

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 and Steve Favorite. Gene Ciszek was excused. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Scott Jensen, Janna Kahl, Martha Milanowski, Neal Nielsen, Joy Schmitz, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

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

Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by J. Behling 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. Hjemvick to approve the previous minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Veterans Service Report:

S. Jensen reported that his budget remains under spent. Funds remain for December operations. He thanked the committee for their support during the 2012 budget deliberations. He expects that one veteran will require transport to and from Milwaukee in December. He presented one bill for travel expenses, for approval. **Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve Veteran Services bills. All voted aye. Carried.**

S. Jensen requested permission to attend a Northeast CVSO meeting, to be held in Antigo on December 16th. He estimates \$76.00 in travel costs. **Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve the travel request. All voted aye. Carried.** S. Jensen then reported that the owners of the Derby Track were sponsoring a local exhibit of the Vietnam Memorial – Traveling Wall. S. Jensen will volunteer his time to help man the exhibit. He asked if Vilas County could be involved in promoting this display. After discussing the issue, the committee recommended that S. Jensen confer with the Tourism & Publicity Director, to see what promotional steps could be taken.

Schenck report – discussion on findings:

S. Favorite would like to get the committee focused on future deliberation regarding county board committee consolidation and standing rule changes. S. Hjemvick suggested that the Legislative & Judicial Committee be given that task, and recommended that the committee meet with all county committee chairs regarding these issues in January, 2012. S. Favorite may favor appointing an ad hoc committee to lead these issues. J. Behling suggested that this committee be tasked with developing models of committee structures. S. Favorite also spoke about the need to begin a process of medium and long term financial planning.

Judicial update:

Judge N. Nielsen reported the hiring of Deb Hatfield as Family Court Commissioner, replacing retiring Court Commissioner Cal Burton. He also discussed the Schenck report suggestion that Juvenile Intake be merged into the Social Services Department. His

opinion is that Juvenile Intake remains primarily a function of the Circuit Court, and would better benefit the county by remaining as such, citing the investigative, legal, corrections and probation attributes of Juvenile Intake operations. S. Hjemvick and S. Favorite both feel that Juvenile Intake operations fit better within the framework of Circuit Court functions.

Corporation Counsel report:

M. Milanowski reported on her department's November functions and workloads. Departmental requests are slightly lower but Circuit Court case loads have increased. She also presented monthly bill for approval. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by R. De Bruyne to approve Corporation Counsel bills. All voted aye. Carried.** M. Milanowski also advised the committee of problems with her department's Verizon Wireless plan. The committee discussed the issue and deliberated on which department should be tasked with overseeing wireless and landline phone communications. S. Hjemvick suggested that the Clerk send a letter from the committee to the Chairs of the Public Property and Communication committees. As committee member R. De Bruyne is Chair of both of those committees, he stated that a letter was unnecessary.

Resolution re: Recognizing Cal Burton:

Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by J. Behling to approve the resolution recognizing Cal Burton and to forward it to the January, 2012 County Board for adoption. All voted aye. Carried.

Standing Rules:

- **Committee restructuring: Fire Service representative on Communications Committee:**

R. De Bruyne brought this request to the committee. Certain area fire chiefs feel that fire service communication needs are not being adequately considered by the Vilas County Communications Committee. The chiefs desire a voting representative on that committee. S. Hjemvick stated that the current Standing Rules regarding the Communication Committee required a majority of County Board members. That requirement is currently not being met. After discussion, the consensus of the committee was that pending committee restructuring efforts would make any changes to the Communications Committee unwise at this time, except that the current Standing Rules needed to be followed. A letter from the committee will be sent to the fire chiefs advising them of this discussion.

Closed session:

It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment and performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the Legislative & Judicial Committee exercises responsibility. **Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to enter into closed session per the language cited above. Roll call vote found all members voting aye. Carried.** Closed session entered into at 10:52 A.M.

Return to open session:

Adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) and return to open session. **Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by S. Favorite to adjourn the closed session and return to open session per the language cited above. Roll call vote found all members voting aye. Carried.** Return to open session at 12:25 P.M.

Committee may take action on matters discussed in closed session:

The committee took no action on matters discussed during the closed session.

Child Support report:

J. Schmitz presented her monthly report of operations and finances. She recently met with Judge Nielsen regarding future costs of the Family Court Commissioner. Her department utilizes the Family Court and contributes to the costs of the Commissioner. She will be asked to increase her department's allocation in the future due to pending higher costs. She also reported meeting with the Sheriff regarding process services fees. The current \$75.00 fee per service is not affordable within the constraints of her department's budget. She then presented monthly bills for approval. **Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by R. De Bruyne to approve Child Support bills. All voted aye. Carried.** She presented her department's budget expenditure report. **Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by S. Favorite to accept the budget report. All voted aye. Carried.**

Extend Shawano County financial Child Support services contract:

J. Schmitz reported that Shawano County would not be renewing the current services contract, effective December 31, 2011.

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.

Legislative update:

S. Hjemvick informed the committee regarding the ATV issue, being deliberated by the Highway and Forestry Committees.

Letters and Communications: Nothing presented.

Future meeting date: The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Adjournment: S. Hjemvick adjourned the meeting at 12:38 P.M.

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