

Call To Order:

This meeting of the Legislative & Judicial Committee was called to order by Chairman Christopher Mayer at 9:00A.M. in courthouse conference room #2, Eagle River, Wisconsin, with the following committee members present: Jim Behling, Gene Ciszek, Stephen Favorite and Sig Hjemvick. Others present at this meeting: Child Support Director Eljean Benson, County Veteran's Services Officer Scott Jensen, Corporation Counsel Martha Milanowski and County Clerk David Alleman.

Proper notification of meeting and quorum present were verified.

Approve Agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair: Motion by G. Ciszek, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve previous minutes: Motion by C. Mayer, 2nd by G. Ciszek to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Veteran Service matters: S. Jensen reported that an individual from Phelps volunteered to drive veterans to appointments. This person's capabilities to provide this service were checked out per Corp. Counsel directives.

Veteran Service office request to go paperless: S. Jensen presented a proposal for his office to go paperless, with the costs to be funded by the annual \$10,000 CVSO grant. He cited improved service to area veterans, less need for filing space and greater efficiency. A local college student has also volunteered to work in the office over the summer break; this person would be employed in digitizing current paper files. C. Mayer took issue with the fact that the use of the CVSO grant funds would amount to a cost shift that would create a budget deficit in other areas of the department. He felt that this issue should be presented as an outlay request in the 2011 budget. J. Behling asked for details on the projected cost savings. S. Jensen replied that he did not have that information, but again cited reduced need for filing space and paper. He also stated that purchase of laptop computer would enable local veterans to be served more efficiently. S. Hjemvick asked if other CVSO's were using digital technology. S. Jensen replied that most were using digital technology or transitioning into it. Many CVSO's use the VetRecs program, and the VA is moving towards online forms submission. A laptop would also enable form submissions during home visits with veterans, and enable the CVSO to work after hours at home. S. Hjemvick stated an openness to improved service for veterans, and recommended that the funding issue be brought up with the Finance & Budget Committee. Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2nd by S. Favorite to pursue this project and to encourage Mr. Jensen to create a funding proposal to be presented during 2011 budget deliberations. All voted aye. Carried. If outside funding becomes available in the interim, the committee will revisit this request. S. Hjemvick recommended pursuing donations from local veteran and service organizations. The Personnel Committee would also need to be involved regarding the employment of a summer intern. Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by G. Ciszek to send the CVSO summer intern request to the Personnel Committee. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion by G. Ciszek, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to approve the CVSO bills. All voted aye. Carried. S. Jensen requested permission to attend a training conference in Milwaukee, to be held on April 21 and 22, 2010. The training will concern the new Post 911 G.I Bill. Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve the training and the travel. All voted aye. Carried.

Child Support matters: E. Benson presented department vouchers. She also presented the department expenditure budget for review. She discussed some necessary account number changes regarding her recent ARRA Stimulus grant application. The changes do not impact the grant amount. She stated that 2009 collections were reduced when compared to 2008, and she

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cited the economy for the downturn. State unclaimed funds notices have been a source of some child support collections. Many parents in arrears on support payments have been put into job search programs. S. Favorite asked if garnishments remained a good source of collections. E. Benson replied that if the individual in arrears was employed in Wisconsin, the garnishment was virtually automatic. Out of state garnishments are more difficult to pursue. Motion by G. Ciszek, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve Child Support bills. All voted aye. Carried.

Child Support annual report: E. Benson presented the 2009 Child Support Department report for committee review and acceptance. Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to accept the 2009 Child Support Department report and to send it onto the April, 2010 County Board for their acceptance. All voted aye. Carried.

Changes to the Standing Rules: No additional revisions or amendments to the recently approved Standing Rules were presented. It was noted that the County Board again needed to approve the Standing Rules and Committee Duties as part of the Board's post election reorganization.

Resolution – adoption of Standing Rules and Committee Duties for the Vilas County Board of Supervisors: Motion by S. Favorite, 2nd by J. Behling to approve Resolution 2010-39 and to send it onto the April, 2010 County Board for their adoption. All voted aye. Carried.

Corporation Counsel report: M. Milanowski announced that her confidential secretary would be leaving due to a family relocation. She anticipates the vacancy to possibly occur this summer. Both she and the committee expressed dismay at losing what they termed to be an excellent and valuable employee. M. Milanowski will prepare a resolution to fill the vacancy, for discussion at next month's meeting. S. Hjermick felt that a starting wage range based on experience needed to be developed for that position. This will be investigated. M. Milanowski presented her department vouchers. Motion by S. Hjermick, 2nd by S. Favorite to approve the Corporation Counsel Department bills. All voted aye. Carried. She continues to assist the Public Health Department with sanitarian/rooming house ordinance language. She then presented her department budget and monthly requests/ action log for review and discussion.

Ordinance 2010 – 1A – Chapter 16 County Forest and Land Ordinance: The Committee discussed the recent controversy regarding ordinance amendments to chapters 16 and 19. The language instituting a shooting ban on county lands was contained in both chapters; chapter 16 was passed by the County Board, but chapter 19 failed. To better gauge the true intent of the County Board, the Forestry Committee will bring the issue back before the Board at a later date.

Out of county travel: Approved above as recorded,

Approval of bills: Approved above as recorded.

Letters and Communications: None presented.

Adjournment: Motion by J. Behling, 2nd by S. Favorite to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk