

This 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 9:03 A.M. and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following: A public meeting notice was given to the public by posting on the bulletin boards in the hall by the main entrance to the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on March 16, 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 Chairman 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, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Ronald De Bruyne, Bob Egan, Sig Hjemvick, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, Fred Radtke, Charles Rayala, Jr., Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph J. Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe and Stephen Favorite. Two seats on the County Board remain vacant due to resignations. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

The Chairman then called for the following motions:

**APPROVAL OF AN AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by C. Rayala to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2012 REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by R. Sitzberger to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2012 regular 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 D. Nielsen 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 L. Thorpe, seconded by A. Bauman 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.

**MUSKY MARATHON – PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Beginning at 9:05 A.M., Tourism & Publicity Director Cindy Burzinski and department secretary Janet Christianson presented 2011 Musky Marathon awards. A slide show recognized program sponsors and displayed the anglers along with their catches. Award plaques were presented to the winning participants who were in attendance.

**STATEWIDE RECOGNITION OF VILAS COUNTY TREASUER JERRI RADTKE**

At 9:25 A.M., County Board Chair S. Favorite announced that the Wisconsin County Treasurers Association recognized Jerri Radtke for attaining the designation of Master County Treasurer. She is one of the first county treasurers in the state to attain the required level of education and experience.

**STATEWIDE RECOGNITION OF GIS ANALYST ADAM GRASSL**

At 9:30 A.M., Land Records/Mapping Director Barbara Gibson announced that the Wisconsin Land Information Association awarded Vilas County GIS Analyst Adam Grassl 1<sup>st</sup> Place for plat book development and production. He was also the recipient of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award for web mapping development. Ms. Gibson also thanked all of the other Vilas County departments that assisted with these projects.

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. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ARE LISTED IN THE ORDER AS ACTED UPON**

**RES. 2012-35  
(CREATION OF FINANCE MANAGER POSITION)**

*A ¾ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-36  
(ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL POSITION)**

*A ¾ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. All vote aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-25**

**(COMMUNICATIONS LIEUTENANT AND SUBORDINATE POSITION (DEPUTY SHERIFF) IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE)**

*A ¾ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-26**

**(CREATION OF TWO ADRC SPECIALIST POSITIONS)**

*A ¾ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried. The Chair recognized Commission on Aging Director Joe Fortmann, who introduced ADRC of the Northwoods Director Pam Parkkila.

**RES. 2012-27**

**(HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – WORKING SHOP FOREMAN)**

*A ¾ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-28**

**(ACCOUNT TECHNICIAN I POSITION – SOCIAL SERVICES FISCAL UNIT)**

*A ¾ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-29**

**(AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)**

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by M. Bedish to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-30**

**(AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT)**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-24**

**(VILAS COUNTY FIRE AND EMS SIMULCAST COMMUNICATION UPGRADE PROJECT)**

*A ⅔ majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-31**

**(ANNUAL DATCP GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION)**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by D. Nielsen to amend the resolution by striking lines 31 and 32 in their entirety as follows.

Lines #31 & #32 ~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land and Water Conservation Committee is authorized to apply for this DATCP grant on an annual basis without further approval from the County Board.~~

14 voted aye on the amendment. 5 voted no: J. Behling, C. Mayer, M. Platner, R. Sitzberger and E. Teichmiller. Amendment carried. 17 voted aye on the resolution as amended. 2 voted no: M. Platner and E. Teichmiller. Carried.

**RES. 2012-23**

**(REVISED SETTLEMENT OF CIRA/WEISSMANN 10CV259)**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-41**

**(HOMELAND SECURITY/WISCOM TRUNKING UPGRADES OJA GRANT  
NUMBER: 2009-HS-05-9531)**

Motion by B. Egan, seconded by S. Hjemvick to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-32**

**(NORTHWOODS RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION)**

Motion by B. Egan, seconded by K. Rushlow to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-37**

**(2013-2016 SALARIES FOR CERTAIN VILAS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS)**

Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by B. Egan to adopt. Discussion. 14 voted aye. 5 voted no: M. Bedish, R. De Bruyne, L. Kukanich, D. Nielsen and R. Sitzberger. Carried.

**RES. 2012-38**

**(STANDING RULES AND COMMITTEE DUTIES)**

Motion by B. Egan, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by E. Bluthardt to amend **Chapter V** of the proposed Standing Rules as follows:

**Paragraph 1.** County Board meetings shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except for the annual budget meeting which shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of November. Such meeting dates shall be subject to addition or change as deemed absolutely necessary by the County Board Chairperson. Discussion.

At 10:55 A.M. the Chair called for a five-minute recess, after which time the Employee Recognition program, scheduled for 11:00 A.M. would commence. Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by L. Kukanich to postpone further consideration of Resolution 2012-38 until after the Employee Recognition program ended and to recess for five minutes. All voted aye. Carried. Further consideration of Resolution 2012-38 was postponed. The meeting was recessed at 10:56 A.M. The meeting was brought back to order at 11:03 for the Employee Recognition program.

**11:00 A.M. – ANNUAL EMPLOYEE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS**

County Board Chair S. Favorite and Human Resource Director Janna Kahl presented 2012 Employee Length of Service plaques to all eligible staff members.

At 11:25 A.M., upon the conclusion of the award presentation, the Chair declared Resolution 2012-38 back before the board to vote on the motion to amend and to proceed with other further action. A roll call vote on the amendment yielded the following result. 4 voted aye: A. Bauman, E. Bluthardt, D. Nielsen and R. Sitzberger. 15 voted no: E. Bakka, M. Bedish, J. Behling, R. De Bruyne, B. Egan, S. Hjemvick, L. Kukanich, C. Mayer, M. Platner, F. Radtke, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, E. Teichmiller, L. Thorpe and S. Favorite. Amendment failed. Discussion. Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by F. Radtke to amend the Standing Rules under **Chapter XVII. Public Property** as follows:

**Paragraph 1.** It shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Courthouse and all other County owned buildings and grounds, with the exception of all Highway Department buildings.

**Paragraph 5.** Upon recommendation of the appropriate oversight committee, it shall be responsible for approving all professional services, consulting, purchasing and vendor contracts for all County owned building additions and remodeling projects, building infrastructure improvements, building maintenance and repair, office equipment purchases and leases, office furniture purchases, office supply purchases, all information systems professional services and vendor contracts and communication systems professional services and vendor contracts, excepting all Highway Department building maintenance and repair contracts. Public Property shall review all professional services, consulting, purchasing and vendor contracts under its jurisdiction every two years.

**Paragraph 6.** It shall oversee all ~~construction of and maintenance and repair~~ capital construction, improvements and remodeling to County buildings and grounds ~~and equipment~~, with the following exceptions:

It shall oversee all maintenance and repair to County buildings, grounds and equipment with the following exceptions:

- a. Buildings – County park, picnic area and campground buildings and structures, which shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Forestry, Recreation and Lands Committee. All Highway Department buildings, which shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Highway Committee.
- b. Grounds – County trunk highways and right of ways, which shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Highway Committee and forest roads, game trails, park and forest lands, which shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Forestry, Recreation and Lands Committee.
- c. Highway and Forestry Department construction, road and shop equipment.

This oversight includes the ability to authorize the purchase of any necessary materials.

All voted aye on the amendment. Carried. All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

### **RES. 2012-39**

#### **(RELOCATION OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING OFFICE)**

*A 2/3 majority vote in favor is required for adoption*

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. 18 voted aye. 1 voted no:

K. Rushlow. Carried.

K. Rushlow excused herself and left the meeting at 11:53 A.M.

**RES. 2012-33**  
**(SUPPORT ENACT INTO LAW “THE SILVICULTURE REGULATORY**  
**CONSISTANCY ACT” INTRODUCED AS S.1369 AND H.R. 2541)**

Motion by B. Egan, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-34**  
**(BUDGET AMENDMENT – FORESTRY, RECREATION & LAND DEPARTMENT)**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by S. Hjemvick to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-40**  
**(2012 SENATE BILL 482/ASSEMBLY BILL 617)**

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-42**  
**(BUDGET AMENDMENT – LAND RECORDS/MAPPING DEPARTMENT)**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

At 12:01 P.M. Chairman S. Favorite excused himself from the meeting. Vice-Chairman C. Mayer assumed leadership of the assembly.

**RES. 2012-43**  
**(PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET AMENDMENT)**

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by A. Bauman to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**RES. 2012-44**  
**(BUDGET AMENDMENT – 2011 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**  
**ENDING BALANCE DEFICITS)**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

At 12:06 P.M. Chairman S. Favorite returned to the meeting and re-assumed leadership of the assembly. A. Bauman excused himself and left the meeting at this time.

**ORDINANCE 2012-01**  
**(CHAPTER 10 – ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE)**

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

**CHAIR’S APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Human Services Board**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by E. Teichmiller to ratify the Chair's reappointments of Maggie Peterson and Denise Wildcat as citizen representatives on the Human Services Board. All voted aye. Carried.

### **ACCEPT 2012 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES VILAS COUNTY FIRE WARDEN ROSTER**

C. Rayala abstained from any action or discussion concerning this item. Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by B. Egan to accept the 2012 DNR Fire Warden roster. All voted aye. Carried.

### **ACCEPT DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **a. Corporation Counsel**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by D. Nielsen to accept the Corporation Counsel report. All voted aye. Carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

C. Mayer reported that the Finance & Budget Committee was planning to begin the 2013 budgeting process earlier than usual. He also reported on financial process streamlining efforts.

B. Egan reported that the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation was successful in obtaining two locations locally for use as business and art incubators. Nicolet College is assisting in this effort.

J. Behling reported that the recent move of the Public Health Department, into leased office space, was completed. An open house of the new quarters will occur on April 5, 2012.

M. Bedish reported that the Zoning Administrator assisted the Solid Waste Committee with a grant application. He thanked Dawn Schmidt for her help.

### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

E. Bluthardt commented on the use and misuse of the term "micro-management" as applies to ongoing committee and department restructuring deliberations.

R. De Bruyne expressed the need for grant writing expertise to assist departments with grant applications.

L. Thorpe commented on NACo and other provider prescription card programs.

S. Favorite commented on the pending retirements of M. Platner and F. Radtke from the County Board. He commended and thanked both for their years of service. M. Platner and F. Radtke each recounted their various experiences as Supervisors.

### **PAY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by C. Rayala to approve payment of mileage and per diem. All voted aye. Carried. Mileage and per diem shall be paid as listed below.

E. Bakka \$80.30, A. Bauman \$100.84, M. Bedish \$55.33, J. Behling \$49.22 Bluthardt \$52.55, R. De Bruyne \$80.30, B. Egan \$56.99, S. Favorite \$53.66, S. Hjemvick \$68.09, L. Kukanich \$52.55, C. Mayer \$90.73, D. Nielsen \$70.31, M. Platner \$59.21, F. Radtke \$63.65, C. Rayala \$90.29, Rushlow \$50.89, R. Sitzberger \$74.75, E. Teichmiller \$75.31, L. Thorpe \$48.39.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Thorpe to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

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

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