

**Vilas County Board Proceedings
2009**

January 20,

This 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.

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: AA Public meeting notice was given to the public by posting on the bulletin boards in the hall by the main entrance to the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. The Vilas County News-Review; the Rhinelander Daily News; the Lakeland Times; 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 on January 15, 2009 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 allowed Supervisor Teichmiller to comment on the historical aspects of the Presidential Inauguration being held this day and its significance to the furtherance of democracy. Supervisor Teichmiller then introduced Dimitri Kazakutsa, a local foreign exchange student from the Ukraine, who was attending the County Board meeting to experience first hand how the democratic process works.

Supervisor Rushlow then reported that retired Vilas County Information Systems Director Ron Schuchart had passed away earlier this morning.

Recently hired Assistant Vilas County Corporation Counsel Tara Alfonso introduced herself to the assembly.

The Chairman asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman then asked the assembly to remain standing for a moment of silence in commemoration of the recent passing of former Vilas County Board Chairman Francis Dussault and retired I.S. Director Ron Schuchart.

Roll call found the following members present: Emil Bakka, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gene Cizek, Ronald De Bruyne, Jack Harrison, Sig Hjemvick, Leon Kukanich, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, Fred Radtke, Charles Rayala, Jr., Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph J. Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe and Stephen Favorite. Alden Bauman previously notified the Clerk that he would be late. Bob Egan was previously excused. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance. A quorum of the County Board was present.

The Chairman then called for the following motions:

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

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by D. Nielsen to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by E. Bluthardt, seconded by D. Nielsen to omit the reading of resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk unless requested from the floor. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by G. Ciszek, seconded by R. Sitzberger 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.

Alden Bauman joined the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

At 9:10 A.M. Aegis Corporation Loss Control specialist Jodi Traas began a presentation titled Safety Coordinator Position & Responsibilities. Her presentation concluded at 9:36 A.M.

The Board then acted on all resolutions and ordinances in the order as posted.

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

RES. 2009-1

(UNIFIED LOWER EAGLE RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES COMMISSION SHORT TERM LOAN - INTEREST PAYMENT)

County Board Chairman S. Favorite recused himself from any discussion or action concerning this resolution. Vice Chair K. Rushlow led the meeting at this time.

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

County Board Chairman S. Favorite returned and re-assumed leadership of the meeting.

RES. 2009-2

(ST. GERMAIN ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT / GAS SYSTEM STORAGE TANKS)

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

RES. 2009-3

(PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILAS COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by J. Harrison to adopt. Discussion. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2009-4

(IN MEMORIAM – FRANCIS DUSSAULT)

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

RES. 2009-5

(TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by R. De Bruyne to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority positive vote is required for adoption. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2009-6

(TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO COUNTY CORONER BUDGET)

Motion by J. Harrison, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority positive vote is required for adoption. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2009-7

(TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO COUNTY BOARD BUDGET)

Motion by J. Harrison, seconded by L. Kukanich to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority positive vote is required for adoption. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2009-8

(TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO PERSONNEL BUDGET)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority positive vote is required for adoption. All voting aye. Carried.

RES. 2009-9

(AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL GRANT FUNDING)

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

RES. 2009-10

(VILAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARD USE POLICY)

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. 20 voting aye. 1 voting nay: E. Bluthardt. Carried.

911 WIRELESS GRANT REPORT

Sheriff John Niebuhr presented a report detailing the receipt by Vilas County of 911 Grant revenues as reimbursement for County dollars spent on developing the 911 emergency dispatch system. A total of \$401,433.47 has been reimbursed to Vilas County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. Nielsen reported that the Restorative Justice Program processed 720 contacts and 94 referrals through December 31, 2008.

E. Teichmiller asked Commission on Aging Director Joe Fortmann to comment on recent meal site inspections conducted by the State. The report showed that Vilas County is in 100% compliance with established guidelines.

E. Teichmiller also reported that the ADRC/Human Services Ad Hoc Committee was meeting on a regular basis, and was also attending meetings with Oneida County relative to Human Services issues.

L. Thorpe reported that the Tourism & Publicity Committee had all County departments scheduled to provide periodic press releases in an effort to boost local awareness of County department functions.

K. Rushlow asked Chief Deputy Joe Fath to provide a brief overview of the recently approved Operation Lifesaver program. This program will provide electronic tracking of disabled individuals who may be prone to wandering away from caregivers.

A. Bauman reported that the Social Services Board had begun inviting department personnel to their meetings in an effort to get to know the individual employees. He encouraged other committees to adopt this practice.

J. Harrison reported that the Highway Department would be the recipient of Bureau of Indian Affairs

funds earmarked to reimburse 50% of the County's costs incurred for improvements made on the 32 miles of County Trunk highways located within the boundaries of the Lac du Flambeau reservation.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

F. Radtke recommended that the Wisconsin County Mutual Corporation be considered if a change is to be made in worker's compensation carriers.

R. De Bruyne thanked all Vilas County Highway Department personnel for their efforts this winter regarding snow and ice removal on local roads.

Chairman S. Favorite presented the following Letters and Communications:

1. Remarks concerning the recent Oldenburg Group land trade and soccer fields purchase.
2. Appointment of Supervisor Thorpe to the Project Lifesaver Steering Committee.
3. Recent restructuring of the Research & Planning Ad Hoc Committee.
4. Announced attendance by County Board leadership at the February, 2009 Legislative Exchange to be held in Madison, Wisconsin.
5. Announced that he would be considering appointments/re-appointments of County Board and citizen members to the Human Service 51.42 Board.
6. Reported that all County Board Supervisors, who also serve as Lake District Board Commissioners, are required to attend a State required training. The next training will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on March 19, 2009.
7. Announced that the Finance & Budget Committee would no longer accept any handwritten meal receipts as proof for meal expense reimbursement claims.
8. Reported that he has received positive comments regarding the recent work of the County Board.

The Chairman then announced that the March and September County Board meetings had been rescheduled due to conflicts with other events.

The Chairman then read a letter from the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation regarding the 2007 declared dividend of \$500,000.00, to be shared by member counties. Vilas County's share totaled \$5,451.00.

PAY PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Rayala, seconded by G. Cizek to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by:

David R. Alleman

Vilas County Clerk