

Call To Order:

This meeting of the Executive, Ethics and Insurance Committee was called to order by acting Chairman Stephen Favorite at 1:00 P.M. in Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, with the following committee members present: Alden Bauman, Christopher Mayer, and Linda Thorpe. Jim Behling was appointed by the County Board Chair to attend this meeting as a voting member. Others present at this meeting: Jesse Furrer, representing Spectrum Insurance; Jim Galloway and County Clerk David Alleman.

Proper notification of meeting and quorum present were verified.

Approve Agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by A. Bauman, 2nd by C. Mayer to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve minutes of April 12, 2011 meeting:

Motion by C. Mayer, 2nd by A. Bauman to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

2012 worker's compensation insurance – renewal:

a. Claims history update:

J. Furrer presented a claims history report and explained how claim costs affect future expense mod ratings and insurance costs. The county's current expense mod rating is .87. Claims for 2011 have been greater than 2010.

b. Proposals from work comp. carriers:

J. Furrer reported that he took the Vilas County's workers compensation insurance renewal into the insurance marketplace. Results are as follows:

- a. United Heartland – \$209,677 annual premium minus 20% flat dividend = \$267,742
- b. Liberty Mutual - \$208,744 annual premium minus 25% flat dividend = \$156,588
- c. Argent - \$209,677 annual premium minus 18% flat dividend = \$171,935

The committee rejected the Argent proposal. The committee then discussed the remaining two proposals at length. Liberty Mutual was initially favored due to the lower cost. G. Galloway reminded the committee of previous negative issues encountered when Liberty Mutual was the county's carrier. United Heartland has provided great claim service and has also provided many other value added services with regards to loss control and employee safety. The Clerk also favored United Heartland, citing that firm's commitment to thoroughly examine every claim. The Clerk reported that Liberty Mutual appeared to pay claims without investigation and was not previously proactive regarding loss control services. He also felt that Liberty Mutual's lower premium cost and greater dividend projection was an attempt to "buy" the county's business back. J. Furrer reported that the 2010 loss of a Deputy Sheriff occurred while the county was insured with United Heartland; that loss is reflected in higher renewal costs. **Motion by A. Bauman, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the worker's compensation renewal offered by United Heartland. All voted aye. Carried.**

Letters and Communications:

Nothing presented.

Set next meeting date and time:

Future meetings will be held as needed.

Adjournment:

Motion by C. Mayer, 2nd by L. Thorpe to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.