

This special meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held in the conference rooms located in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vilas County Board Chairman Stephen Favorite called the assembly to order at 9:00 A.M. and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting a notice of this meeting on bulletin boards located in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on November 21, 2012, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones and pagers for the duration of the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board Chair asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call found the following members present: Emil Bakka, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Mary Kim Black, Ronald De Bruyne, Stephen Favorite, Charles Hayes, Sig Hjenvick, Lorin Johnson, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Gary Peske, Charles Rayala, Jr., Mark Rogacki, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. Edward Bluthardt, Jr. was excused. The Clerk reported 20 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by R. Sitzberger to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion to be at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2012 ANNUAL MEETING.**

Motion by E. Bakka, seconded by K. Rushlow to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 annual meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

**OMIT READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY CLERK UNLESS REQUESTED**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by S. Hjenvick to omit the reading of all resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk, unless requested from the floor. All voted aye. Carried.

**SUSPEND THE RULES TO ACT ON ANY RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES RECEIVED AFTER THE TEN DAY DEADLINE**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by L. Kukanich to suspend the rules to act on any resolution or ordinance received after the 10-day deadline, but received in time to list to the press and post. All voted aye. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**County/Tribal Concerns Committee:** A. Bauman announced that this committee would meet next on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at the Peter Christianson Health Center in Lac du Flambeau.

**L.E.P.C. Committee:** K. Rushlow reported that this committee continued to work to revise equipment allocation guidelines.

**Finance & Budget Committee:** C. Mayer urged cooperation with other entities as a method of maximizing grant funding opportunities. He also asked Supervisors to help identify potential candidates for the Civil Service Commission, citing the need to include all areas of the county in the selection process.

**UW Extension:** D. Nielsen reported that the UW Extension offered grant writing services.

Prior to recessing the special County Board meeting for purposes of conducting a public hearing, the Board Chairman introduced the Corporation Counsel, Human Resources Director, Finance Director and County Clerk to members of the public in attendance. He also introduced Vilas County Youth Representative Michael Orłowski. Mr. Orłowski, a high school senior, resides in the Town of Winchester and attends Lakeland Union High School.

### **RECESS SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED 2013 VILAS COUNTY BUDGET**

At 9:10 A.M. the Chairman recessed the special County Board meeting and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: The Public Hearing for the 2013 Vilas County Budget will begin at 9:10 A.M. Tuesday, November 27, 2012. The Public Hearing will be held in the County Board conference rooms, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Chairman called the Public Hearing to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call found the following members present for the Public Hearing: Emil Bakka, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Mary Kim Black, Ronald De Bruyne, Stephen Favorite, Charles Hayes, Sig Hjemvick, Lorin Johnson, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Gary Peske, Charles Rayala, Jr., Mark Rogacki, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. Edward Bluthardt, Jr. was excused. The Clerk reported 20 Supervisors in attendance.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE PUBLISHING OF THE PROPOSED 2013 VILAS COUNTY BUDGET**

The County Clerk certified that the proposed 2013 Vilas County Budget was properly posted in the Vilas County News-Review, more than 15 days prior to the date of the Public Hearing.

### **PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PROPOSED 2013 VILAS COUNTY BUDGET**

The Board Chairman addressed the audience regarding the 2013 budgeting process.

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board Chairman made an initial call for public comment. Responses are listed below in order of appearance.

**Rob Hom – residing in Supervisory District #20.** Mr. Hom requested that the Board reconsider the elimination of funding for the local Civil Air Patrol. He provided a history of the organization and enumerated recent positive changes in their program.

**Duke Stepp.** Mr. Stepp also requested funding for the Civil Air Patrol, extolling the benefits the organization provides to area youth.

**Tom Nitz - residing in Supervisory District #20.** Mr. Nitz registered opposition to the recently adopted Voluntary Reduction in Force program. He urged the Board to instead follow through with proposed lay-offs of County staff, as a method of helping to eliminate the County's structural deficit.

**Mark VanderBloomen.** Mr. VanderBloomen spoke in favor of Civil Air Patrol funding, citing the benefits that organization provides the county pertaining to aerial search and rescue capabilities.

**Charlie Gullan - residing in Supervisory District #17.** Mr. Gullan also opposed the recently adopted Voluntary Reduction in Force program, describing it as "overly generous". He also urged the Board to follow through with proposed staffing cuts, as a necessary means of eliminating County budget deficits.

**Jenny Leach.** Ms. Leach spoke in support of Civil Air Patrol funding. She introduced her daughter Hanna Leach, who is a Civil Air Patrol cadet.

**Roberta Retrum.** Ms. Retrum spoke in support of the Voluntary Reduction in Force program. She favors tax increases as a method of balancing the County's budget. She is opposed to any reduction in County staff by lay-off.

**Kim Simac – residing in the Town of Lincoln.** Ms. Simac urged the Board to practice "fiscal sanity". She asked Board members to consider the economic realities which local citizens daily contend with, urging the Board to operate a "lean" County government. She feels that laid-off staff may find employment in the private sector.

### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board Chairman made three more calls for public comment and hearing none closed the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing concluded at 9:48 A.M.

### **RECONVENE SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING FOR PURPOSES OF TAKING ACTION ON THE 2013 VILAS COUNTY BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by A. Bauman to reconvene the recessed special County Board meeting. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting reconvened at 9:48 A.M.

### **RESOLUTION 2012 – 132**

*As amended by the Vilas County Board*

**Re: 2013 Budget and Authorization for Property Tax Levy**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012 that the following Budget and Property Tax Levy for 2013 be approved and adopted:

Grand Total Expenditures	\$ 29,034,708.00	
Less All Revenues	\$ 14,231,665.00	
Less Applied Funds	\$ 1,644,304.00	
Less Exempt Computer Aid	\$ <u>4,028.00</u>	
2012 for 2013 Required Tax Levy	\$ 13,143,711.00	Tax Rate \$1.88 per M.

The amounts listed in this resolution are the totals of line-items reflected in the computer printout entitled "Vilas County Tentative Budget for 2013, Expenses and Revenues", which document is hereby adopted for reference.

**SUBMITTED BY: Finance and Budget Committee**

s/ Chris Mayer, Chair

s/ Ed Bluthardt

s/ Jim Behling

Mark Rogacki

s/ Linda L. Thorpe

s/ Steve Favorite

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. Motions to amend are listed in the order made.

**Amendment #1.** Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by R. De Bruyne to amend the 2013 budget by reinserting all positions identified for layoffs, for a total increase in 2013 wages and benefits in the amount of \$654,500.00. Discussion. A roll call vote found 13 voting aye: E. Bakka, A Bauman, R. De Bruyne, S. Hjemvick, L. Johnson, L. Kukanich, C. Mayer, D. Nielsen, G. Peske, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, E. Teichmiller and L. Thorpe. 7 voted no: M. Bedish, J. Behling, M. Black, C. Hayes, M. Rogacki, R. Sitzberger and S. Favorite. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #2.** Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by R. De Bruyne to amend the 2013 budget by removing the following budgeted expenses: \$130,000 budgeted for custodial service outsourcing expenses; \$120,000 budgeted for I.T outsourcing expenses; \$186,000 budgeted for employee severance benefit expenses; \$130,000 budgeted for unemployment benefit expenses. Discussion. Motion to amend withdrawn by its maker.

**Amendment #3.** Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by R. De Bruyne to amend the 2013 budget by removing the following budgeted expenses: \$130,000 budgeted for custodial service outsourcing expense; \$120,000 budgeted for I.T outsourcing expenses; \$186,000 budgeted for employee severance benefit expenses; \$110,000 budgeted for unemployment benefit expenses. Discussion. Motion to amend withdrawn by its maker.

**Amendment #4.** Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by R. De Bruyne to amend the 2013 budget by removing the following budgeted expenses: \$130,000 budgeted for custodial service outsourcing expenses; \$50,000 budgeted for I.T outsourcing expenses; \$186,000 budgeted for employee severance benefit expenses; \$110,000 budgeted for unemployment benefit expenses. Discussion. A roll call vote found 19 voting aye: E. Bakka, A Bauman, M. Bedish, J. Behling, M. Black, R. De Bruyne, S. Favorite, C. Hayes, S. Hjemvick, L. Johnson, L. Kukanich, C. Mayer, D. Nielsen, G. Peske, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, R. Sitzberger, E. Teichmiller and L. Thorpe. 1 voted no: M. Rogacki. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #5.** Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by C. Rayala to amend the 2013 budget by increasing the allocation for the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation contribution, by an additional \$50,000. Discussion. All voted aye. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #6.** Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by K. Rushlow to amend the 2013 budget by allocating \$2,500 for the Civil Air Patrol contribution. Discussion. All vote aye. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #7.** Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by D. Nielsen to amend the 2013 budget by allocating the additional amount of \$6,875 for the Restorative Justice program. Discussion. All voted aye. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #8.** Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by D. Nielsen to amend the 2013 budget by removing \$6,100 from the County Clerk Outlay expense line. Discussion. All voted aye. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #9.** Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by A. Bauman to amend the 2013 budget by transferring an additional amount of \$637,095 from the General Fund, for purposes of reducing the 2012 for 2013 tax levy. All voted aye. Amendment carried.

**Amendment #10.** Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by G. Peske to amend the 2013 budget by increasing the ADRC revenue account 260.43761 by an additional \$23,964.12 and by increasing the ADRC Specialist expense account 260.54605.731 and employee benefit expense accounts 260.54605.750 through 260.54605.756 a total amount not to exceed \$23,964.12. Discussion. All voted aye. Amendment carried.

All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS - none**  
**DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORTS - none**

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

M. Bedish would like the conference room public address system repaired.

S. Favorite thanked the entire Board for their involvement with preparing and approving the 2013 Vilas County budget. He announced the absence of Supervisor E. Bluthardt due to health reasons. He asked the Board to keep Supervisor Bluthardt in their thoughts and prayers.

**PAY PER DIEM**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Kukanich disapprove payment of mileage and per diem. 6 voted aye. J. Behling, R. De Bruyne, S. Favorite, M. Rogacki and E. Teichmiller. 14 voted no. Motion failed.

Mileage and per diem shall be paid as follows:

E. Bakka \$80.30, A. Bauman \$100.84, M. Bedish \$55.33, J. Behling \$49.22, M. Black \$94.73, R. De Bruyne \$80.30, S. Favorite \$53.66, C. Hayes \$99.17, S. Hjemvick \$68.09, L. Johnson \$65.32, L. Kukanich \$52.55, C. Mayer \$90.73, D. Nielsen \$70.31, G. Peske \$64.21, C. Rayala \$90.29, K. Rushlow \$50.89, M. Rogacki \$18.87, R. Sitzberger \$74.75, E. Teichmiller \$75.31, L. Thorpe \$48.39.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:03 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by:  
David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to future revision and approval by the Vilas County Board.