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used for such jobs as counting traffic and surveying wildlife and wildfires by the Department of Transportation and Natural Resources.



Doyle made sharp travel reductions by supplanting short flights with drives, aide Dan said.



"In the previous administrations, it was very common for cabinet secretaries or other staff to take a plane on their own and fly all over the state on a regular basis, and that has come to an end in the Doyle administration," Leistikow said.



Doyle also cut back on state plane use by taking out-of-state trips on commercial flight when he went to Seattle last month for the National Governors Association's annual meeting, Leistikow said. Doyle most recently used a state plane for a tour of northwestern Wisconsin last week.



Doyle no longer allows the Natural Resources Board, the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, the Technical College System Board and the like to pick up members for meetings, as McCallum and Thompson did. Use of the planes by cabinet secretaries is strictly limited.

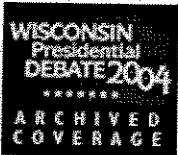


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State plane use was a major element of Doyle's 2002 successful run against McCallum. He spent \$9 million to buy three planes at the same time he cut \$8 million from programs serving the elderly.

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McCallum also came under fire for such things as flying from Madison to Janesville, Iowa, and using state planes for personal trips. In April 2003, McCallum paid the state Board a \$13,000 settlement for using a state plane in summer 2001 to take his son, Robert, to a soccer tournament in Colorado.



Thompson and McCallum, both Republicans, maintained Thursday that their heavier travel reflected that they were more in touch with the citizens of the state than Doyle, a Democrat.



"Governor Thompson was upfront from day one that he would travel to talk to and listen to Wisconsinites in every corner of the state, and these numbers reflect that," said Tony Jewell, an aide to Thompson, who now serves as President Bush's secretary of health and human services.



When told Doyle claims to travel as extensively, but to do more of it in cars, Jewell said, "Unlike Governor Doyle, we have little interest in sitting around counting miles."



McCallum struck a similar note.



"I viewed my job not to be sitting in Madison, but to be out meeting the people," he said. "I believe the citizens have every right to expect their public officials will be available to them."

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**Reducing fleet**

The sale of four Cessnas and two single-seat planes from the 1970s and 1980s used by the Department of Transportation and Natural Resources brought in a combined \$381,805.

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The state will accept no less than \$320,000 for a pricier, five-seat 1987 Beech Baron it trying to sell, Leistikow said. A minimum price has yet to be set for the other plane, a Beech Baron.

Those sales will bring the size of the fleet to 19, and further cuts are being contemplated, Leistikow said.

The figures released Thursday also show that Doyle's staff travels less than those of previous administrations. For the most recent fiscal year, agencies using the state planes logged 18% of the 299,520 passenger-miles traveled by state staff in year 2001, when Thompson and McCallum were in charge.

Passenger-miles are calculated by multiplying the number of passengers by the number of miles traveled. For instance, if four people flew a 500-mile flight, it would count as 2,000 passenger-miles.

The reduced plane use comes at a price, said Stephen D. Willett, an attorney in Phillippsville who serves on the Natural Resources Board.

"It's difficult or almost impossible for us to do various projects or attend certain meetings without access to the state planes, said Willett, who lives four hours by car from Madison.


A Thompson appointee, Willett last year accused Doyle of playing politics by cutting the board's access to planes. But his attitude changed over time, particularly when he saw Commerce Secretary Cory Nittles make a seven-hour drive for an economic summit.

"I figured if he's driving, everybody's driving," Willett said.

But Willett raised concerns about recruiting people to sit on the board, which is required to be balanced with members from around the state.

"There's no question it limits the field" of potential members, Willett said. "It limits it to the wealthy and retired."

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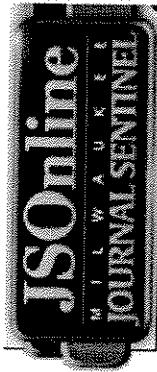
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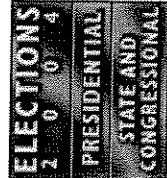
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## Editorial: Downsizing the fleet

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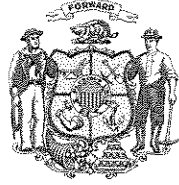
One good thing to emerge from the mess that Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager got herself into last winter was the discovery that the state of Wisconsin owned too many automobiles. That discovery has now allowed the state to identify more than 1,000 cars that it plans to sell, and the proceeds could put more than \$4 million into the state's treasury.

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What's more, the downsizing promises to generate a more progressive way to buy and use cars, which means the state can save even more money and do a better job of protecting the environment.

The arrest of Lautenschlager last February on charges of driving a state car while drunk prompted the Department of Administration to intensify its search for ways to reduce the fleet of cars owned by the state. An investigation subsequently disclosed that hundreds of state-owned cars were underused and misused.

In June, therefore, Gov. Jim Doyle announced that the state would sell at least 1,000 of these vehicles. Last week, he completed his search for



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those 1,000 - actually, he found 1,073. That number represents almost 15% of the 7,228 vehicles the state owned in February. Officials reckon the 1,073 cars can be sold at auction for \$4.3 million or more.

Eventually, the cars that remain state property will have to be replaced, and these new car purchases ought to be made with due care for both the environment and the taxpayer. Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) is the author of a new law that would help achieve this objective.

The law, signed by Doyle in April on Earth Day, will promote the use of hybrid-electric cars in the state fleet. Specifically, it adds these environment-friendly autos to the state's defined list of alternative-fuel vehicles. Cowles notes that, under federal guidelines, the state fleet must buy 75% of replacement vehicles from that list.

Honda and Toyota make hybrid cars, and Ford Motor Co. rolled its first hybrid sport utility vehicle off the production line Thursday. Hybrid cars generally cost a little more than comparably sized autos fueled only by gasoline. But because hybrid cars are typically powered by electricity when they travel at lower speeds, they can get as much as 61 miles to the gallon.

Multiply that by a lot of cars and a lot of miles, and the savings - in dollars, in gasoline, in less environmental damage - add up. Wisconsin has a long, strong tradition of respect for the environment; adding more hybrid cars to its fleet will both strengthen and perpetuate that cherished tradition.

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# State names 7 workers who paid mileage fees

Employees were ordered to reimburse taxpayers for personal use of cars

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**Madison** — The state Department of Administration released the names Wednesday of seven employees who were ordered last month to reimburse taxpayers for personal miles they put on state vehicles.

Topping the list was Nate Nez, a senior program specialist for the Department of Veterans Affairs, who paid \$806.39.

The Department of Commerce had the most employees — four — who had not properly reimbursed the state for mileage. They were: Robert D. Bertram (\$22.02); Deb Clements (\$80.64); Tim E. Griswold (\$213.61); and William L. Winter (\$185.26).

Also ordered to repay were Peter Sammataro (\$247.04), a computer technician for the state Supreme Court; and Myra L. Stachowicz (\$449.00), a training representative for the

Department of Workforce Development.

The employees were ordered to make the payments in July in the wake of a wide-ranging review of the state's fleet of vehicles that resulted in Gov. Jim Doyle tagging more than 1,000 cars and trucks for sale.

All of the employees have now repaid the state. None was disciplined.

The employees' names were

released in response to an open records request by the Journal Sentinel.

One other employee has paid \$107, but the worker's name was not released because he has told the department he plans to challenge the release of his name in court. If no court challenge is made this week, his name will be released Monday, according to a letter from state attorney John Rothschild.

Investigations of two other employees' vehicle use is ongoing.

Two Department of Public Instruction employees earlier thought to have not made their payments have been cleared of any wrongdoing, Doyle aide Dan Leistikow said.

Early in the review, 69 employees' reimbursement habits were questioned, but the vast majority of them were found to have acted properly.

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# Grothman declines 3 debates with Panzer

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**West Bend** — Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer and her opponent Rep. Glenn Grothman are continuing to squabble over the number of debates they will participate in prior to September's primary.

Panzer said Wednesday that Grothman was trying to fly under the radar by refusing invitations to debates on a Milwaukee television station, a

political Web site and a forum run by a Catholic fraternal organization.

"My position is we should do all of these debates so people can see the differences," Panzer said after learning that Grothman turned down the option of adding more appearances to the five already scheduled. "We owe this to the public."

Grothman said he's too busy getting acquainted with voters

in the 20th Senate District to take time for additional debates. His campaign is focused locally, and he sees no need to participate in events outside the district, he said.

"Five debates are plenty," Grothman said. "To say I'm 'ducking stuff' is ridiculous. She doesn't like the fact that I won't give an interview to some outfit in Madison."

Jeff Mayers, editor of Madison-based WisPolitics.com, an online political news service, said he was still negotiating with Grothman to take part in an interview that would be published on the Web site. Panzer had agreed to the interview, Mayers said.

WisPolitics.com plans to stream video from a Sept. 8 debate between Panzer and Grothman, which is being sponsored by the Ozaukee County Republican Party. The debate, at Ozaukee High School in Fredonia, will be broadcast at some unspecified time after the event, Mayers said.

Panzer said that Grothman turned down an invitation from WTMJ-TV (Channel 4) for a debate on "Sunday Night with Mike Gousha." The segment would have aired Sept. 5, she said.

Grothman also declined to appear at a candidates forum sponsored by the West Bend Knights of Columbus, she said.

Besides the debate in Fredonia, Panzer and Grothman have agreed to events on Aug. 26 at West Bend City Hall and on Sept. 7 at West Bend radio station WBKV-AM (1470).

Both candidates made back-to-back appearances July 26 on a call-in show on Wisconsin Public Radio. They also were interviewed July 16 on Wisconsin Public Television.

Panzer said she will continue to press for more debates.

Grothman said that his time is better spent "getting to know people in the wider community."

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## **Wardens Trade Down To Taurus**

### **Mild Winters No Longer Justify State-owned Suvs, Officials Say**

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**Patricia Simms Wisconsin State Journal**

Wisconsin prison wardens have lost their state-owned command vehicles to global warming.

The state Department of Corrections has told the approximately 20 wardens they will no longer be entitled to fully loaded SUVs as their state-assigned vehicle.

"A review of recent Wisconsin winters makes the justification for SUV/4-wheel vehicles untenable," said Steven Casperson, administrator of the Division of Adult Institutions. "My understanding is these vehicles will be culled from the state fleet."

State policy says prison wardens do not have to keep track of personal miles on their vehicles because they are 24-hour command posts. But a 1994 state Administration Department policy also forbids the use of such vehicles for vacation.

Corrections spokesman Bill Clausius said Tuesday that the reason for giving wardens four-wheel drive vehicles was to be able to get to work in poor road conditions during heavy rain or snow and ice.

"Winters in Wisconsin have been milder, and the technology for clearing highways and streets has improved to the point where having a four-wheel drive vehicle is no longer necessary," Clausius said.

He said the department is also trying to reduce the fleet by turning in the SUVs for sale. "Wardens' command vehicles

will become Ford Tauruses, taken from our existing fleet of cars," he said.

The State Journal reported July 2 that Waupun Prison Warden Gary McCaughtry used his state gas card and a state-owned Ford Expedition for at least three vacations, including a Christmas week stop in Iowa, in the last 18 months. After that, state Corrections Secretary Matthew Frank said the wardens would no longer be allowed to take state-owned vehicles on vacation.

Frank also said he was reviewing department policies to see whether wardens will be required to reimburse the state for gas and personal miles for vacation trips. "This issue is still under review," Clausius said Tuesday.

The state is in the process of reducing its vehicle fleet by 1,073. In June, Gov. Jim Doyle ordered the sale of the vehicles after a state report found many employees who were assigned official vehicles didn't drive them enough to justify having them. The report also said dozens of state employees were using their official vehicles for personal travel in violation of state policy. Selling the vehicles would reduce the fleet to 6,155.

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### Warden used state SUV on vacations, records show

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Waupun Prison Warden Gary McCaughtry used his state gas card and a state-owned Ford Expedition for at least three vacations, including a Christmas week stop in Iowa, in the last 18 months, state records show. <

McCaughtry Thursday denied that he uses his state-assigned SUV and state fuel card for vacations. <

But gas card receipts, compared to his recorded vacations, appear to show otherwise. <

After State Journal inquiries, Deputy Corrections Secretary Rick Raemisch told all state prison wardens Thursday they are no longer to take state-owned vehicles on vacation while the department investigates possible abuses. <

"Many of these policies go back years," Raemisch said. "It certainly is time to take a good hard look at them. Technology is a lot different in 2004 than it was in 1994." <

Corrections' policy was based on a need to be able to contact a warden quickly. That meant the wardens' vehicles were equipped with three types of radio, he said. <

State policy says McCaughtry and other prison wardens do not have to keep track of personal miles on their vehicles because they are 24-hour command posts, but a 1994 state Administration Department policy also forbids the use of such cars for vacation. <

Thursday's announcement comes as state agencies rushed to meet a July 1 deadline for lists of under-utilized vehicles, part of Gov. Jim Doyle's effort to reduce the size of the state vehicle fleet. <

Targeted are state vehicles assigned to state employees who drive less than 16,000 miles a year. <

Clausius said none of the wardens' vehicles were on the Corrections Department list. <

Meanwhile, state records show that during one week of Christmas vacation from Dec. 20-25, 2003, McCaughtry filled his vehicle three days in a row, putting in about \$40 worth of fuel each time on the state-paid gas card. He pumped gas at stops in Belmont on Dec. 21, 2003, Hanlontown, Iowa, Dec. 22, and Lac du Flambeau Dec. 23. <

For a different vacation in northern Wisconsin on July 14-18, McCaughtry pumped state-paid gas into the vehicle on Saturday, July 12, in Woodruff; Tuesday, July 15, in Woodruff; and again Saturday, July 19, in Oshkosh, records show. <

On another vacation up north, McCaughtry put in gas Saturday, Feb. 14, in Minocqua, prior to a week's vacation Feb. 16-20, records show. He gassed up on the state card in Mosinee on Saturday, Feb. 21. <

The State Journal also found Kettle Moraine Warden Jane Gamble made similar gas purchases for her state-owned 2001 Jeep Cherokee during three trips to the Minocqua-Woodruff area during the same period while she was on vacation. <

It appears that Corrections developed its own policy for wardens' vehicles a few months after then-Administration Secretary James Klauser ruled in January 1994 that so-called "24-hour responders," which includes wardens, shouldn't use state vehicles for vacation. <

While the wardens don't have to keep track of their personal mileage because the vehicles serve as command posts, Klauser wrote: ". . . vacations are not included, and the vehicles should be made available to others when not needed on site." <

Six months later, Raemisch said, Corrections issued an internal policy that said "command post" vehicles should be made available to other individuals for business use when wardens leave for vacations. An exemption, the policy says, can be made for "special circumstances, such as a

heightened level of alert at an institution." <

Corrections Department spokesman William Clausius said that rule has "been interpreted to mean wardens are allowed to choose to have the vehicles with them in case they need to be contacted by their institutions." <

However, Administration Department spokesman Tom Solberg said that's history. "We would expect the policy would conform with the position we've taken that state vehicles cannot and will not be taken on vacation," Solberg said. <

Solberg said he had been unaware of Correction's internal policy. He also said he didn't know whether prison wardens will be asked to reimburse the state for vacation travel expenses. <

"We certainly do intend to be very clear about our policy," he said. <

Raemisch said he will also review the need for the wardens to have sports utility vehicles. Of 20 "command post" vehicles assigned to the wardens, 10 are Jeep Cherokees, two are Chevy Blazers, three are Dodge Caravans, one is a Ford Expedition and one a Ford Explorer. There are three Ford Tauruses. <

"The argument for them has been based on weather conditions and a need to have four-wheel-drive vehicles," Raemisch said. "That will be under review." <

Responding to questions by e-mail, McCaughtry wrote: "I do not use the vehicles for vacations. When I traveled to Canada and Montana, I did not use the vehicles. If I am in the area of the institution and I am able to respond to a call, I may use the vehicles. Essentially, I use the vehicle whenever I am required to respond to the institution." <

The Corrections policy also says trailer hitches will not be permitted on wardens' vehicles. McCaughtry has a hitch on his Ford Expedition. "The hitch came with the vehicle at purchase," McCaughtry said Thursday. <

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## Lautenschlager, aide will repay state \$1,184 for use of cars

### Both face \$250 fine for violating reimbursement law

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**Madison** - The attorney general and her top deputy will repay taxpayers \$1,184 for commuting to the Capitol from their homes in state cars and each pay \$250 for violating a law requiring those reimbursements, state officials announced Monday.

But, on a unanimous vote, the state Ethics Board did not refer the violations of Peg Lautenschlager and Dan Bach for criminal prosecution.

"Neither set out to obtain a dishonest advantage," and both apparently got bad advice that commuting in a state car was allowed, said R. Roth Judd, executive director of the Ethics Board.

Members of Wisconsin's Ethics Board - Chairman James Morgan and members Dorothy C. Johnson, Paul M. Holzen and David L. McRoberts - are appointed to staggered six-year terms by the governor. There are two vacancies.

Lautenschlager agreed to repay \$672 - 1,969 miles at 34.2 cents per mile - for commuting to and from her Fond du Lac home in a state-owned 1999 Buick since taking office in January 2003.

Bach will repay \$512 for driving 1,501 miles to and from his southeast Wisconsin home over the same period.

Lautenschlager's reimbursement amounted to one trip per month during her first 14 months in office - a result state Republican Party Chairman Rick Graber called an "insulting slap on the wrist."

Graber said a "double standard" exists, when Lautenschlager gets a "mild scolding," but former state Sen. Brian Burke was charged with eight felonies on allegations of falsely claiming daily expense stipends and former Republican Gov. Scott McCallum had to pay more than \$13,000 for taking state planes on personal trips.

But Lautenschlager, 48, said she had been "cleared of allegations of ethics law violations" and had only relied on poor advice from a senior staff member, Paul Vornholt.

"It was a mistake, and it's one I shouldn't have made," Lautenschlager told reporters.

The attorney general, who earns \$127,838 a year, and Bach, who is paid \$123,451, both told Ethics Board investigators that Vornholt had told them they could use state cars to commute. Vornholt told the investigators he doesn't remember giving that advice.

Judd said investigators computed the 1,969 miles after going through Lautenschlager's calendar. With the exception of commuting, Lautenschlager was careful not to use her state

### State Attorney General



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Peg Lautenschlager speaks with editors at the Journal Sentinel last week.

### By the Numbers

**\$672**

Amount Wisconsin Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager will reimburse the state for personal use of a state vehicle

**1,969**

Miles she said were for personal use among the 20,000 she put on a 1999 Buick since her election in 2002

**\$250**

Fine she will pay for not reporting the personal use earlier

vehicle for personal errands or political appearances, he said.

Lautenschlager said, for example, that if she had an early speech in Green Bay, she might drive home to Fond du Lac the prior evening, then travel to Green Bay in the morning. To determine the personal mileage involved, the board subtracted the direct distance from Madison to Green Bay from that same trip distance if one traveled through Fond du Lac.

Lautenschlager said she isn't considering any discipline against Vornholt, the \$90,734-a-year administrator of the Department of Justice's Division of Management Services.

The board's report said Vornholt has provided statements to reporters and officials who supervise the state's vehicle fleet that are "inconsistent" with what he told Ethics Board investigators. Vornholt was not available for comment Monday.

Allegations that Lautenschlager had claimed her Fond du Lac home as her official headquarters are unfounded, she said. She never claimed that it was, nor did she ever sign a form to declare that her residence was her headquarters, Lautenschlager said Monday.

With Monday's settlement, which Lautenschlager had predicted in statewide interviews on Friday, the attorney general tried to end five weeks of controversy.

The review of her state car use grew out of her February conviction for first-offense drunken driving, which cost Lautenschlager her driver's license and a \$784 forfeiture. She also repaid 10 days' net salary, \$3,250, paid to have the damaged state car towed to Madison and will pay for repairs to the vehicle.

Lautenschlager's arrest triggered statewide debate over her drunken driving and her use of a state car, which she drove into a Dodge County ditch shortly before midnight Feb. 23. She said she had had two glasses of wine at a Madison bar earlier in the evening. A preliminary breath test measured her blood-alcohol level at 0.12.

Her refusal to take a blood test resulted in the automatic one-year loss of her driver's license.

Lautenschlager said she has undergone an alcohol assessment required after any drunken driving conviction, but declined to elaborate. She again said she is not an alcoholic.

If any good were to come of the incident, Lautenschlager said, it would be greater awareness among all drivers of the potential to make a similar mistake.


## \$784


Fine she paid for drunken driving conviction in February


## \$3,250


Net salary she repaid state as self-imposed punishment for driving drunk in state car.


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STATS FINDS MANY DNR BOATS IN DISREPAIR ... DNR inventory found] 1,179 worth an estimated \$3.9 million, but many were old or in disrepair and are to be sold as surplus property.

The inventory released Thursday was requested by state Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay, who said the boat situation apparently wasn't comparable to the state motor vehicle fleet that was inventoried earlier. ... [DNR Sec.] Hassett said in a letter to Cowles that his agency will "immediately begin the process of surplus and disposing of boats that are unused or in disrepair." DNR Admin. Rayburn predicted no new purchases, defended big engines, "It's difficult to just wave at boaters with fast boats, and have them pull over." By AP, GM TODAY

9-3-04 -- State to sell unused boats after finding more than it estimated ... DNR officials said Thursday that the agency owns 1,179 boats, or 443 more than had been estimated in June. The higher number resulted from adding canoes, kayaks and other small vessels worth less than \$1,000, officials said. Done at the request of state Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), the inventory placed the value of the state's boats at \$3.9 million, although the replacement costs would be much higher.

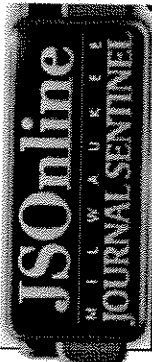


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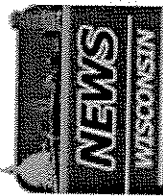
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## State to sell unused boats after finding more than it estimated

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**Madison** - Gov. Jim Doyle's administration said Thursday it has found more state-owned boats than had been estimated and announced that it will begin selling off mothballed, unused vessels.

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The inventory also found that some of the state Department of Natural Resources boats were assigned to the wrong facilities and must be reassigned.

### Background

6/22/04: State vehicle inquiry shifts to DNR's 735 or so boats

That prompted state officials to say they would institute a better tracking system for boats, much as they have done for state vehicles, a fleet that also is being downsized.

DNR officials said Thursday that the agency owns 1,179 boats, or

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443 more than had been estimated in June. The higher number resulted from adding canoes, kayaks and other small vessels worth less than \$1,000, officials said.

Done at the request of state Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), the inventory placed the value of the state's boats at \$3.9 million, although the replacement costs would be much higher.

That inventory does not include about 50 boats that have already been sold or otherwise disposed of, officials said, promising that an additional but as-yet-undetermined number will be eliminated soon.

The DNR reported that five specially equipped boats used to research fish, wildlife and water quality cost \$100,000 to \$164,000 each, while dozens of other canoes and small boats have almost no value.

More than half the 1,179 boats were valued at \$1,000 or less, but one large water research boat, the Perca, was outfitted with costly, specialized equipment needed to count yellow perch and other fish in Lake Michigan.

In addition to emergency searches for accident or drowning victims, officials said, the boats are used to patrol and manage 6.5 million acres of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior; 15,081 inland lakes that range from 1-acre ponds to the 137,708-acre Lake Winnebago; and 32,000 miles of rivers and streams.

Two-thirds of all boats are assigned to law enforcement and management of fisheries.

**Downsizing planned**

In a letter to Cowles, DNR Secretary Scott Hassett said his agency will "immediately begin the process of surplus and disposing of boats that are unused or in disrepair." Although he said a "significant number" of boats fell in that category, he did not estimate the number.

Vance Rayburn, the DNR's administrator of customer and employee services, said Hassett was not saying that the agency has too many boats. "That's not our feeling at all," said Rayburn.

Instead, Rayburn said, DNR administrators were surprised at how many old, unused boats had been found that can now be sold as excess property.

"Some of these boats are not water-ready," he said.

He said the DNR currently has no plans to buy any new boats, despite the fact that the fleet's oldest vessels date to the 1940s.

But to keep up with the rising number of higher-powered speedboats operated by private boaters, Hassett said, state taxpayers have also had to buy bigger engines for the boats used by game wardens and water safety officers who must catch drunken boaters and patrol the state's rivers and lakes.

"It's difficult to just wave at boaters with fast boats, and have them pull over," Rayburn said.

### **Savings sought**

Cowles praised Hassett for quickly demanding an inventory of state-owned boats. Until that census, DNR officials had only a general idea of the number of boats the agency owns, Cowles said.

The senator also said it did not appear the problem with the number of boats rose to the level found with the state's vehicles. Doyle aides have begun auctioning off what they say will be more than 1,000 unneeded state vehicles out of a fleet that stood at more than 7,200 a year ago.

Doyle also has begun to downsize the number of state planes, selling or identifying for sale at least eight of the 27 planes in the fleet a year ago.

With state government facing what still could be a \$1 billion budget deficit, Cowles said, state officials need to "squeeze every bit of savings that we can."

To continue to cut costs, Cowles said, he will ask DNR officials to next inventory the number of ATVs and snowmobiles the agency owns. He said he has talked to "whistle-blowers" who insist

that the DNR also owns too many of those vehicles.

In the most detailed inventory of state-owned boats in years, officials found:

- 506 boats assigned to law enforcement. Conservation wardens use boats to patrol, investigate spills and fish kills, and look for accident victims. Most wardens are assigned more than one boat, so they can use a canoe for stream work and also use a larger boat with an engine big enough to catch speeders.
- 314 boats assigned to fisheries and habitat management. Those boats are used to monitor fish populations and to collect fish for hatcheries.
- 146 boats assigned to state parks and forests and used for patrols, rescues and shoreland management.
- 125 boats assigned for research, including measuring fish populations, monitoring water quality and responding to fish and wildlife die-offs. Some of the boats have "shocking" equipment that can cost up to \$20,000 that stuns fish to the surface, so they can be counted or to harvest eggs, Rayburn said.
- 88 boats assigned to wildlife management and usually assigned to areas next to the Horicon, Theresa and Vernon marshes, the Mississippi River and Green Bay.

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**Cowles Praises DNR Comprehensive Review of Assets**  
*Review of 600 state ATVs and snowmobiles will be completed this month*

**Madison** – Today State Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) applauded Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Secretary Hassett for their review of all DNR assets valued over \$1,000. The comprehensive inventory of all DNR assets is scheduled for completion by the end of this month, according to division administrator Vance Rayburn. Earlier this year, Cowles called for a comprehensive internal review of the state's boats and also secured an audit of the vehicle fleet by the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau. "I appreciate the review of all DNR assets to find taxpayer savings," said Cowles. "I am pleased the 600 state-owned ATVs and snowmobiles will be inventoried in a timely fashion."

Based on the information regarding the DNR's boat fleet, Sen. Cowles has been raising questions regarding the state's ATVs and snowmobiles. At the request of Sen. Cowles, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau has been working with the DNR to create an initial inventory and explore the issue further over the last few months. The Fiscal Bureau has indicated the initial quality of the data regarding the state ATVs and snowmobiles is low and incomplete, so a more in-depth analysis is necessary to determine potential cost savings in that fleet. The DNR recently stated this review would be completed by late September.

"I think the taxpayers deserve this comprehensive accounting," said Cowles. "I am glad the administration is looking hard at all assets, including the snowmobiles and ATVs for savings."

The DNR review of boats was completed last week and it has highlighted two major issues. First, there were many boats that were either old or in disrepair that will now be sold as surplus property. DNR has not yet determined how many boats will eventually be sold off. Second, there was a need to establish a system to regularly inventory this equipment. "I think the boat fleet needs to be downsized," said Cowles. "I will ask the Legislative Audit Bureau to assess the DNR's findings, as I want the best possible deal for the taxpayer."

Cowles had called for a thorough review of the boat fleet, and the DNR completed a study including:

- An assessment of continuing needs, with resulting allocations to assure the most cost-effective deployment of state boats.
- A determination regarding any surplus boats and plan to sell them accordingly.
- Reviews of state purchasing practices to ensure boats are only purchased when appropriate and necessary.
- The development of an inventory system for state-owned boats.

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With the completion of the DNR boat review, Secretary Hassett has directed:

- DNR staff will immediately begin the process of surplus and disposing of boats that are unused or in disrepair. Approximately 50 boats have been surplus and disposed of this fiscal year. DNR does not yet have an estimate of how many boats will ultimately be sold off.
- Review and implement opportunities to reassign some lesser-used boats to new, more effective locations.
- Maintain the watercraft inventory log at its current level of detail, including boats purchased for less than \$1,000, thus ensuring that the DNR will continue to have a full understanding of their fleet of watercraft.

“We need to sell off the boats and other assets that are sitting around collecting dust or that have fallen into disrepair,” said Cowles. “But DNR needs to do this in a smart way, as we don’t want to have a fire sale.”

Sen. Cowles also wants to ensure effective environmental protection efforts to preserve Wisconsin’s natural resources. “I want to ensure Wisconsin’s conservation funds are effectively allocated to preserve our state’s natural resources,” said Cowles. “Proceeds from the surplus property should be directed back into the state’s conservation accounts for fish and wildlife as much as possible.”

“Do we need 600 snowmobiles and ATVs? Is this the most effective use of our resources?” asked Cowles. “It could be this off-road fleet is entirely justified, but I think the administration now needs to perform a thorough study. Depending on the findings of their internal review, we’ll see if a Legislative audit is warranted.”

Senator Cowles is a member of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

Item #	Region Code	Sub Prog	Location Desc	Categc
1740	SE	SF	SO UNIT KETTLE MORAINE STATE FOREST	ALL TERRAIN \
10359	NE	PR	HIGH CLIFF PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
2388	WC	NU	GRIFFITH NURSERY	ALL TERRAIN \
10478	NO	LE	LADYSMITH RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
2389	NO	FR	CRANDON RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
2390	WC	LE	CHIPPEWA FALLS - WARDEN	ALL TERRAIN \
2391	NO	FR	FLORENCE RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
2394	WC	PR	BRUNET ISLAND PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
2396	WC	LE	EAU CLAIRE SERVICE CENTER GARAGE	ALL TERRAIN \
3470	WC	WM		ALL TERRAIN \
3469	NO	PR	COUNCIL GROUNDS PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
2399	NO	NU	HAYWARD NURSERY	ALL TERRAIN \
2408	NE	PR	WHITEFISH DUNES PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
2402	NO	NU	HAYWARD NURSERY	ALL TERRAIN \
2403	NO	FR	ASHLAND SERVICE CENTER	ALL TERRAIN \
3472	SE	SF	NO UNIT KETTLE MORAINE STATE FOREST	ALL TERRAIN \
2392	NO	LE	PHILLIPS	ALL TERRAIN \
10587	WC	PR	PERROT STATE PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
1173	NO	LE	WINTER RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
2393	CO	FR	TOMAHAWK, WI LEMAY FORESTRY CENTER	ALL TERRAIN \
2515	CO	AF	WEST CENTRAL REGION HANGAR	ALL TERRAIN \
2410	SC	PR	SCR-DEVILS LAKE PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
2415	WC	PR	RED CEDAR TRAIL	ALL TERRAIN \
2413	NO	PR	COPPER FALLS PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
2414	NO	LF	CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE	ALL TERRAIN \
2412	NO	LE		ALL TERRAIN \
3471	NO	FR		ALL TERRAIN \
2417	NO	WM		ALL TERRAIN \
10295	NO	FR	WEBSTER RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
2467	NE	FH	MONTELLO	ALL TERRAIN \
2404	NO	FR	MEDFORD RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
2419	WC	LE		ALL TERRAIN \
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			BALDWIN SERV CTR - WARDEN	ALL TERRAIN \
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2496	WC	FR	NEILLSVILLE OFFICE - FORESTRY	ALL TERRAIN \
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			CRANDON RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \



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3504	SE	LE	BONG RECREATION AREA	ALL TERRAIN \
3502	WC	WM	MEAD WILDLIFE AREA	ALL TERRAIN \
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3995	NO	FR	LADYSMITH FORESTRY	ALL TERRAIN \
3461	NO	LF	STORAGE SHED / 239 N. LAKE ST. BARRON	ALL TERRAIN \
3510	NO	FH		ALL TERRAIN \
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3505	NE	LE			ALL TERRAIN \
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3512	SC	FH	SCR-FIELD OPERATIONS		ALL TERRAIN \
331	SE	SF	SO UNIT KETTLE MORAIN STATE FOREST		ALL TERRAIN \
199	NO	FR	CHARLES E ZINSMASER VACANCY		ALL TERRAIN \
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10664	NE	PR	ROCK ISLAND		ALL TERRAIN \
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343	NO	PR	COPPER FALLS PARK		ALL TERRAIN \
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8272	NO	LE			ALL TERRAIN \
8375	NO	FR	FLAMBEAU RIVER FOREST		ALL TERRAIN \
8416	SC	PR	SCR-DEVILS LAKE PARK		ALL TERRAIN \
8457	NO	LE	PHILLIPS		ALL TERRAIN \
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8568	WC	WL			ALL TERRAIN \
8478	NO	FR	GOVERNOR KNOWLES FOREST		ALL TERRAIN \
8494	SE	SF	KETTLE MORAIN STATE FOREST - PIKE LAKE		ALL TERRAIN \
8603	NO	WM	BARRON		ALL TERRAIN \
10215	NO	WM	HAYWARD EAST ON STH 77		ALL TERRAIN \
8549	NO	WM	ASHLAND DNR		ALL TERRAIN \
9596	SC	WM	WATER INSTITUTE		ALL TERRAIN \

8579	WC	FH	BLACK RIVER FALLS SERV CTR - RFO	ALL TERRAIN \
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8935	NO	FH	BRULE RIVER HATCHERY	ALL TERRAIN \
8941	NO	FR	FLAMBEAU RIVER FOREST	ALL TERRAIN \
8983	SE	WM		ALL TERRAIN \
9065	SE	WM	W5750 WOODCHUCK LN.	ALL TERRAIN \
9021	NE	PR	HIGH CLIFF PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
9029	WC	WM	MENOMONIE OFFICE - WILDLIFE	ALL TERRAIN \
9072	NO	FR	FLAMBEAU RIVER FOREST	ALL TERRAIN \
9022	SC	WM	SCR-HORICON SHOP	ALL TERRAIN \
10179	WC	FH	SPARTA OFFICE - FISHERIES/LAND	ALL TERRAIN \
10405	SC	PR	SCR-GOVERNOR DODGE PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
9089	NO	WM	CREX MEADOWS	ALL TERRAIN \
9905	NE	FR	PESHTIGO RIVER STATE FOREST	ALL TERRAIN \
10306	SC	PR	SCR-BLUE MOUND PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
9077	NO	LF	TURTLE FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE	ALL TERRAIN \
9314	NO	LE		ALL TERRAIN \
9325	SC	PR	SCR-LAKE KEGONSA PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
9374	NO	LE		ALL TERRAIN \
9471	NO	WM	LINCOLN COUNTY, COUNCIL GROUNDS S.P.	ALL TERRAIN \
9371	SC	LE	SCR-DARLINGTON WARDEN STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
9470	NO	FR	BARNES RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
9386	NO	FR	LADYSMITH FORESTRY	ALL TERRAIN \
10503	NO	WM	COUNCIL GROUNDS STATE PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
9394	SC	LE	SCR-MADISON WEST WARDEN	ALL TERRAIN \
9646	SC	PR	SCR-LAKE KEGONSA PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
9500	NO	FR	NO HIGHLANDS-AMERICAN LEGION PARKS	ALL TERRAIN \
9473	NO	FR	HAYWARD FORESTRY	ALL TERRAIN \
9868	SE	LE	SER / R.BONG REC AREA	ALL TERRAIN \
10649	NE	PR	ROCK ISLAND PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
10447	SC	LE	SCR-MONROE	ALL TERRAIN \
9526	SE	LE	LAPHAM PEAK STATE PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
10330	NO	WM	LADYSMITH SERVICE CENTER	ALL TERRAIN \

9599	NO	WM	WATER INSTITUTE	ALL TERRAIN \
9813	SE	WM	SHEBOYGAN COUNTY	ALL TERRAIN \
9622	WC	WM	ALMA STATION - WILDLIFE MANAGER	ALL TERRAIN \
9657	WC	WM	BALDWIN SERVICE CENTER -WILDLIFE	ALL TERRAIN \
9766	NE	LE	GREEN BAY	ALL TERRAIN \
9748	WC	NU	GRIFFITH NURSERY - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	ALL TERRAIN \
9743	NO	FR	RHINELANDER RANGER STATION	ALL TERRAIN \
9727	SC	WM	SCR-HOOK LAKE	ALL TERRAIN \
9726	SC	WM	SCR-LAKE MILLS	ALL TERRAIN \
9746	NO	FR	MERCER	ALL TERRAIN \
9768	WC	WM	VIROQUA OFFICE - WILDLIFE	ALL TERRAIN \
9858	NO	FR	BRULE RIVER STATE FOREST	ALL TERRAIN \
9771	SC	LF		ALL TERRAIN \
10549	NO	LE	WOODRUFF SERVICE CENTER	ALL TERRAIN \
9889	NE	WM	KILLSNAKE WILDLIFE AREA	ALL TERRAIN \
9871	WC	LE	WAUSAU SERV CTR-WARDEN	ALL TERRAIN \
9882	WC	LE	SPARTA WARDEN	ALL TERRAIN \
9869	NO	WM	PERSHING WLA	ALL TERRAIN \

9913	SC	FH	SCR-NEVIN HATCHERY	ALL TERRAIN \
9950	SC	ER	SCR-FITCHBURG	ALL TERRAIN \
9970	SC	PR	SCR-GOVERNOR NELSON PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
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10461	SC	PR	SCR-NEW GLARUS WOODS PARK	ALL TERRAIN \
7446	NO	FR	UPPER CHIPPEWA BASIN FIRE MGT OFFICE	SNOW
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7448	NO	PR	COPPER FALLS PARK	SNOW
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7450	NO	FR		SNOW
7453	NO	FR	LADYSMITH FORESTRY	SNOW
7452	NO	LE		SNOW
7454	NO	FR	PATTISON RANGER STATION	SNOW
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2347	NO	FH		SNOW
2346	SE	LE	SHOULD BE TRANSFERED TO TIM PRICES INVEN	SNOW
2336	NO	LE	ANTIGO SERVICE CENTER	SNOW
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2192	WC	LE	@ AUGUSTA	SNOW
2184	SE	LE	BONG RECREATION AREA	SNOW

2198	NO	LE			
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9961	SC	CF	SCR-FITCHBURG	SNOW

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**4 OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OR STATE VEHICLES ARE SHIFTED FROM THEIR JOBS;** The top four administrators overseeing state vehicles have been moved out of their jobs, just months after Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle said he would shave more than 1,000 cars and trucks from the problem-plagued fleet. Three of the four have been transferred out of the Department of Administration division that manages the fleet. The fourth, Jeff Knight, has been demoted within the division, from bureau director to section chief. All four have retained their earlier salaries. By Patrick Marley, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL



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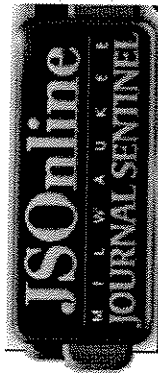
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## Use of state vehicle for commute deemed acceptable by Ethics Board

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The state Ethics Board had concluded its investigation into state Parole Commission chairman Leonard Wells' use of a state vehicle, finding that he violated no laws while using the car to commute between his Milwaukee home and Madison.

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Roth Judd, executive director of the Ethics Board, issued a statement in which the board determined that Wells' use of the state vehicle to drive between Milwaukee and Madison was "appropriate."

The Ethics Board began its investigation in July into allegations that Wells, a former Milwaukee police lieutenant, was using the state car to commute between Milwaukee and Madison without reimbursing the state for the miles he traveled.

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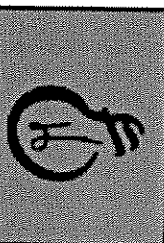
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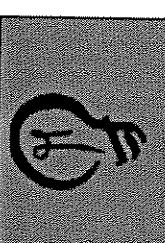
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Wells started using the state car to commute in February when Gov. Jim Doyle appointed him chairman of the Parole Commission.

Use of state cars came under increased scrutiny shortly after Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager was penalized for using a state car for personal business without reimbursing the state.

The attorney general's use of a state car was investigated after she drove into a ditch in February and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Lautenschlager later agreed to reimburse the state for damages and for mileage.

At its meeting on Sept. 1, the Ethic Board cleared Wells of wrongdoing. In a letter to Wells, Judd said the board "found no reason to second-guess the Parole Commission's designation of Milwaukee" as his headquarters while he served as chairman of the Parole Commission. Wells also worked out of his Milwaukee home.

"The Board noted that for some months you have been using your personal car for state business and not seeking reimbursement," Judd said in the letter to Wells.

Wells said Wednesday he plans to continue to use his own vehicle until a more coherent state policy on the use of its vehicles is put in place.

"I'm waiting for a policy that I can respect before I use a state vehicle again," Wells said. "Until a policy is issued, I'm putting myself at risk using a state car."

The Ethics Board told Wells it believed he may use the state car for travel to Madison.

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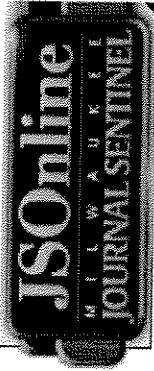
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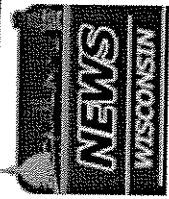
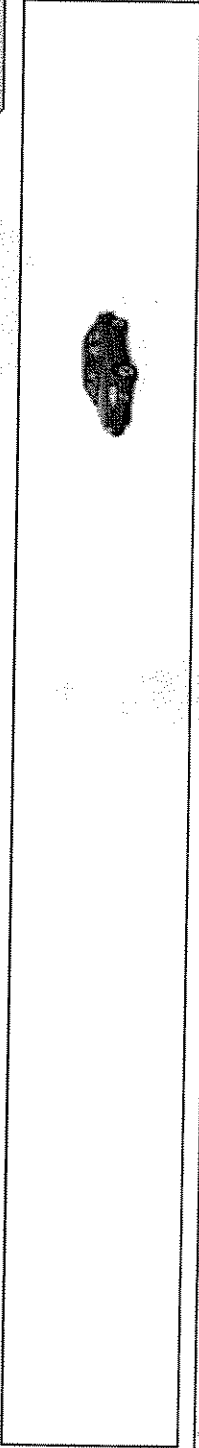
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## 4 officials in charge of state vehicles are shifted from their jobs

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**Madison** - The top four administrators overseeing state vehicles have been moved out of their jobs, just months after Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle said he would shave more than 1,000 cars and trucks from the problem-plagued fleet.

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Three of the four have been transferred out of the Department of Administration division that manages the fleet. The fourth, Jeff Knight, has been demoted within the division, from bureau director to section chief.

All four have retained their earlier salaries.



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a loss of institutional knowledge.

"My understanding is there's not going to be a learning curve here where we have no idea of what's going on with fleet," he said.

The four fleet administrators were the key people on a team this summer that overhauled the fleet after questions were raised about the operation. Their investigation found that more than 500 vehicles were underutilized, and they proposed that the state sell more than 1,000 of its roughly 7,200 cars and trucks. Sales have already begun, and Doyle has put a freeze on vehicle purchases through the end of the year.

The review also found rampant record-keeping problems and revealed that the state for years had improperly reported wages to the Internal Revenue Service because of how it accounted for employees' mileage on state cars.

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Sean Dilweg, the executive assistant to Administration Secretary Marc Marotta, described the changes as lateral moves made in anticipation of Doyle's upcoming two-year budget, which will be introduced early next year.

"We're just realigning skill sets," he said. "We're just kind of lining them up with their talents."

The management shake-up is not in response to displeasure with how the fleet had been managed in the past, he said. Dilweg said the broad management changes would not lead to

The recent management changes reconfigure the top four spots overseeing the fleet:

Administration officials have described any tax liability as slight. They will meet with IRS officials later this month in hopes of reaching an agreement on the matter.

- Laura Engan, the deputy administration secretary appointed by Doyle, was the highest-ranking official with a direct hand in fleet operations. Last month, she and Deputy Revenue

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Secretary Gina Frank-Reece switched positions. Doyle spokesman Dan Leistikow said at the time the change was not a reflection of any dissatisfaction with how the fleet was managed. Engan retained her salary of \$108,914.

- Sari King, the State Agency Services administrator who reported to Engan, was recently moved to the Division of Enterprise Technology as an information technology manager. She kept her \$93,381 salary.
- Knight, the longtime Bureau of General Services director, is slated to move down a notch later this month, to section chief. In addition to vehicles, Knight also oversaw the state's sometimes-controversial stable of airplanes at one point, but he lost that authority in recent years.

Knight's position also put him in charge of state records management, including the 129 file boxes from the Republican administrations of former Govs. Scott McCallum and Tommy G. Thompson that were inadvertently destroyed earlier this year.

Though he now has fewer duties, Knight's pay of \$89,912 was not cut.

- Gary Gorlen, who held the position Knight will take over, was moved Tuesday to the Division of Energy. The energy post is a temporary assignment, as was his fleet job, said department spokesman Scott Larrivee. Gorlen received \$67,503 at both jobs.

Engan and King did not return phone calls, and Gorlen could not be reached. Knight declined comment.

Dilweg, the administration official who fielded questions about the changes, said Knight was switching jobs so he could work more closely with the University of Wisconsin System and its fleet. He said he did not view Knight's job change as a demotion, but conceded he was not familiar with an organizational chart that shows his new job one step below his current position.

### **Intent unclear**

State Sen. Rob Cowles (R-Green Bay), who earlier this year secured a legislative audit of the fleet of cars, said he was unsure what the management changes meant. He said shuffling personnel might make fleet administrators more responsive to financial considerations, but also said he wanted to make sure the people most responsible for any problems were the ones held

accountable.

"Is it their fault or the people above them who make policy?" he asked. "Are they just implementing policy? Probably.

"There was a complacency there. I don't want to blame any administration. I think it was in the culture, the bureaucratic culture."

Cowles said he expects the legislative audit will find more fleet improvements that can be made. That audit is expected to be completed early next year.

Cowles is also looking into other assets owned by the state. The Department of Natural Resources announced earlier this month that it would sell off some of its 1,179 boats after conducting a review of that fleet requested by Cowles.

This week, the department said it would soon conduct a review of its all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. Once counted, the stock will be compared to records, and administrators will then see if any should be sold, said Vance Rayburn, the department's administrator of customer and employee services.

The count should be complete by the end of the month, and the agency is hoping to identify which boats, snowmobiles and ATVs it will sell off by November, Rayburn said.

Preliminary records from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau show the agency has about 600 ATVs and snowmobiles.

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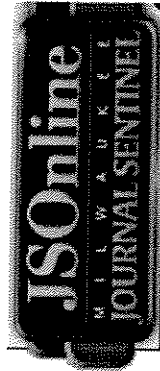
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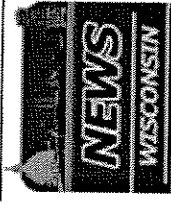


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## State to track calls on staff cell phones

### System will allow checks on personal use, abuses

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**Madison** - The state has no system for tracking whether nearly 10,000 taxpayer-funded cell phones are being used for personal calls, a problem administrators hope to fix soon.

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The Department of Administration later this year will implement a computer-tracking system that will identify fraud and other abuses involving the phones, said Sean Dilweg, executive assistant to Administration Secretary Marc Marotta. The agency started looking into the issue about a month ago, he said.

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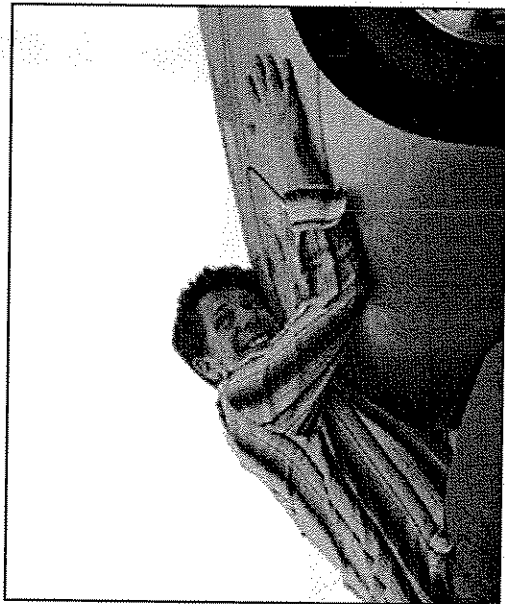
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Dilweg said the Department of Administration will issue new cell phone policies in about a month. Current policy says cell phones cannot be used for personal reasons for most employees, but some departments have established their own rules that allow limited personal use, he said, adding that such policies will get a close look.

The changes come just as state auditors prepare to launch a review of the cell phones in the wake of questions that have emerged over state vehicles.

"It's a natural extension of looking at the other equipment," said state Sen. Carol Roessler (R-Oshkosh), co-chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Audit.

The phone audit will begin soon, State Auditor Janice Mueller said Monday. She said there had been no indications of problems with the phones but added that she felt the matter warranted a review as part of the vehicle audit, which is already under way and expected to wrap up early next year.

This summer, Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle ordered more than 1,000 state vehicles to be sold after an internal review found hundreds of underutilized cars and trucks, vast record-keeping problems and vehicle usage that had been improperly reported for income-taxing purposes.

That review found that the vast majority of employees properly reimbursed the state for personal trips, finding just eight employees who had failed to do so.

The legislative audit of vehicles is expected to be more thorough because of the depth of the investigation and because it is being done by an outside agency.

For the phone review, auditors will look at a year's worth of data, most likely for the 12-month period that ended June 30, Mueller said. They will examine contracts the state has with providers and whether employees are reimbursing the state for personal calls, she said.

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"The dollar amount will be far smaller than what we're looking at with our fleet audit," she said.

Marotta, the administration secretary, said the outside review was a good idea.

"Cell phones could potentially be abused, and having a second set of eyes on the matter is always helpful," he said.

### Cuts already made

As of March - the most recent month with up-to-date data - the state owned 9,520 phones, down from a high of 11,100 in September 2002. The 14% reduction was a result of a push to drop underused phones, Marotta said.

Costs dropped about 9% as a result of the phone reduction, from \$240,763 to \$219,004 per month.

For most phones, the state pays a flat fee of \$4.75 per phone a month, plus 9 cents a minute for each call. An internal review has found that rate to be cheaper than plans available to the general public and those used by the governments of New Hampshire, Nebraska and Illinois.

For a sample group of 267 phones, the state pays \$6,820 a month. Using a consumer option would cost more than \$20,000 for those phones because of high flat fees, the internal analysis found.

Most of the phones receive service from U.S. Cellular, but 1,063 get service through Alltel and Cellular One.

In the past, the state has not maintained a system to watch for abuse, but new software will be implemented in coming weeks to identify fraud, Dilweg said. The software will track unusual calls, such as those made to out-of-state numbers and those made outside business hours.

A number of legislators have asked the Legislative Audit Bureau to review cell phones because of problems with the vehicle fleet. Among them is state Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), who secured the vehicle audit and has gotten the Department of Natural Resources to perform internal reviews of its fleets of boats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

He welcomed the review of the phones Monday.

"It's funny how one thing will lead to another thing will lead to another thing will lead to another thing," he said. "It just keeps going."

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"It's funny how one thing will lead to another thing will lead to another thing will lead to another thing. It just keeps going," said Sen. Rob Cowles, R-Green Bay. **Our view**

Cowles should know. A member of the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Audit Committee, he's been at the forefront in trying to restore state workers' accountability for how they use taxpayers' property. **State property**

The first hint of something amiss occurred a couple of years ago, when former Gov. Scott McCallum used a state plane and \$2,600 in public money to fly 40 miles from Madison to Janesville. **Workers must be accountable for use of taxpayers' property.**

The state subsequently concluded that it had too many planes and reduced the size of its fleet.

Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager brought a new system failure to light earlier this year, when she drove her state-owned car into a ditch while driving drunk late at night on her way home to Fond du Lac.

The crash raised questions about how workers were using more than 7,000 state-owned





vehicles and prompted Cowles to ask for an audit.

An internal review found hundreds of underused cars and trucks, huge record-keeping problems and vehicle use improperly reported for income-tax purposes. The state subsequently sold 1,069 vehicles to reduce its fleet.

A legislative audit is pending.

That led to taxpayer-owned boats — 736 of them, including a 44-foot lobster boat and three 30-foot outboard Boston Whalers.

Again, there was sloppy record keeping, evidenced by the Department of Natural Resources' inability to come up with purchase prices on 153 of the boats.

The results of internal reviews of the DNR boat, snowmobile and ATV fleets are pending.

Now it's cell phones — nearly 10,000 of them — costing taxpayers almost \$220,000 a month.

The state has no system for tracking whether state workers are using them for personal calls or other non-business purposes.

With state auditors poised to review cell-phone use, the Department of Administration announced that it soon would use a computer-tracking system to identify cell-phone abuse and would issue new cell-phone policies for all state employees.

With so many audits in the works and so much evidence of sloppy record keeping, Cowles had the right idea when he said that one thing will lead to another thing will lead to another thing will lead to another thing.

After such widespread taxpayer abuse, there's no other way to regain the public trust.

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## EDITORIAL

# Politicians don't snap to attention on accountability

**W**here is Bill Proxmire when you need him?

Almost 10,000 cell phones cost taxpayers \$220,000 a month and the Joint Committee on Audit finally is getting around to reviewing the matter. The issue is getting its "due process." But it's the way that the review came about that should provoke wonder.

Gov. Jim Doyle brought to attention that price tags should be put on more than 1,000 state-owned vehicles that were underutilized. It was that review of vehicles that led to another review, the one of the cell phones. And the discovery was surprising: State government didn't use a way to track calls that were not for government business.

This isn't the first time abuses of the tax dollar have been found. Audits have been done of the Department of Natural Resources fleet of boats, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The Doyle administration cut its airplane fleet.

Again, the issue is getting its due process in the hands of the Audit committee, but the sequence of these events suggests what else is wrong here. The governor's administration pointed out the problem about the cell phones. The Legislature later decided, yeah, it was a good idea to get on board.

**A legislature should lead the charge for accountability over tax dollars. It shouldn't be late for duty on this issue.**

Why aren't there more elected officials who have an interest in a situation that potentially could be abused. The state that featured U.S. Sen. William Proxmire announcing a Golden Fleece Award for federal pork has few legislators who expose poorly spent tax dollars at the Wisconsin level. State Rep Dean Kaufert, R-Neenah, used an education budget issue to say people don't "get it" that the state has budget problems. His dilemma, though, is that his party controls those spending decisions. In the words of the old Wendy's commercial, "Where's the beef?"

There's also room at the local level for this degree of scrutiny. Winnebago County supervisors want a courthouse renovation, offices relocated into that building and a pie-in-the-sky \$20 million new Park View Health Center. The bureaucrats say we need these things. But on the outside, it looks like nobody is in charge.

Supervisor Bill Wingren confirms this. He calls county government "rudderless" for lacking a list of priorities.

Wisconsin has a reputation as a frugal state, according to the practices of our businesses. Government here, however, leaves room for more frugality.

A legislature should lead the charge for accountability over tax dollars. It shouldn't be late for duty on this issue.

Likewise, a county government should promise to protect taxpayer dollars first. Interests are misplaced when county bureaucrats are more concerned with which project they want their name affixed to next.

We need elected officials who defend the tax dollar from being spent, not politicians who defend the continued spending of them.

Where is Bill Proxmire when you need him?

**The Final Thought:** State and county government are showing a high degree of carelessness about what happens to the public dime.