

**Vilas County Board Proceedings
2008**

August 19,

This meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors began at 9:00 A.M., in the conference rooms located in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI.

County Board Chairman Stephen Favorite called the meeting to order and instructed the Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following: AA Public meeting notice was given to the public by posting at the Vilas County Courthouse, the Olson 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 June 13, 2008, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. @ The Clerk then requested that all present silence 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: Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gene Cizek, Ronald De Bruyne, Bob Egan, Jack Harrison, Sig Hjemvick, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, Fred Radtke, Charles Rayala, Jr., Kathleen Rushlow, Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe and Stephan Favorite. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance. A quorum of the County Board was present.

The Chair then called for the following motions:

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

At this time the Chair introduced Ralph J. Sitzberger as his appointee to fill the vacancy in Supervisory District #1 created by the resignation of John Annin. Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by E. Bluthardt to approve the appointment. All voting aye. Carried.

The Chair then introduced Emil Bakka as his appointee to fill the vacancy in Supervisory District #5 created by the resignation of Charles Ahlborn.. Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by Erv Teichmiller to approve the appointment. All voting aye. Carried.

The Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to the two appointees, and they took their respective seats at the County Board table. The Clerk noted that a full complement of 21 Supervisors were now in attendance.

The Chair then announced that the current vacancy on the Vilas County Highway Committee was required to be filled by a plurality vote of those Supervisors in attendance. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. J. Harrison nominated E. Bluthardt. After two more calls for nominations by the Chair, and hearing none, a motion was made by L. Thorpe, seconded by D. Nielsen to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for E. Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried. E. Bluthardt was elected to the Highway Committee.

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by L. Thorpe to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by C. Rayala , seconded by C. Mayer to omit the reading of resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk unless requested from the floor. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by L. Thorpe 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.

Beginning at 9:10 A.M. Jodi Traas, Risk Management Consultant representing the Aegis Corporation, Vilas County's liability insurance carrier, gave a presentation to the Board titled Mitigating Sexual Harassment Liability. This presentation concluded at 9:40 A.M.

Convene into Closed Session: A motion was made by E. Bluthardt, seconded by C. Rayala to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. For the purpose of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the Vilas County Highway Shop located in Arbor Vitae, WI. A roll call vote found all board members in attendance voting aye. Closed session was convened at 9:42 A.M. The meeting room was cleared of spectators and the doors were closed.

Adjourn from Closed Session: A motion was made by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Thorpe to adjourn from closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. A roll call vote found all members in attendance voting aye. Closed session was adjourned at 10:52 A.M. The doors were opened and spectators were allowed back in.

No action was taken by the Board regarding any issues discussed during the closed session. The Chair called for a brief recess at this time.

At this time Human Service Center Director Ann Cleereman presented the Board with information concerning the County's financial expenditures with regards to that agency. Questions were then addressed to her by various Board members. Her presentation concluded at 11:24 A.M.

At 11:25 A.M. Supervisor A. Bauman excused himself from the meeting due to a previously scheduled appointment.

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. 2008-61

(IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES AHLBORN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY BOARD)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-62

(IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN ANNIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY BOARD)

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-63

(COUNTY AID CULVERT ON OLD HIGHWAY 45 – TOWN OF CONOVER)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

At 11:32 A.M. the Chair recused himself and left the meeting room, to avoid possible conflict of interest regarding any discussion or action being taken concerning the next three resolutions. Vice-Chair K. Rushlow assumed leadership of the meeting at this time.

RES. 2008-64

(2008-2010 INCREASE IN WAGES FOR JAIL/COMMUNICATION SERGEANTS OF THE SUPERVISORY OFFICERS RELATIONS DIVISION)

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

RES. 2008-73

(APPROVAL OF BIG ST. GERMAIN LAKE AREA DISTRICT PETITION)

Motion by M. Platner, seconded by E. Teichmiller to adopt. Discussion. Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by C. Rayala to table this resolution until the LWCC Department can investigate a complaint from a citizen regarding his claim that his property has been improperly included in the proposed lake district. Roll call vote requested. The following 15 members voted aye to table: E. Bakka, M. Bedish, E. Bluthardt, G. Ciszek, R. De Bruyne, B. Egan, J. Harrison, S. Hjemvick, C. Mayer, D. Nielsen, F. Radtke, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, R. Sitzberger and L. Thorpe. The following 4 members voted no to table: J. Behling, L. Kukanich, M. Platner and E. Teichmiller. Resolution tabled as described.

RES. 2008-80

(2008-2010 CONTRACT FOR VILAS COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 118)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. Roll call vote requested. The following 14 members voted aye to approve the resolution: E. Bakka, J. Behling, G. Ciszek, B. Egan, J. Harrison, S. Hjemvick, C. Mayer, D. Nielsen, M. Platner, C. Rayala, K. Rushlow, R. Sitzberger, E. Teichmiller and L. Thorpe. The following 5 members voted no: M. Bedish, E. Bluthardt, R. De Bruyne, L. Kukanich and F. Radtke. Carried.

At 11:57 A.M. Chairman Favorite returned and assumed leadership over the remainder of the meeting.

RES. 2008-65

(INCREASE IN HOURS AND 2009-2010 INCREASE IN SALARY FOR NON-REPRESENTED SALARIED EMPLOYEES)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by E. Bluthardt to amend the resolution as follows:

Amend the dollar amount in Lines 13 and 21 to read \$15,169.67.

Amend the dollar amount in Line 26 to read \$68,870.00.

All voting aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2008-66

(BAKER DIGITAL VOICE STRESS ANALYZER GRANT)

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by b. Egan to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-67

(ASPIRUS FOUNDATION GRANT)

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-68

(CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN GRANT)

Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-69

(DELTA DENTAL GRANT)

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-70

(AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION'S HARRIS FUND GRANT APPLICATION)

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-71

(WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION GRANT)

Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-72

(MINISTRY POOLED FUNDS GRANT APPLICATION)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-74

(VILAS COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES/TRADES)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-75

**(OPPOSITION TO THE FOREST-WIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PROJECT PLAN
IN THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST AS PROPOSED BY THE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE)**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-76

**(CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL WISCONSIN ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS, INC.
FOR THE ARBOR VITAE HIGHWAY SHOP)**

The Chair announced that this resolution was withdrawn from consideration by the Highway Committee Chairman.

RES. 2008-77

**(AMEND VILAS COUNTY BUSINESS TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
POLICY)**

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by E. Bluthardt to amend the resolution as follows:

Amend Line 18 to read as follows: \$40.00 per day, is hereby approved and shall become effective September 1, 2008. 20 voting aye on the amendment. 1 no vote: F. Radtke.

Amendment carried. All voting aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2008-78

(THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR VILAS COUNTY FIXED ASSETS)

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-79

**(CANCEL 2004 THROUGH 2006 TAXES IN THE TOWN OF MANITOWISH
WATERS)**

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by C. Rayala to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-81

(HIRING ONE TELECOMMUNICATOR DUE TO RETIREMENT)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-82

(TREASURER'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY A POSITION)

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by F. Radtke to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-83

**(ONE PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF {LIMITED TERM EMPLOYEE} / DARE
OFFICER)**

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-84

(HIRING ONE CORRECTION OFFICER DUE TO VACANCY)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-85

(HELEN BADER FOUNDATION GRANT – PROJECT LIFESAVER)

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

RES. 2008-86

(PRESCRIPTION DRUG CENTRALIZED DATABASE)

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

RES. 2008-87

(PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DENTAL ASSISTANT)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-88

(LETTER OF INTENT TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP A VILAS COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER {ADRC})

Motion by M. Platner, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by E. Bluthardt to amend the attached fiscal impact statement to read as follows:

One meeting per month, 3 County Board members attending, 6 meetings total = ~~\$\$810.00~~ \$900.00 in per diem.

Estimated mileage for 3 County Board members = \$400.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT = ~~\$1,210.00~~ \$1,300.00

To be paid for out of county board meetings and mileage line item.

All voting aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. All voting aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2008-89

(CLERK OF COURT ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY A POSITION)

Motion by B. Egan, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-90

(JAIL TWO-WAY RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2008-91

(COURTHOUSE AND JUSTICE CENTER PHONE SYSTEM STUDY)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adopt. Discussion. A 2/3 majority positive vote is required for passage. All voting aye. Carried.

RATIFICATION OF COUNTY BOARD LAKE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

The Chair announced the following LWCC Committee appointments of County Board Supervisors as Lake District Representatives, to be approved by the County Board:

Kathleen Rushlow – Spectacle Lake District.

Erv Teichmiller – Little Arbor Vitae Lake District.

The above 2 Supervisors abstained from taking any action regarding these appointments.

Motion by J. Harrison, seconded by L. Thorpe to approve the appointment of Kathleen Rushlow. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by L. Thorpe to approve the appointment of Erv Teichmiller. All voting aye. Carried.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Chair presented annual reports from the following Vilas County departments:

a. Commission on Aging

b. Highway Department

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by K. Rushlow to approve the department reports. All voting aye. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Egan presented a handout from the Economic Development Committee, and announced that the committee would be meeting with local municipalities to discuss mutual economic development issues.

M. Platner reported on progress concerning the ADRC Fact Finding committee. She stated that the committee members were working hard, and she especially thanked Social Services Director Greg Schiek and Commission on Aging Director Joe Fortmann for their guidance and expertise.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair announced that mileage would be paid to all Supervisors who attend the upcoming October, 2008 Finance Committee budget hearings. In addition, per diem will be paid to those Supervisors who are present each day for the entire hearing.

PAY PER DIEM

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by J. Harrison to approve payment of per diem. All voting aye. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by E. Bluthardt to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 P.M.

Prepared and submitted by:
David R. Alleman

Vilas County Clerk