

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 Chairman Sig Hjemvick with the following committee members present: Jim Behling, Ron De Bruyne, Steve Favorite and Kathleen Rushlow. Kathleen Rushlow was appointed by the County Board Chair to replace Gene Ciszek, who has resigned from the board. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Scott Jensen, Martha Milanowski, Joy Schmitz and David Alleman.

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

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

Approve previous minutes:

Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve the previous minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Resolution designating the County Clerk as Administrative Coordinator with limited authority:

M. Milanowski presented the reasons for the necessity of this resolution. A recent State Attorney General's opinion indicates that a County Board member cannot serve concurrently as a board member and as County Coordinator. Vilas County past practice has been to appoint the County Board Chair to the position of County Coordinator. In many instances the County Clerk is already fulfilling the role of a County Coordinator. D. Alleman stated that he did not expect to incur any undue increase in workload due to this proposed appointment. **Motion by K. Rushlow, 2nd by R. De Bruyne to forward the resolution to the January 24, 2012 County Board for adoption. All voted aye. Carried.**

Corporation Counsel report:

M. Milanowski reported on her department's December 2011 activities and workloads, included Chapter 51 and other commitment cases. Her department budget remains under spent. She also presented monthly vouchers for approval. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by K. Rushlow to approve Corporation Counsel bills. All voted aye. Carried.** M. Milanowski also advised the committee that she successfully amended her department's Verizon Wireless plan. She advised the committee that work is proceeding on Record Retention ordinance amendments.

Standing Rules:

M. Milanowski reported that proposed changes to the Standing Rules continued to be reviewed, for future presentation to the committee.

County Board committee restructuring/consolidation:

S. Favorite reported on discussions occurring at yesterday's Executive, Ethics & Insurance meeting. He presented his vision and reasons behind moving the committee restructuring/

consolidation issue forward, based upon Schenck study recommendations. K. Rushlow questioned the proposed time frame. S. Favorite feels that an aggressive approach would have the issue ready for deliberation at the April 2012 County Board. He also stated that in reality, work on this issue will probably require much more time. He informed the committee that they were being asked to meet jointly with the E, E & I Committee, to work on the restructuring. The first joint meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 31, 2012. J. Behling commented on the need to define decision making processes as part of this initiative.

Veterans Service Report:

S. Jenson reported that his budget remains in the black, in spite of one overspent expense line. Funds remain for remaining December 2011 expenses. S. Hjemvick commended him for controlling his budget.

K. Rushlow excused herself from the meeting at 9:41 A.M.

S. Jensen requested permission to travel to a Northern CVSO Association meeting, to be held on January 20, 2012 in Stevens Point. He estimates travel costs to total \$154.00.

Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by R. De Bruyne to approve Veteran Services Officer travel as requested. All voted aye. Carried.

S. Jensen again reported that the owners of the Derby Track were sponsoring a local exhibit of the Vietnam Memorial – Traveling Wall. He has also arranged for a demonstration to be presented by the 82nd Airborne Parachute Team, at the June 16, 2011 Eagle River Airport Fly-In. He is also requesting that a Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs benefit fair/jobs market event be held at that same time. He is also working on arranging for a fly over and Civil War cannon demonstration to be held concurrent to Memorial Day events at the Courthouse. The Tourism & Publicity Dept. has been asked to assist with promotion of these events. S. Jensen then reported on his concerns regarding changes to the Veteran s Service grant application. He feels that the privacy of some of his clients may be intruded upon, due to the requirement that additional client information be reported on the application form. Each committee member was provided with a copy of the grant application. He will bring further information regarding this issue. S. Hjemvick will contact local legislators if needed. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to approve Veterans Service department vouchers. All voted aye. Carried.**

Child Support report:

J. Schmitz presented her monthly report of operations and finances. Her budget remains under spent. The work contract with Shawano County has been closed out. Revenues totaled \$5,734.53. She then presented monthly bills for approval. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to approve Child Support vouchers. All voted aye. Carried.** S. Hjemvick asked for a progress report on the proposed Child Support security wall. R. De Bruyne responded that the project had not yet begun.

Judicial update:

Nothing presented

Legislative update:

Nothing presented

Approval of bills:

No additional bills were presented for approval.

Out of county travel:

No additional out of county travel requests were presented for approval.

Letters and Communications:

S. Favorite will not be able to be present during the next monthly committee meeting.

Future meeting date:

The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, February 13, 2012.

Adjournment: S. Hjemvick adjourned the meeting at 10:34 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.