

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 December 7, 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: 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. Emil Bakka and Edward Bluthardt, Jr. were excused. The Clerk reported 19 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 M. Rogacki 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 27, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING AND 2013 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. Sitzberger to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 special meeting and 2013 Budget public hearing 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 L. Thorpe 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 K. Rushlow 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

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS - Vilas County Civil Service Commission

Chairman S. Favorite introduced four appointees present today, of the five-member commission. He read five short biographies, highlighting the accomplishments of each of the following appointees.

- Dan Meyer – City of Eagle River – 3 year term
- Waldemar “Wally” Obermann – Town of Lac du Flambeau – 3 year term
- Debra Preuss – Town of Arbor Vitae – 2 year term
- James Sherwood – Town of Conover – 2 year term
- Patrick Norris – Town of St. Germain – 1 year term

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by L. Thorpe to accept the Chairman’s appointments to the Vilas County Civil Service Commission. All vote aye. Carried.

The Board then acted on all resolutions and ordinances in the order as posted.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE.

RESOLUTION 2012 – 133

Re: 2013 Wage Increase for Sheriff Department Civilian Staff

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the wages for the non-management civilian Sheriff Department employees of Vilas County; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends a 2% across the board increase for all non-management civilian Sheriff’s Department employees, including Telecommunicators, Correction Officers, and Law Enforcement Clerks, effective January 1, 2013 in conjunction with a projected mandatory 6.65% Wisconsin Retirement System employee contribution (see attached wage schedule); and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of this wage increase will be included in the 2013 Sheriff Department salary line, an amount not to exceed \$43,610; and

WHEREAS, a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of approval is required to transfer funds from the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 11th day of December, 2012 that the non-management civilian staff of the Vilas County Sheriff Department shall receive a 2% across the board wage effective January 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$43,610 is transferred from the General Fund in 2013 into the appropriate wage and benefit expense budget lines.

SUBMITTED BY: Vilas County Supervisor

s/ Sig Hjemvick

Prior to the commencement of any action or discussion on this resolution, Chairman S. Favorite recused himself and left the meeting room. Vice-Chair C. Mayer assumed leadership of the meeting. Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by K. Rushlow to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried. Chairman S. Favorite returned and reassumed leadership of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 134

Re: Budget Amendment – GWAAR Funding Increase

WHEREAS, the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, GWAAR, has been authorized to make funds available to the Vilas County Commission on Aging through the United States Department of Agriculture for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has allocated an increase of \$1,234 to Vilas County for Home

Delivered Meals; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Commission on Aging believes that this revenue will significantly improve the ability of Vilas County to serve mature individuals and recommends that it be authorized to accept these increased funds; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Commission on Aging recommends that the 2012 budget be amended to allow for the increased revenue and to authorize a corresponding increase in expenditures as shown below:

Revenue or Expense	Line Item Number	Description	Amount
Revenue	260.43545	USDA C-2	\$1,234.00
Expense	260.54600.907	USDA C-2	\$1,234.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 11th day of December, 2012 that the Vilas County Commission on Aging is authorized to receive Older Americans Act funds in the amount of \$1,234.00, that the 2012 budget is amended by the amount of the funds received, and the County Clerk is directed to record such information in the official books of the County for the year ending December 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is instructed to publish a Class 1 notice within 10 days of these amendments informing the public of these particular changes.

SUBMITTED BY: **Vilas County Commission on Aging**

s/ Erv Teichmiller, Chair

s/ Chuck Hayes

Dennis Nielsen

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by A. Bauman to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 135

Re: Budget Amendment – Lakeland Area Kiwanis Club Donation

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Public Health Department received a donation of \$300.00 from the Lakeland Area Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, this donation will significantly improve the ability of the Northwoods Dental Project to provide dental services to Vilas County children; and

WHEREAS, Linda L. Thorpe recommends that the 2012 budget be amended to allow for this increased revenue and to authorize a corresponding increase in expenditure as shown below:

Revenue or Expense	Line Item Number	Description	Amount
Revenue	100.48000	Public Health Dept. Donation	\$300.00
Expense	100.54100.705	Northwoods Dental Project Expense	\$300.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 11th day of December, 2012 that the Vilas County Public Health Department is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$300.00, that the 2012 budget is amended by the amount of the funds received, and the County Clerk is directed to record such information in the official books of the County for the year ending December 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is instructed to publish a Class 1 notice within 10 days of these amendments informing the public of these particular changes.

SUBMITTED BY: **Vilas County Supervisor**
s/ Linda L. Thorpe

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Johnson to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2012 – 136

Re: In Memoriam – Hiram Valliere

WHEREAS, former Vilas County Board member Hiram Valliere died Sunday, November 18, 2012 at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Hiram was a member of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors serving District 8, Town of Lac du Flambeau for eight years, from 1982 until 1990; and

WHEREAS, he diligently served on the following Vilas County Committees: Commission on Aging, Land Conservation, Public Health and Public Property, and;

WHEREAS, he further served the people of Vilas County as Chairman of the Land Conservation Committee from 1984 until 1990 and also served as a Vilas County delegate on the Wisconsin Conservation Congress; and

WHEREAS, many people in the community and within Vilas County Government retain fond memories of their association and working relationship with Hiram during his term on the Vilas County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 11th day of December, 2012, that we express our sorrow over Hiram Valliere's death and extend our sincere condolences to his surviving family members.

SUBMITTED BY: **Vilas County Board of Supervisors**

Emil Bakka

s/ Alden Bauman

s/ Maynard Bedish

s/ James Behling

s/ Mary Kim Black

Edward Bluthardt

s/ Ronald De Bruyne

s/ Steve Favorite

s/ Charles Hayes

s/ Sig Hjemvick

s/ Lorin Johnson

s/ Leon Kukanich

s/ Christopher Mayer

s/ Dennis Nielsen

s/ Gary Peske

s/ Charles Rayala

s/ Mark Rogacki

s/ Kathleen Rushlow

s/ Ralph Sitzberger

s/ Erv Teichmiller

s/ Linda Thorpe

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by E. Teichmiller to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

County/Tribal Concerns Committee: A. Bauman reported that a recent date change, which moved the January 2013 County Board back one week, might affect the availability of both the Circuit Court and Tribal Court judges to attend that meeting as previously planned by the committee.

Railroad Commission: R. Sitzberger announced an increase in state funding, earmarked for rail preservation efforts. He announced the construction of a new rail line serving the Ladysmith, WI area.

Snowmobile Safety Committee: R. Sitzberger announced the opening of the Vilas County snowmobile trail system. He urged snowmobile enthusiasts to practice safe trail riding, citing current marginal trail conditions and thin ice on lake trails. He stated that the committee is working towards a second fatality free snowmobile season in Vilas County.

Public Property Committee: J. Behling reported that the committee would meet this coming Friday, December 14, 2012.

Legislative & Judicial Committee: J. Behling reported that the committee met on December 10, 2012. Changes to the Standing Rules, as pertains to the number of annual County Board meetings, are under discussion. Some evening meetings are proposed.

Personnel Committee: L. Thorpe announced that the committee was meeting this afternoon. Human Resources Director J. Kahl announced the pending publication of a bi-weekly newsletter, geared for information sharing by department heads and County Board members.

ITBEC Board: L. Thorpe announced the recent implementation of an ITBEC website.

Communication Committee: G. Peske reported that the Fire/EMS Simulcast communication project was on schedule and within budget. Zoning permits were acquired and an environmental assessment is due for completion.

Social Services Committee: E. Teichmiller commented on adverse staffing and transportation issues encountered, due to state reorganization of the Income Maintenance program. He also warned about a current state initiative to redesign human services, based upon a regional concept. He is concerned that state planners are not listening to rural counties, as they proceed with this redesign of services.

Economic Development Committee: C. Hayes announced that the committee met earlier this week. He spoke regarding the committee's lack of a budget.

Zoning & Planning Committee: C. Mayer announced that an inter-departmental transfer reduced headcount in the Zoning Department. The position will not be back-filled. The transfer may require an adjustment in staff hours worked.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

S. Favorite spoke about a copy of a press release, sent to all members in their County Board packets, regarding the recent open meeting violation allegations. He explained the meaning of "purpose" and "gathering" as outlined in current open meeting requirements.

S. Favorite announced that he was removing himself from three committees. Additional committee membership reshuffling will occur shortly.

S. Hjemvick questioned the effects of the current Voluntary Reduction in Force program. L. Thorpe reported the receipt of two applications. Others may be pending.

PAY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by M. Rogacki to only approve the payment of mileage for today's meeting and to disapprove of paying per diem. Discussion. A roll call vote returned the following results: 7 voted aye. J. Behling, R. De Bruyne, S. Favorite, S. Hjemvick, C. Mayer, G. Peske and M. Rogacki. 12 voted no: A. Bauman, M. Bedish, M.K. Black, C. Hayes, L. Johnson, L. Kukanich, D. Nielsen, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, R. Sitzberger, E. Teichmiller and L. Thorpe.

Motion failed.

Mileage and per diem shall be paid as follows:

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 10:20 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.