

Chair Sig Hjemvick called to order the meeting of the Legislative & Judicial Committee at 9:01 a.m., Monday, June 13, 2011, in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Public meeting notice was given to the public more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Legislative & Judicial Committee Members Present: Chair Sig Hjemvick, Ron De Bruyne, Gene Ciszek and Steve Favorite. Excused Absence: Jim Behling.

Others Present: Scott Jensen, Joy Schmitz, Martha Milanowski and recording secretary Beth Carter.

Motion by R. DeBruyne, seconded by G. Ciszek to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order of the Chair. All voting aye, carried.

Motion by G. Ciszek, seconded by S. Favorite to approve the May 10, 2011, minutes. All voting aye, carried.

Veterans Service Office Matters: Veterans Service Officer Scott Jensen submitted and reviewed the expenditure guideline and vouchers for the Veterans Service Office. Committee members signed vouchers as presented.

Mr. Jensen reported the following: Mr. Jensen presented a voucher that was paid on May 24, 2011 in the amount of \$250.00 to Dick Tessman – 8th WI Artillery. Chair Sig Hjemvick verbally approved the voucher to be paid. The event took place at the Memorial Day Ceremonies which originally was cancelled. Discussion. Motion by R. DeBruyne, seconded by G. Ciszek to approve voucher to Dick Tessman in the amount of \$250.00. All voting aye, carried. A copy of the voucher was signed by all committee members present and will be attached to the paid voucher in the County Clerk's office. Mr. Jensen informed the committee that the Veteran Service Commission will be seeking nominations from candidates from the eastern end of the County to replace Veterans Service Commissioner Ray Johnson, of Conover and will keep the committee informed.

Child Support Matters: Child Support Director Joy Schmitz submitted and reviewed the expenditure guideline and vouchers for the Child Support office. Committee signed vouchers as presented.

Ms. Schmitz reported the following: Ms. Schmitz reported that a work station in the Child support office was assessed by Work Comp. A telephone headset was purchased for an employee at the request of a doctor. The employee claims she is no longer in need of the headset. Checked with Clermont and headset can be returned. The Joint Finance Committee for the 2011-13 Biennial Budget Bill did not reinstate the 4.25 million for child support which with 8.25 million federal funds will equate to a loss of 12.50 million shortfalls to Wisconsin counties in 2012 and 2013. The actual change amount for each county shall be available the end of August or beginning of September. Ms. Schmitz estimates an approximate 43,000 decrease from the present funding for Vilas County Child Support Agency. DCF (Department of Children and Families) has updated the procedure for forgiving AFDCA arrears. Previously AFDCA arrears could only be forgiven on the cases DCF designated. Discussion at Directors Dialogue was that counties be allowed to make the decision regarding which cases with AFDCA arrears should be forgiven. DFC has now changed their policy and the decision is being left up to each county. Vilas County's yearly goal relating to cases with no payment on arrears is set at 96 by DCF. As of May Vilas County has 108

cases that have not had a payment and Ms. Schmitz is confident the department will meet the goal. And finally, safety and security again has become a concern for the Child Support office. Two recent incidents: First, a panic button was used in June and secondly a call was needed for assistance to the Child Support Office. Ms. Schmitz believes that because of the wide openness, the department is vulnerable. Discussion. Motion by S. Hjemvick, seconded by S. Favorite that Mr. Galloway look into safety and security of the Child Support Office and to refer to the U.S. Marshall Security Export report and return findings to the Legislative and Judicial Committee. All voting aye, carried. Mr. Hjemvick will contact Chief Joe Fath.

Corporation Counsel Report: Corporation Counsel Martha Milanowski submitted and reviewed the expenditure guideline, vouchers for the Corporation Counsel's office and monthly reports showing the written requests and new cases for May.

Ms. Milanowski reported the following: Ms. Milanowski shared with the committee various activities that is keeping the office busy. Corporation Counsel is pleased that the County has authorized the creation of Human Resources Manager position and look forward to the recruitment process.

Out of County Travel: Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by G. Ciszek to approve out of County Travel for Corporation Counsel to attend meetings in Wausau on June 17, 2011 (Subject: Budget Repair Bill/Employee Handbook) and Stevens Point on July 13, 2011 (Subject: Budget Repair Bill). All voting aye, carried.

Legislative Update: No discussion.

Standing Rules: Procedure for Succession of County Board Members: Corporation Counsel provided Statute 59.12 Chairperson; vice-chairperson; powers and duties and reviewed the bylaws with the Committee. Discussion. The committee would like to see the following proposed language added to the bylaws: "In case of the absence of a chairperson, 1st vice chairperson, or 2nd vice chairperson for any meeting the members present shall choose another member to be temporary chairperson."

Structure of Committee Meetings: The following suggestions were made:

- County Board meeting monthly, the last Tuesday of the month, excluding December. Resolution mailing one (1) week before the meeting and eliminate second (2nd) mailing of late resolutions. This would be more efficient. The board would be more informed and have more time to study the issues brought before the County Board.
- The Solid Waste Committee and the Extension Committee could be a combined committee.
- The Tribal Concerns Committee meeting quarterly instead of monthly. Supervisor Ciszek will discuss this at a future Tribal Concern Committee meeting to get their input.
- II. Communications (page 39 of Official Directory) #5. Reads by striking language: The Committee shall meet on an "as needed basis" ~~but at least once every 60 days.~~
- Take a closer look at other committees to consolidate or reduce the number of meetings per year.

Corporation Counsel reminded the committee that a memo will be sent out to each committee in November asking for their input on revising the Standing Rules and Committee Duties of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors for the Legislative & Judicial Committee to consider.

Judicial Update: No discussion.

Approval of Bills: Motion by R. DeBruyne, seconded by S. Favorite to approve the Corporation Counsel vouchers, as presented. All voting aye, carried. Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by R. DeBruyne to approve the Veteran Service Office and the Child Support bills. All voting aye, carried.

Letters and Communications: No discussion.

Next Meeting Date: July 12, 2011.

Chairman Hjemvick announced there is no further business on the agenda. This meeting stands adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

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

Submitted by: Beth Carter