

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

**Call to order:**

The Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by Stephen Favorite with the following committee members present: Jim Behling, Charles Hayes, and Linda Thorpe. Chris Mayer was excused. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Jason Hilger, Martha Milanowski, Mike Bizek, Bruce LaRose representing Northwoods Restorative Justice, Inc., Ken Anderson and David Alleman. S. Favorite was serving in the absence of C. Mayer. As both the appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee were unavailable, S. Favorite requested that an action be taken to appoint an acting Chair for this meeting. **Motion by L. Thorpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling to appoint S. Favorite the acting committee Chair for the duration of this meeting. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:**

**Motion by L. Thorpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Approve August 7, 2013 meeting minutes:**

**Motion by L. Thorpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Behling to approve the August 7, 2013 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Travel permission requests:**

M. Bizek requested permission to attend the annual Veteran's Services Officer Conference in Janesville on September 30 through October 4, 2013. **Motion by L. Thorpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Hayes to approve his attendance at this conference. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Department reports:**

M. Bizek reported that the Veteran's Services Commission would attend a conference this week, in King, Wisconsin. Local veterans are being educated regarding the Affordable Health Care Act. John Brown was appointed Veteran's Services Officer, serving the Lac du Flambeau Tribe. M. Bizek will attend a Veteran's Services meeting at the Rhinelander Armory this coming Saturday.

M. Milanowski reported progress with the hiring of an Assistant Corporation Counsel. Interviews of respondents will soon be held.

**Letters and Communications:**

B. LaRose addressed the committee in regards to the state sponsored Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) initiative. Grant dollars are available to fund alternative drug treatment programs as a means of reducing incarceration rates and the resultant costs. He will present more information at a future meeting.

**County Board Committee Restructuring and Consolidation – resolution to County Board:**

As previously instructed, the Clerk presented a restructuring model that consolidates twenty-one standing County Board committees into nine standing committees. The

committee discussed the model at length. J. Behling spoke about the need to further revise standing rules to help eliminate inefficiencies at the committee level. L. Thorpe reported that some department heads fear that committee restructuring will invariably lead to consolidations of departments. S. Favorite responded that department consolidation was always under consideration, but not directly connected to efforts to reduce the number of county committees. C. Hayes remains concerned about the impact of committee consolidation on county services provided. The nine proposed committees were discussed. The Clerk and the Corporation Counsel recommended re-naming the Human Services Committee. They proposed naming the committee the Health and Social Services Committee, to avoid confusion with The Human Services Center, an agency that the County supports. **Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Hayes to approve the resolution and to send it onto the County Board for their consideration. Discussion. Motion to amend the resolution by naming all nine committees under Be It Further Resolved and to re-name the Human Services Committee the Health and Social Services Committee. All voted aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. All voted aye to forward the resolution to the County Board in its amended form. Carried.**

**County Board Compensation by Salary – joint resolution to County Board:**

The committee discussed all aspects of this resolution. The Clerk reported that the resolution was changed to remove punitive language, designed to withhold salary payments from Supervisors who are absent for more than 50% of their monthly meetings. The Corporation Counsel advised that once approved, an annual salary provided each supervisor with the annual amount stated. This amount could not be reduced due to non-attendance at meetings. The committee discussed alternatives to the withholding of salary payments. Public censure is one option. **Motion by J. Behling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Thorpe to approve the joint resolution and to send it onto the Finance & Budget Committee for their consideration. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Future meeting date:**

The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 9, 2013

**Adjournment:**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:22 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk.