

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 Chris Mayer with the following committee members present: Charles Hayes, Gary Peske and Linda Thorpe. Jim Behling was absent Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Martha Milanowski, Janna Kahl, Bill Weiss, Joe Fath, Wally Obermann, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

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

Motion by I. Thorpe, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve December 10, 2012 meeting minutes:

Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve the December 10, 2012 minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Chapter 4 – Civil Service Commission – ordinance amendment to County Board:

Civil Service Commission Chairman W. Obermann spoke about the need to amend the recently adopted Civil Service Commission ordinance. The commission is reviewing the ordinance and will recommend amendments as necessary. Of current concern is ordinance language, prohibiting the hiring of law enforcement and jail staff members who are under the age of 21. The commission believes that all qualified candidates need to be considered. J. Kahl also recommends flexibility with the age requirement, as it would not be uncommon for candidates meeting educational requirements to be under the age of 21. G. Peske stated that he was initially concerned about the maturity level of persons under the age of 21. J. Kahl assured him that steps are taken to assess the maturity level of individual candidates. **Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve amending ordinance Chapter 4 – Civil Service Commission (A) (1) as follows: Be over 21 years of age or completion of an Associate's Degree in criminal justice, law enforcement, corrections or related field and to forward same to the County Board for action. All voted aye. Carried.**

Standing Rules – review and discuss draft:

The committee discussed the draft document prepared by the Clerk. Corporation Counsel has not yet reviewed the draft. The committee discussed the document and made the following changes:

Section V (1) Change time of evening meetings to 6:30 P.M.

Section VI (A)(9) remove he/she and replace as appropriate with their and they.

Section VI (D)(2) retain existing language in its entirety.

Upon making the above changes, the Clerk will forward the document to the Corporation Counsel for review.

Chapter 9 – Public Peace & Order – Ordinance change to County Board:

M. Milanowski stated the reasons that this ordinance required amending. L. Thorpe asked about penalty provisions. **Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by C. Hayes to approve amending ordinance Chapter 9 – Public Peace & Order as indicated on the ordinance amendment and to forward same to the County Board for action. All voted aye. Carried.**

Travel permission requests:

M. Milanowski requested permission to travel to Madison, WI for a law conference. **Motion by G. Peske, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the travel request. All voted aye. Carried.**

Department reports:

M. Milanowski presented Corporation Counsel monthly activity statistics. She remains very busy with court and child support legal duties. Mental commitments and child support cases have increased over the prior year.

Letters and Communications:

L. Thorpe asked about a previous Legislative & Judicial Committee agenda item regarding a resolution from another county. The Clerk will post that item to the February agenda. G. Peske asked to be excused from the February 2013 meeting.

Future meeting date:

The next regular meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in conference room #1.

Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:12 A.M.

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