

# ✓ Brett Stands Up for Us

I have the greatest respect for the Sheriff and his staff; they are very professional, honest and hardworking. But in this tough budget, I was forced to stand up and say "No" to the deputy association leaders' plans to cut human service funding and raise taxes 12%. Now they are sending misleading mailings, attacking my family, and spending over \$10,000 to defeat me. I need your help.

## ✓ Brett Stopped Extreme Budget Cuts

### The Deputy Association Plan<sup>1</sup> Meant Cuts for Them

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**"Hell no, we won't go (along)"**

Dane County Deputy Association VP Brigham says, "If they can come up with less than 1% cut (in other areas), then no county worker has to be laid off, no county workers has to take a furlough."

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To meet the challenges of the toughest recession since the Great Depression, we cut most programs. I took a 3% cut and asked all other county workers to take furloughs like the state and UW.

The Deputy Association wanted to cut other county programs by \$4.7 million instead. That would include cutting \$800,000 for human service agencies like the MARC

programs for vulnerable citizens with developmental disabilities like Vickie and Susannah. Their caregivers like Debi make only the living wage, \$10.61 an hour, are already absorbing growing health insurance costs, and could lose valuable work hours if the County imposes across the board cuts to meet the demands of the Deputy Association. This just seems wrong to me and I want to stand up for people with developmental disabilities and their caregivers.

*I said "No" to the deputies' extreme budget cuts.*

## ✓ Brett Stood up to Deputy Association Threats

Last summer, the County Board considered purchasing an Ice Age Trail National Park property that would bring in \$2.2 million of new state and federal money this year.

Dane County Deputy Assoc. VP Jim Brigham told the County Board:

*"Everyone in this room is up for reelection in April, we will keep track...In my mind and my association's mind, people who spend money like this are either on our train or in the springtime may be underneath it."*<sup>2</sup>

I could not rally enough votes to win. Had we prevailed, that \$2.2 million could have:

- Restored all Human Service cuts or
- Reduced employee pay cuts by almost 50% or
- Some combination of all of these.
- Cut property taxes 2% or
- Increased the reserve fund or



Source: Dane County Department of Administration (DOA) memo, 2010 Budget

### Brett Stopped the Deputy's 12% Tax Increase

Wisconsin State Journal

"We feel that the county's current fiscal situation is the result of an artificially low levy, given the county's growth and means over the last 20 years," said Dane County Deputy Association President Bob Richardson. September 22, 2009

"If the deputies get their way...the county property tax levy could jump by 12 percent. That's nuts."  
—State Journal Editorial, October 4, 2009

I emailed this tax increase plan to many of you who told me about losing jobs and struggling to pay taxes. I agreed and stopped their 12% tax increase.

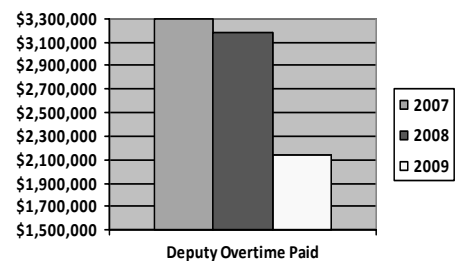
### ✓ Brett Cuts Overtime 35%

Madison Metro and the sheriff deputy overtime have been in the news lately. Some overtime is normal in all 24/7 operations, but I learned that Deputy overtime was \$13.6 million over budget over 10 years.

This while we voted to add 83 new sheriff and deputy positions over the last 12 years, and reduced jail population by 30% with efficiency improvements. To address excessive overtime costs, I immediately:

- Set up a non-partisan overtime committee to study changes
- Worked with the Sheriff and County Exec to reduce deputy overtime by \$1 million
- Moved forward on a Sheriff staffing study to find more efficiencies and savings

#### We Cut Deputy Overtime Costs 35%



<sup>1</sup> www.thedailypage.com/isthmus/article.php?article=27274

<sup>2</sup> July 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 County Board meeting at about 1:58, <http://www.cityofmadison.com/mcc12/dcb.html#archive>

<sup>3</sup> Read that Cap Times editorial and my letter at: [http://host.madison.com/ct/news/opinion/editorial/article\\_27c3a1ac-daa9-500f-aa58-df8c4d07dc4a.html?mode=story](http://host.madison.com/ct/news/opinion/editorial/article_27c3a1ac-daa9-500f-aa58-df8c4d07dc4a.html?mode=story)

<sup>4</sup> [http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/crime\\_and\\_courts/blog/article\\_b6d9b58c-209a-11df-9e47-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/crime_and_courts/blog/article_b6d9b58c-209a-11df-9e47-001cc4c03286.html)

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**Brett stands up for us,  
vote for him on April 6th**

## Opponents Attack Brett's Family

Following a news story on deputy overtime, the Dane County Deputy Association Vice President Jim Brigham wrote on Madison.com that Hulseley "got some family history with many law enforcement contacts. In other words, he's got a grudge."

I sent the deputies a letter offering to meet and talk. My father, brother and sister all struggled with alcoholism and have DUI arrests. The arresting officers forced them to get help. My father was sober when he died and by brother and sister are still sober.

Many families have drug and alcohol challenges. This is why I strongly support Drug Court to treat alcoholism and drug abuse in jail. I have also supported a 33% deputy pay increase and 83 new sheriff and deputy positions since I was elected. No grudge there folks.

To which, the Capital Time editorial stated:

*"Deputies union leader owes Hulseley,  
union members an apology."*<sup>3</sup>

## More False Deputy Association Attacks

Now the deputy association is sending mailings saying I have done nothing to address our financial challenges. You can see I have done a lot. They also raise questions about \$113 million in county borrowing. Here're the facts from the Dane County Dept. of Administration:

- \$85 million was for the airport paid for by users, not county taxpayers,
- \$19 million was my measure to refinance our pension, saving over \$20 million,
- \$13.6 million was deputy overtime overspending, which I am leading the charge to reduce.
- \$117.6 million** of which the deputy overtime is the only thing we can control.

I told the Deputy Association leaders the truth last November and again last week but they keep repeating false statements. Don't believe them.



**When you see deputies walking with my opponent, handing out fliers in our neighborhoods  
or sending you misleading mailings:**

**Ask Deputies, "What are you thinking?"**

### ✓ Brett Needs Your Help

Newspaper reports that the Deputies Association has more than \$10,000 to defeat me. I need your help to:

- ✓ Talk with your neighbors and make sure they vote for me on April 6<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Send a contribution, whatever you can afford up to \$250 maximum per person
- ✓ Write a letter to the editor supporting me to [wsjopine@madison.com](mailto:wsjopine@madison.com) and [tctvoice@madison.com](mailto:tctvoice@madison.com)