

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

**Call to order:**

The Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by Chairman James Behling with the following committee members present: Charles Hayes, Gary Peske and Kathleen Rushlow. Ronald De Bruyne was absent. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Martha Milanowski, Janna Kahl and David Alleman.

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

**Motion by K. Rushlow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Hayes to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Approve September 11, 2012 meeting minutes:**

**Motion by C. Hayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Peske to approve the September 11, 2012 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Travel permission requests:**

Nothing presented.

**On-line sales tax – resolution to County Board:**

The Chair presented a Wisconsin Counties Association sponsored resolution, requesting Vilas County support for extending the sales tax to on-line retailers selling to state residents. The committee discussed the pros and cons of that initiative. **Motion by G. Peske, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Rushlow to approve the resolution and to send it onto the County Board for their consideration. 4 voted aye. 1 voted no: C. Hayes. Carried.**

**Position vacancy – Assistant Corporation Counsel:**

M. Milanowski announced the resignation of the Assistant Corporation Counsel. She recommends considering the hiring of outside legal counsel to fill that position. The vacant position primarily prepares Child Support and Chapter 51 cases and presents those cases before the Circuit Court. M. Milanowski would like the authority to immediately advertise an RFP for outside counsel. K. Rushlow recommends proceeding slowly; she does not want to rule out the potential to fill the position full time. Prior to creating an Assistant Corporation Counsel position, outside legal counsel prepared Child Support cases for almost 20 years. K. Rushlow recommends offering the position to that lawyer, as a method of quickly filling the vacancy. Costs of outside counsel were discussed. M. Milanowski estimates that her office would require this position to be employed an average of 20 hours per week. J. Behling recommends allowing the Corporation Counsel full flexibility to develop an RFP, and to ultimately determine if a part time, versus a full time assistant counsel is the right fit for the needs of her office. **Motion by G. Peske, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Rushlow to permit the Corporation Counsel to develop an RFP with the assistance of the HR Director, to be used to advertise for outside legal counsel, for purposes of assisting with Child Support cases, Chapter 51 commitments and other legal assistance as needed. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Letters and Communications:**

Nothing presented.

**Future meeting date:**

The next regular meeting will be tentatively held at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 12, 2012 in conference room #1.

**Adjournment:**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:04 A.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.