

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 Vice-Chairman Gary Peske with the following committee members present: Jim Behling and Charles Hayes. Chris Mayer was absent and Linda Thorpe was excused. County Board Chair Steve Favorite took part in committee discussion and action in an ex officio capacity. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Martha Milanowski, Janna Kahl, Joy Schmitz, Joe Fath, Maynard Bedish, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph Sitzberger, Wally Obermann, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

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

Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve May 8, 2013 meeting minutes:

Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the May 8, 2013 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Travel permission requests:

J. Schmitz requested permission to travel to Rhinelander, WI on September 10, 2013 for a Directors Conference. She also requested permission for herself and two staff to travel to a Child Support Enforcement Conference scheduled for October 15 through 18, 2013. **Motion by C. Hayes, 2nd by S. favorite to approve the travel request. All voted aye. Carried.**

Department reports:

J. Schmitz described her budget as being on track. Annual State child support program revenues remain forthcoming, but recent information indicates that predicted cuts will be restored in the State budget. M. Milanowski She described her budget as being on track. Her office continues to be very busy with court cases. She informed the committee that she may request the hiring of an assistant Corporation Counsel, to fill the currently vacant position.

Civil Service Commission – Agility Tests – ordinance to County Board:

J, Kahl and W. Obermann explained the reasoning behind this ordinance amendment. The hiring process currently grades physical agility as pass/fail. The Civil Service Commission proposes to grade physical agility on a sliding scale. Overall, physical agility scores would comprise 25% of the total scoring process. J. Behling opposes this idea. He feels that scoring physical agility as pass/fail needs to be maintained. He is concerned that the inclusion of physical agility testing in the scoring formula will skew overall results. J. Kahl disagreed and stated that this proposal will result in a better overall level of consideration for all applicants. G. Peske and J. Fath both concurred. W. Obermann pointed out that many other commissions currently utilize the proposed scoring formula. **Motion by C. Hayes, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve the ordinance amendment and to forward same**

to the County Board for their consideration. 3 voted aye. 1 voted no: J. Behling. Carried.

Public Works Committee – resolution to County Board:

G. Peske introduced the resolution and spoke in favor of committee restructuring efforts. R. Sitzberger and K. Rushlow each asked for clarification regarding projects, procurement and leasing. R. Sitzberger stated that he may offer an amendment to the attached Standing Rules at County Board. He feels that the committee rules remain unclear concerning the proposed committee's jurisdiction. This was discussed. J. Behling stated that he saw no need for amendments; a Public Works Committee should be free to administer all Vilas County public works efforts as best benefits the county. **Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve the resolution and to forward same to the County Board for their consideration. All voted aye. Carried.**

Submittal of Resolutions & Ordinances – policy:

The Clerk explained the need for this policy. Resolutions and ordinances continue to be submitted that require correcting by the author or by the Clerk. Departments and committees continue to submit resolutions that have not been properly approved by county administration. Presently, the Clerk has no authority over this situation. This policy allows the Clerk to refuse to place a resolution or ordinance on the County Board agenda, due to improper or incomplete submittal. As the County Board took action to eliminate late resolutions, this policy will help in that respect. G. Peske concurred, but stated that late resolutions regarding grant funding approvals may continue to need to be forwarded to the Board. The Clerk agreed, stating that this policy, and the Standing Rules, continue to provide for those eventualities. The committee discussed other aspects of the policy. K. Rushlow asked that a copy of the policy be provided to all Supervisors. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the Resolutions & Ordinances policy. All voted aye. Carried.**

Committee restructuring:

As instructed, the Clerk provided a draft of a Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee. This was discussed at length. J. Behling recommends that the Tourism & Publicity Committee be added into this committee consolidation model. He cites the economic impact of tourism in Vilas County. R. Sitzberger opposes this restructuring format, citing the need to retain Land & Water Conservation as a separate committee, due to the economic impact provided by the county's lakes. He is worried that Land & Water services will get "lost" in this proposed consolidation. K. Rushlow concurred. R. Sitzberger then stated that he could not support this resolution at County Board. M. Bedish stated that he sees no need for any committee consolidation. He then revised that statement by saying he would support consolidation of "small" committees. "Large, important" committees should remain as standalone units. C. Hayes stated that he supports the inclusion of the UW Extension and Economic Development committees into this model. However, he wants to see a revised model that includes the Tourism & Publicity Committee. G. Peske and J. Behling concurred. G. Peske instructed the Clerk to prepare a revised draft of this consolidation model that includes the Tourism & Publicity Committee. That draft will be discussed at the July meeting. The Clerk is to again invite

the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each affected committee. J. Behling would like the Clerk to also prepare a draft of an Administration Committee. K. Rushlow stated that there needed to be more emphasis on “smaller” consolidations, which she defined as consolidations of two committees versus three or four.

Letters and Communications:

S. Favorite informed the committee that Supervisor Dennis Nielsen would be excused from County Board duties for an extended period due to illness. He also informed the committee of the loss of Ed Bluthardt’s son. He then reported on the upcoming presentation by the WCA, scheduled for next Tuesday’s County Board.

Future meeting date:

The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 10, 2013

Adjournment:

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:54 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman

Vilas County Clerk.

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