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MEMO

TO: Dane County Personnel & Finance Committee

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RE: Request for Exceptions to County Ordinance Section 20.16

Jennifer Blazek, Dane County Extension's Dairy & Livestock Educator, is the chair of a national committee to extend university-based research and education to those in the livestock industry. Well-Being Conferences are being presented all over the state in 2015-2016. The conference is designed to educate audiences in best practices for humane, healthy, and cost-effective care of livestock. The Extension Department is depositing the funds and paying expenses through its budget in the Dane County financial system. No GPR funds will be used as all expenses will be paid through conference revenue.

Five presenters will be active in this education:

Ron Gill, Texas A&M
John Freitag, Wisconsin Beef Council
Katy Proudfoot, Ohio State University
Wanda Patsche, Minnesota Farm Living
Phillip Dieter, Select Sires

Extension is requesting that the \$250 limit on honorariums be waived so that Wisconsin livestock producers can benefit and these speakers can bring their expertise to the conferences. An average honorarium for this is \$1,000, but each speaker will invoice individually.

Thank you for your consideration.