

VILAS COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 23, 2013

This regular meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held in the conference rooms located in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI.

CALL TO ORDER

Vilas County Board Chairman Stephen Favorite called the assembly to order at 9:00 A.M. and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting a notice of this meeting on bulletin boards located in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on April 15, 2013, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones and pagers for the duration of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board Chair asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call found the following members present: Emil Bakka, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Ronald De Bruyne, Stephen Favorite, Sig Hjemvick, Lorin Johnson, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Gary Peske, Charles Rayala, Jr., Mark Rogacki, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. Mary Kim Black and Charles Hayes were each excused. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by E. Bakka to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion to be at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by C. Rayala to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013 regular meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

OMIT READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY CLERK UNLESS REQUESTED

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. Sitzberger to omit the reading of all resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk, unless requested from the floor. All voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN - None

2012 MUSKY MARATHON – PRESENTATION BY TOURISM & PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

The 2012 Musky Marathon presentation began at 9:05 A.M. Janet Christiansen provided an overview of the participation and results of the 2012 Musky Marathon. Awards were presented to the participating musky anglers in attendance. This presentation concluded at 9:23 A.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Budget Committee: C. Mayer reported that the committee was beginning 2014 budget preparation. He requested that each committee also begin a dialog, at the committee and department level, regarding the 2014 budget. The Finance Director and Human Resources Director are both available to assist committees and departments in this process.

Tourism & Publicity Committee: L. Thorpe called attention to the reduction in annual Musky Marathon participation. She attributes the loss in participants to increased DNR regulations regarding musky fishing and to an overall decline in musky anglers.

Commission on Aging / ADRC: E. Teichmiller reported that the ADRC of the Northwoods remained very busy. He reminded the Board that the County does not fund the ADRC. Funding is received from state and private sources. He blames the Federal funding sequester for an overall 16% reduction in funds used for COA meal programs.

UW Extension Committee: D. Nielsen reported that the Family Living agent was conducting parenting classes for jail inmate. UW department head N. Miller is involved in the creation of a local Wellness Drug Court initiative. N. Miller presented D. Nielsen with an award plaque, recognizing his five year involvement with the UW Extension Committee.

Land & Water Conservation Committee: R. Sitzberger that a Youth Conservation Camp was being held at Trees for Tomorrow this summer. He also called attention to a handout indicating that over \$400,000 in grant funding was brought to Vilas County for conservation purposes.

Economic Development Committee: E. Bakka reported the retirement of VCEDC Director Ken Stubbe. Bob Egan was named interim Director of that organization.

County / Tribal Concerns Committee: A. Bauman reported the cancellation of the April 25th committee meeting.

Social Services Committee: A. Bauman reported the filling of five of the existing department vacancies.

Veteran's Services Board: A. Bauman reported that the recently hired Veteran's Services Officer would be on the job beginning next week.

Zoning & Planning Committee: C. Mayer reported an increase in permit applications, indicating a pattern of moderate growth in area construction. Flood Plain zoning issues will be presented later in the meeting.

Communication Committee: G. Peske reported that the current project was on time and within budget. Contracts for the construction of two towers have been let. A third tower is planned to be located adjacent to the Arbor Vitae Fore Department.

Personnel Committee: J. Behling reported that the committee was again operating on a more normal schedule. He described that past few months as "very hectic".

Public Property Committee: J. Behling reported that the committee accepted a quote from one of five I.T. Services providers. A resolution approving asking for approval of that contract is forthcoming. Financing for an audio system for the conference rooms was approved.

Human Services Board: E. Teichmiller reported that a projected 2012 budget deficit did not materialize. Steps were taken that resulted in a small budget surplus.

Public Health Board: E. Teichmiller reported that the department was very busy handling recent animal hoarding cases.

Human Services Board: C. Rayala attributed the 2012 budget surplus to more effective screening of clients.

Highway Committee: C. Rayala thanked the Finance Director for assisting with the recent sale of surplus highway equipment. The Finance Director's expertise is needed and appreciated.

KRONOS TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM – DEMONSTRATION

Beginning at 9:45 A.M., Mike Duening of the I.T. Department demonstrated the operation of the Kronos Timekeeping System. Board members may also use this system to record meeting attendance and mileage.

WORKPLACE HARASSMENT – PRESENTATION BY AEGIS CORPORATION

This program began at 10:00 A.M. Aegis Corporation representative Jodi Traas presented the Board with Diversity & Sensitivity training. Preventing incidents of workplace harassment is a concern of Vilas County and the county's liability insurance carrier. The presentation concluded at 10:40 A.M.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 38

Re: Resolution Approval of EPTEC, Inc. Contract for Services

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (WIOJA) has approved Vilas County's request for \$23,753.34 for the delivery of a series of three exercises to be conducted at the Lac du Flambeau Public School during 2013; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these exercises is to allow response agencies serving Vilas County to validate their respective Emergency Response Plans and increase their response preparedness; and

WHEREAS, EPTEC, Inc. is an organization proficient in organizing, conducting, and documenting preparedness exercises of the type planned for the Lac du Flambeau Public School; and

WHEREAS, the contract fee for services of \$21,346.00 stated within the EPTEC, Inc. contract is within the approved grant funding for these exercises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 23rd day of April, 2013 that the EPTEC, Inc Contract for Services is approved, contingent upon full funding of the contract through WIOJA.

SUBMITTED BY: County Board Supervisor

s/ Ron De Bruyne

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by M. Bedish to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2013 - 39

Re: Authorization to Purchase Equipment for Highway Department

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce has mandated that all tailgate spreaders with augers be equipped or replaced with new safety features; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Highway Department currently owns fourteen (14) tailgate spreaders with augers that are not in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Commerce standards; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Highway Department must comply with standards of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Highway Department has taken quotes and has accepted the quote from Monroe Truck; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Highway Department will use \$47,250.00 from the Highway Department cash account (#200.11101) to purchase and install fourteen (14) new tailgate spreaders with augers that are in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Commerce standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 23rd day of April, 2013 that the Vilas County Highway Department is hereby authorized to purchase fourteen (14) new tailgate spreaders from Monroe Truck for the amount of \$47,250.00.

SUBMITTED BY: **Vilas County Highway Committee**

s/ Charles Rayala, Jr., Chair

s/ Al Bauman

s/ Ron De Bruyne

s/ Christopher Mayer

s/ Kathleen Rushlow

This resolution was withdrawn from County Board consideration by the Highway Committee Chair.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 40

Re: Tower and Communication Site Access for Broadband Study

WHEREAS, broadband internet access is not widely available to the residents and businesses located in Vilas County; and

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation is supported by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Superior Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, Access Engineering has been engaged to perform a Broadband Engineering Study and Tribal Apprenticeship Training Program for Vilas County and the Lac du Flambeau Band ; and

WHEREAS, Access Engineering requests access to County owned and leased tower sites and communication buildings for the purpose of conducting the Broadband Engineering Study. Access Engineering is not requesting to climb towers, but requires site access to document potential antenna space on existing towers and structures and potential equipment space in existing communication buildings; and

WHEREAS, Access Engineering recognizes that access to tower and communication sites may require coordination between site owners, lessees and appropriate units of local and county Government and will take the responsibility, on a case by case basis, to coordinate and schedule said access, and;

WHEREAS, Access Engineering is requesting to begin the survey as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 23rd day of April, 2013, that Vilas County agrees to provide Access Engineering with sufficient scheduled access to tower sites and communication buildings under the County's control

for purposes of conducting the Broadband Engineering Study.

SUBMITTED BY: Vilas County Supervisor

s/ Edward Bluthardt, Jr.

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS

a. Northwoods Rail Commission – 2 year term ending April 30, 2015

- Ralph Sitzberger

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by A. Bauman to accept the Chair's appointment. All voted aye. Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORTS

a. Commission on Aging

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by K. Rushlow to accept the Commission on Aging annual report. All voted aye. Carried.

b. Forestry, Recreation & Lands

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by S. Hjemvick to accept the Forestry, Recreation & Lands Department annual report. All voted aye. Carried.

c. Register of Deeds

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by L. Kukanich to accept the Register of Deeds annual report. All voted aye. Carried.

d. Zoning Department

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by K. Rushlow to accept the Zoning & Planning Department annual report. All voted aye. Carried.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing presented.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular County Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 P.M, Tuesday, May 28, 2013. This meeting will be held at the St. Germain Community Center.

PAY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by D. Nieslen to approve the payment of mileage and per diem for today's meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Mileage and per diem will be paid as follows:

E. Bakka \$80.90, A. Bauman \$101.81, M. Bedish \$55.48, J. Behling \$49.26, E. Bluthardt \$52.65, R. De Bruyne \$80.90, S. Favorite \$53.78, S. Hjemvick \$68.47, L. Johnson \$65.65, L. Kukanich \$52.65, C. Mayer \$91.52, D. Nielsen \$70.73, G. Peske \$64.52 C. Rayala \$91.07, M. Rogacki \$19.21, K. Rushlow \$50.96, R. Sitzberger \$75.25, E. Teichmiller \$75.82, L. Thorpe \$48.41.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by C. Mayer to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by:
David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to future revision and approval by the Vilas County Board.