serve the need of the GPR and non-GPR funded departments within the Court System.

FISCAL EFFECT

The following shows the specifics of the request:

Permanent Position Salary	\$17,600
LTE Salary	22,500
Fringe Benefits	8,000
Supplies and Services	<u>30,200</u>
TOTAL	\$78,300

Effective May 1, 1996, we plan to convert 1.0 LTE position to permanent status by reallocating 1.0 vacant PR position from Data Processing Services (20.680 [2][k]) to Central Services (20.680 [2][kc]). In addition, expenditures will be charged in accordance with services provided.

The current expenditure authority for the Central Services appropriation is \$41,800. This currently supports the 1.0 FTE position provided in 1993 Wisconsin Act 16.

Revenue Source for Appropriation

The sources of revenue deposited in the appropriation under 20.680 (2)(kc), Central Services, are chargebacks received from non-GPR departments within the Court System. The amount of each assessment will be based on the department's base budget and its use of services. Since the total amount assessed is approximately 1% of the total budgetary base of the non-GPR departments, these chargebacks will have minimal impact on the department's operations and will not precipitate any increase in fees or charges.

SUMMARY

The Director of State Courts, on behalf of the Supreme Court, requests a permanent increase in base expenditure authority of \$78,300, beginning in 1995-96, for appropriation 20.680 (2)(kc). This request is needed to begin to accommodate the increased demands on the central administrative workload of the Director of State Courts office by the non-GPR departments in the Court System. The increased expenditures will be funded from chargebacks from non-GPR funded Supreme Court departments.

Approval of this request will assist the DSC office in providing adequate and efficient services to the Wisconsin Court System. There does not appear to be any other current alternative available that would facilitate DSC in carrying out its responsibility under Supreme Court rules.

If you have any questions about this request or need additional information, please contact David Suchman (267-0702), the Courts' Budget Officer.



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March 28, 1996

Secretary James R. Klauser
Department of Administration
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RE: Response to March 25, 1996 Recommendation to the Joint
Committee on Finance Concerning s. 16.515 Request of the
Director of State Courts

Dear Secretary Klauser:

Under the provisions of s. 16.515, Wis. Stats., the Director of State Courts requested, on March 5, 1996, a permanent increase in base expenditure authority of \$78,300, beginning in 1995-96, for appropriation 20.680 (2)(kc). This increase is needed to accommodate the expanded demands on the central administrative services of the Director of State Courts (DSC) made by the non-GPR departments in the Court System. The increased expenditures will be funded from chargebacks to the following non-GPR funded Supreme Court departments: Circuit Court Automation Program (CCAP), Board of Bar Examiners (BBE), Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility (BAPR), Medical Mediation Panels (MMP), Municipal Judge Education and Law Library (non-GPR components).

This request is both straightforward and compatible with previous recommendations by DOA. No net increase in positions is requested; no increase in fees or other forms of revenue generation is requested. It is also consistent with the Supreme Court's constitutional administrative authority over all courts that it be afforded appropriate flexibility in managing its internal operations.

The analysis provided by the DOA Budget Office implies that DOA should be involved in the internal operations of the courts. While agreeing with all of the arguments presented in our request, the DOA budget analyst made the following modifications:

(1) Transferred existing position authority from 20.680 (2)(k) (Data processing services) to 20.680 (2)(kc) (Central services),

both program revenue-service appropriations. Such action is neither requested nor required by statute;

(2) Eliminated all existing expenditure authority from 20.680 (2)(k) (Data processing services), in 1996-97, without explanation and without considering the statutory consequences; and

(3) Provided increased expenditure authority of \$19,600 in 1995-96 and \$78,300 in 1996-97 for 20.680 (2)(kc) (Central services), which is 75% reduction of the amount requested for the current year (1995-96).

Our legitimate and immediate needs, as described in the request, are neither met nor addressed by these recommendations.

Under s. 16.505 (4) of the statutes, like executive branch agencies, we have the authority to transfer positions between appropriations within the same funding source. This is standard practice routinely engaged in, and provided for by statute. Therefore the assertion by the DOA budget analyst that such action requires approval by the Joint Committee on Finance is simply incorrect.

Section 758.19 (3) of the statutes requires the Director of State Courts to charge fees for data processing services provided to the Board of Bar Examiners, Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility and the Mediation System. The recommendation by the DOA budget analyst that the expenditure authority for providing these services be set to zero not only flies in the face of legislative intent, but defies logic. We are still required to charge the above three departments for data processing services, but we would no longer be able to provide them, due to lack of expenditure authority. Try as we have, we are unable to make any sense of this.

Beginning with 1993 Wisconsin Act 16 (the biennial budget bill), the Director of State Courts has been given the authority to charge for services provided by DSC staff to non-GPR funded court departments through the creation of a new appropriation, "Central Services". This mechanism has not been extensively used prior to this year. Because the Director of State Courts appropriation has been level funded over the past few years while the demands on it have increased, we determine that it is now necessary to institute chargebacks for services provided.

When the appropriation language for "Central Services" was proposed in the 1993-95 biennial budget bill by the Governor, and subsequently approved by the Legislature, the rationale for the this new language, according to the Executive Budget Book, was that non-GPR programs administered by the courts contribute to the central administrative workload of the Court System. According to the analysis performed by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the appropriation "allows the Director of State Courts to charge non-GPR programs administered by the courts (such as CCAP and BAPR) for

the cost of program specific services which are performed centrally. The amount of these chargebacks would be determined by the Director of State Courts."

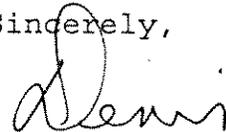
The creation of the "Central Services" appropriation, coupled with the continual denial of requests for additional GPR resources, clearly indicates the intent of both the executive and legislative branches that chargebacks to non-GPR departments should be developed as a first step in obtaining additional resources. We view this approach as a last resort to obtain adequate resources to fulfill our responsibility to provide necessary services to the Court System.

The recommendation by DOA to increase expenditure authority by 25% of the amount requested in 1995-96 was made without explanation or justification and has no apparent basis. The request was very clear in indicating that funds have had to be reallocated from other essential services within the Director of State Courts Office in order to provide basic services such as payroll, voucher payment, personnel and fiscal, which could not be deferred, to the non-GPR departments.

We requested an increase in expenditure authority of \$78,300 in 1995-96 because this is the amount needed. The Fiscal Bureau analysis clearly indicates that legislative intent is to have the Director of State Courts determine the amount of the chargebacks. The DOA analysis confirms that funds are available to cover the cost of these services for 1995-96. Once again, allowing us to generate but not spend these funds defies logic and fails to address the needs described in our request.

Approval of our request, as submitted, will allow the Director of State Courts office to provide adequate services to the Wisconsin Court System at no additional cost to the taxpayer. There does not appear to be any alternative available except the appropriation of GPR funds that will enable the DSC to carry out its necessary and mandated responsibilities under Supreme Court rules. Therefore, I ask that you reconsider your recommendation and concur in our request as submitted.

Sincerely,



J. Denis Moran
Director of State Courts

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cc: Chief Justice Roland B. Day

→ Senator Tim Weeden, Co-chair, Joint Committee on Finance
Representative Ben Brancel, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 8, 1996

Secretary Robert N. Brandherm
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Dear Secretary Brandherm:

This is to inform you that the members of the Joint Committee on Finance have reviewed the February 22, 1996 request pursuant to s13.48(14)(d)4 regarding a proposed sale of a parcel of surplus land.

No objections to this request have been raised. Accordingly, the request has been approved.

Sincerely,

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BEN BRANCEL
Assembly Chair

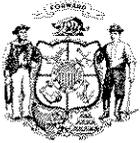
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TIM WEEDEN
Senate Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance
Robert Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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Dear Senator Weeden and Representative Brancel:

RE: Sale of Surplus Property - Mendota Mental Health - 18 Acres - \$301,000
Northern Wisconsin Center - 109 Acres - \$248,111
Taycheedah Correctional - 111 Acres - \$143,312

This request is submitted in response to s. 13.48(14)(d)(4) as a notification of intent to sell the three parcels of vacant land at a total purchase price of \$692,423. The Mendota Mental Health property is being purchased by SWS, LLC from Plain, WI, the Northern Wisconsin Center property by the City of Chippewa Falls and the Taycheedah Correctional property by the City of Fond du Lac (63 acres) and by Greg Barber (48 acres). This transaction was approved by the Building Commission at its meeting on February 22, 1996. The properties are vacant and surplus to the needs of the Departments of Health and Social Services and Corrections. General information on this property submitted to the State Building Commission is attached.

On April 29, 1993, Executive Order #186 was signed by Governor Thompson that required all state agencies to submit surplus lands to the Department of Administration. The May 18, 1994 Building Commission authorized the sale of the surplus properties.

The requested action is for three parcels of approximately 63 surplus properties being sold. Nine parcels are yet to be sold.

As provided in S. 13.48(14)(d)(4) this request will be approved on March 15, 1996, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet for the purpose of reviewing the proposed sale. Please feel free to call me at 266-1031 if you have any questions regarding these transactions.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Brandherm
Secretary

3-8-96 letter approved.

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Attachment

cc: Robert Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau
Robin Gates
Art Zoellner

**AGENCY REQUEST FOR
BUILDING COMMISSION ACTION**

FEBRUARY 21, 1996

REQUESTING AGENCY: Department of Administration

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval to convey **6** parcels of land totaling approximately 477.4 acres in Dane, Taylor, Chippewa, Fond du Lac and Sauk counties to various parties (identified in justification) for a total purchase price of \$737,951.

JUSTIFICATION: These properties were owned by the Department of Natural Resources, Corrections and Health and Social Services. On April 19, 1993, Executive Order #186 was signed by Governor Thompson that required all state agencies to submit surplus lands to the Department of Administration. The Departments indicated that these properties are surplus to its needs and are not an area of any planned development. The May 18, 1994 Building Commission authorized the sale of the surplus properties. The Department of Administration in accordance with State Building Commission action and policy offered the properties for sale.

The requested action is for the properties on attachments to this request.

The requested action is for **6** parcels of approximately 62 surplus properties being sold. The current status of the surplus properties is:

- 42 parcels sold or off the market
- 3 parcels closing pending
- 4 parcels on market
- 8 parcels yet to sell
- 6 parcels request Building Commission approval

63 Total

Name of Property	County	Acres	Restrictions	Value/ Appraisal	Offer	Buyer	Comment
Mendota Mental Health	Dane	18	No	\$196,300	\$301,000	SWS, LLC from Plain, WI	Only Two Offers
Roxbury - Inhama Road	Dane	20.4	Yes	5,100	12,251	Daniel Franzen	Landlocked
Township of Pershing	Taylor	200	None	15,000	15,026	Bradley Anderson	Landlocked
Northern Wisconsin Center	Chippewa	109	None	248,111	248,111	City of Chippewa Falls	Land for Highway & City Use
Taycheedah Correctional	Fond du Lac	63 48	None	190,000	84,112 59,200	City of Fond du Lac Greg Barber	8 Acres Retained for Hwy. 151 By-Pass
Township of Troy	Sauk	19	Yes	16,000	18,251	Daniel Franzen	No Permanent Structures Allowed