

This meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., by Chairman Charles Rayala, at the Town of Lincoln town hall, 1205 Sundstein Road, Eagle River, WI.

The Chairman instructed the Clerk to insert in the minutes the following: "A Public meeting notice was given to the public by posting at the Vilas County Courthouse, the Olsen Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Also, the Vilas County News-Review; the Lakeland Times; the Rhinelander Daily News; the Ironwood Daily Globe; W.E.R.L. Radio; W.R.J.O. Radio; W.L.S.L Radio; W.H.D.G. Radio; and Channel 12 TV were notified by November 8, 2007, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting." The Chair then requested that all present turn off their cell phones and pagers for the duration of the meeting.

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

Roll call found the following members present: Charles Ahlborn, John Annin, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gene Cizek, Ronald De Bruyne, Steven Doyen, Bob Egan, Stephan Favorite, Jack Harrison, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Fred Radtke, Kathleen Rushlow, James Spring, Linda Thorpe, Jay Verhulst, Craig Weberg and Charles Rayala. The Clerk reported 21 Supervisors in attendance. A quorum of the County Board was present.

Motion by S. Doyen, seconded by A. Bauman to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the Chair=s discretion. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by J. Verhulst, seconded by J. Annin to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2007 meeting as presented and to omit the reading thereof. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by S. Doyen, seconded by J. Verhulst to suspend the rules to act on any resolution or ordinance received after the 10 day deadline, but received in time to list to the press and post. All voting aye. Carried.

The Board then acted on all resolutions and ordinances as posted

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

**RES. 2007-110**

**(VILAS COUNTY INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATOR POSITION)**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. Motion by C. Ahlborn, seconded by S. Favorite to amend the budget and cost amounts in lines 26 and 29, respectively, to \$56,737.78. All voting aye. Carried. Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Kukanich to amend lines 26 through 32 and 34 through 37 of the resolution as follows:

26 WHERE AS, the Land and Water Conservation Committee endorses and seeks a budgetary  
27 amendment to the 2008 LWCC budget of \$18,914.33 that includes an estimated salary of  
28 \$15,474.38 and potential benefits of \$3,439.95 (\$1,183.79 in social security; \$1,640.28 in  
retirement,  
29 \$615.88 in workman's compensation) resulting in an expected 2008 cost of \$18,914.33; the 2008  
30 Land and Water Conservation Committee budget projects a Department of Agriculture,  
Trade  
31 and Consumer Protection [DATCP] staffing grant of \$15,000 to help offset this cost in the  
next  
32 fiscal year; and

34 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors  
35 in session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007 that the Personnel Committee, in conjunction  
36 with the Land and Water Conservation Committee, is authorized to hire an individual for a  
half  
37 time position of Invasive Species Coordinator in accordance with the County's hiring  
policy.

Roll call vote requested. The following 5 Supervisors voted aye on the amendment: R. De  
Bruyne, S. Doyen, L. Kukanich, J. Verhulst, and Craig Weberg. The following 16 Supervisors  
voted nay on the amendment: C. Ahlborn, J. Annin, A. Bauman, M. Bedish, E. Bluthardt, G.  
Ciszek, B. Egan, S. Favorite, J. Harrison, C. Mayer, D. Nielsen, F. Radtke, K. Rushlow, J.  
Spring, L. Thorpe and C. Rayala. Amendment failed. Roll call vote on the resolution as  
introduced found all 21 Supervisors voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-115**

**(COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN TOWN OF LAC DU FLAMBEAU)**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by C. Mayer to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-94**

**(COMMISSION ON AGING DIRECTOR POSITION)**

Motion by F. Radtke, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. Motion by J. Verhulst,  
seconded by R. De Bruyne to table until the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the ADRC issue is  
able to bring a recommendation to the County Board. Roll call vote requested. The following  
12 Supervisors voted aye to table: C. Ahlborn, J. Annin, R. De Bruyne, S. Doyen, B. Egan, L.  
Kukanich, K. Rushlow, J. Spring, L. Thorpe, J. Verhulst, C. Weberg and C. Rayala. The  
following 9 Supervisors voted nay to table: A. Bauman, M. Bedish, E. Bluthardt, G. Ciszek, S.  
Favorite, J. Harrison, C. Mayer, D. Nielsen and F. Radtke. Resolution tabled.

**RES. 2007-83**

**(APPROVAL OF TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 900  
COMPREHENSIVE SHORELAND DISTRICT AND ZONING ORDINANCE)**

Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by M. Bedish to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-100**

**(GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO JUVENILE INTAKE BUDGET)**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by J. Verhulst to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-101**

**(2008 VILAS COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE AGREEMENT)**

Motion by J. Annin, seconded by M. Bedish to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-102**

**(VILAS COUNTY-ONEIDA COUNTY INTEROPERABILITY PROJECT 2008  
BUDGET)**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by J. Annin to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-103**

**(AUTHORIZATION FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SEVEN (7)  
NEW PATROL VEHICLES)**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried

**GENERAL CODE OF VILAS COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE 2007-2A**

**(CHAPTER 28 UNIFORM ADDRESSING SYSTEM)**

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by M. Bedish to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-105**

**(COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM)**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by C. Ahlborn to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-106**

**(SEGREGATED ACCOUNT FOR FAIRGROUNDS DEVELOPMENT USING ATC  
FUNDS)**

Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by M. Bedish to adopt. Discussion. 20 voting aye. 1 nay vote:  
F. Radtke. Carried.

**RES. 2007-107**

**(COUNTY-TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT 2008)**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by J. Annin to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-108**

**(COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENTS)**

Motion by S. Doyen, seconded by S. Favorite to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-109**

**(ANNUAL FOREST ADMINISTRATOR GRANT WORK PLAN)**

Motion by S. Doyen, seconded by J. Verhulst to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**Res. 2007-111**

**(APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON AGING INTERIM DIRECTOR)**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by J. Spring to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-112**

**(CREATING AN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST POSITION)**

Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. Motion by F. Radtke, seconded by R. De Bruyne to amend the resolution in line 6 to read: Whereas, this new position would begin on January 1, 2008...

A vote on the amendment found 13 Supervisors voting aye on the amendment. The following 8 Supervisors voted nay: C. Ahlborn, A. Bauman, M. Bedish, B. Egan, L. Kukanich, D. Nielsen, J. Spring and C. Weberg. Amendment failed. Roll call vote on the resolution as introduced found the following 14 Supervisors voting aye: C. Ahlborn, J. Annin, E. Bluthardt, R. De Bruyne, S. Doyen, B. Egan, S. Favorite, J. Harrison, C. Mayer, F. Radtke, K. Rushlow, L. Thorpe, J. Verhulst, C. Rayala. The following 7 Supervisors voted nay: A. Bauman, M. Bedish, G. Cizek, L. Kukanich, D. Nielsen, J. Spring and C. Weberg. A ¾ majority vote is required for adoption. Resolution defeated.

Motion by C. Weberg, seconded by S. Favorite to reconsider adopting Resolution 2007-112. Discussion. 20 Supervisors voted aye to allow reconsideration of Resolution 2007-112. One Supervisor voted nay: D. Nielsen. Resolution 2007-112 may be reconsidered.

Motion by S. Doyen, seconded by L. Thorpe to again adopt. Discussion. A roll call vote found the following 15 Supervisors voting aye: C. Ahlborn, J. Annin, E. Bluthardt, R. De Bruyne, S. Doyen, B. Egan, S. Favorite, J. Harrison, C. Mayer, F. Radtke, K. Rushlow, L. Thorpe, J. Verhulst, C. Weberg and C. Rayala. The following 6 Supervisors voted nay: A. Bauman, M. Bedish, G. Cizek, L. Kukanich, D. Nielsen and J. Spring. A ¾ majority vote is required for adoption. Resolution again defeated.

**RES. 2007-113**

**(TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND INTO MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT'S 2007 BUDGET)**

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

**RES. 2007-114**

**(ESTABLISHING A CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM)**

This resolution was withdrawn by the Law Enforcement Committee Chairman R. De Bruyne, due to lack of prior committee approval.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

R. De Bruyne presented his opinion that County Board issues become contentious at times due to lack of full and complete information given to Supervisors at time of deliberation. He suggested that the Vilas County Board should consider meeting periodically to discuss and share committee information. F. Radtke further commented that we need to communicate across committee lines more effectively. E. Bluthardt added that many municipal boards hold agenda meetings prior to

full board meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT UNTIL AFTER BUDGET HEARING**

At 11:40 A.M. Chairman Rayala requested a motion to adjourn the regular County Board meeting and to provide a recess of 15 minutes, after which time a motion may be made to convene the Annual Budget Hearing -Vilas County Tentative Budget for 2008. Motion by J. Verhulst, seconded by A. Bauman to adjourn the regular County Board meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

### **ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING - VILAS COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2008**

Chairman Rayala called the Budget Hearing to order at 11:55 A.M.

Roll call found the following members present: Charles Ahlborn, John Annin, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gene Ciszek, Ronald De Bruyne, Steven Doyen, Bob Egan, Stephan Favorite, Jack Harrison, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Fred Radtke, Kathleen Rushlow, James Spring, Linda Thorpe, Jay Verhulst, Craig Weberg and Charles Rayala. The Clerk reported 21 Supervisors in attendance. A quorum of the County Board was present.

The Clerk reported at this time that the proposed budget tax levy was in excess of the amount currently allowed by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by S. Favorite to amend the Vilas County Tentative Budget for 2008 expense line for the Human Service Center by the addition of \$38,791.00. Discussion. 20 Supervisors voted aye. 1 nay vote: J. Verhulst.

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by C. Mayer, to amend the Vilas County Tentative Budget for 2008 expense and revenue lines to reflect prior actions taken during the regular county board meeting:

Sheriff's Dept.	Add \$19,000.00 to expense line.
Land Conservation Com.	Add \$56,737.78 to expense line.
Land Conservation Com.	Add \$15,000.00 to revenue line.

and furthermore to apply an additional \$2,308,041.19 from surplus funds to the \$800,000.00 originally proposed to further reduce the proposed property tax levy to an amount less than the required levy limit. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by J. Verhulst, to adjourn the 2008 Budget Hearing and to reconvene the previously adjourned County Board meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

### **RES. 2007-104 (2008 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PROPERTY TAX LEVY APPORTIONMENT)**

2008 Budget

Grand Total Expenditures	\$ 25,603,911.94	
Less All Revenues	\$ 10,620,711.75	
Less Funds From General Fund	\$ 3,108,041.19	
Less Exempt Computer Aid	<u>\$ 3,690.32</u>	
2008 Approved Net Expense (Levy)	\$ 11,871,468.68	Rate \$1.54 per M.

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by C. Mayer to adopt. Discussion. 19 voting aye. 2 voting nay: F. Radtke and J. Verhulst. Carried.

**PAY PER DIEM**

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by E. Bluthardt to approve. All voting aye. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by A Bauman, seconded by C. Mayer to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Prepared and submitted by:

David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk