

**VILAS COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
2010**

NOVEMBER 9,

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.

CALL TO ORDER

Vilas County Board Vice-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: A 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 and Channel 12 TV were notified on November 5, 2010 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call found the following members present: Emil Bakka, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gene Cizek, Ronald De Bruyne, Bob Egan, Stephen Favorite, Jack Harrison, Sig Hjemvick, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, Fred Radtke, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph J. Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. Alden Bauman was delayed. Leon Kukanich and Charles Rayala, Jr. were excused. The Clerk reported 18 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

The Vice-Chairman then called for the following motions:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN ANY ORDER

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by E. Bakka to approve the agenda, to be discussed in any order at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 MEETING

Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by K. Rushlow to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

OMIT READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY THE COUNTY CLERK UNLESS REQUESTED

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by E. Bakka to omit the reading of all resolutions and ordinances by the Clerk, unless requested from the floor. All voted aye. Carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES TO ACT ON ANY RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES RECEIVED AFTER THE TEN DAY DEADLINE

Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by D. Nielsen 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 voted aye. Carried.

RECOGNIZE JOAN LEFEBVRE, UW EXTENSION FAMILY LIVING AGENT FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE – NANCY MILLER.

UW Extension Director Nancy Miller presented family Living Agent Joan LeFebvre and commended her for her 35 years of service to Vilas, Forest and Florence counties. Ms. LeFebvre then spoke about her experiences during her years of service to the tri-county area.

Supervisor Alden Bauman joined the meeting at 9:23 A.M.. 19 Supervisors were now present.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – PROGRESS REPORT

Economic Development Committee Chairman Bob Egan presented a progress report detailing the efforts made by the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation to select a director. The selection process will soon be finished. He also reported that a list of those individuals willing to participate in the Angel Network is being compiled.

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. 2010-123

(TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO COUNTY CORONER BUDGET)

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

RES. 2010-124

(MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR)

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

RES. 2010-125

(HIRING ONE FULL TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT CLERK DUE TO VACANCY)

This resolution was withdrawn from consideration by the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee.

RES. 2010-126

(WISCONSIN TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL SOFTWARE (TRaCS) GRANT)

Motion by B. Egan, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. 18 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. Sitzberger. Carried.

RES. 2010-127
(CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST VACANCY)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ positive majority vote is required for adoption. 18 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. De Bruyne. Carried.

RES. 2010-128
(VILAS COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING, NUTRITION PROGRAM, LAND O' LAKES MEALSITE MANAGER POSITION VACANCY)

Motion by E. Teichmiller, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by K. Rushlow to amend the resolution by adding language at the end of Line #14 as follows: Line #14 ... individual for the Land O' Lakes Meal Site Manager position, contingent upon the continuation of Federal, State and other funding. Discussion. 17 voted aye on the amendment. 2 voted no: A. Bauman and C. Mayer. Amendment carried. A $\frac{3}{4}$ positive majority vote is required for adoption. All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2010-129
(BUDGET AMENDMENT)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by S. Hjemvick to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-130
(2011 VILAS COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE AGREEMENT)

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by E. Teichmiller to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-131
(LUMBERJACK RC&D GRANT SUPPORT FOR GROUNDWATER TESTING AND EDUCATION)

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-132
(SOLID WASTE & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EFFECTIVE RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT)

Motion by G. Ciszek, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-134
(DOCUMENT TECHNICIAN VACANCY)

Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. A $\frac{3}{4}$ positive majority vote is required for adoption. 18 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. De Bruyne. Carried.

At this time, Vice-Chairman S. Favorite recused himself from any deliberation or action concerning the following resolution. Second Vice-Chairman A. Bauman assumed leadership of the meeting.

RES. 2010-135

(HIRING TWO FULL TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT CLERKS DUE TO VACANCIES)

Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. A ¾ positive majority vote is required for adoption. 17 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. De Bruyne. Carried.

Vice-Chairman S. Favorite returned and resumed leadership of the meeting.

RES. 2010-136

(COUNTY-TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT 2010)

Motion by S. Favorite, seconded by A. Bauman to adopt. Discussion. Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by K. Rushlow to amend the title of the resolution by correcting the year to read 2011. All voted aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. Motion by B. Egan, seconded by S. Hjemvick to amend page 3 of the agreement by increasing the dollar amount listed in the second paragraph from the top to \$87,807.00. All voted aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2010-137

(VILAS COUNTY PROCLAMATION)

Motion by J. Harrison, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-138

(ECONOMIC SUPPORT SPECIALIST B)

Motion by A. Bauman, seconded by D. Nielsen to adopt. Discussion. A ¾ positive majority vote is required for adoption. 18 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. De Bruyne. Carried.

RES. 2010-139

(AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by L. Thorpe to adopt. Discussion. Motion by K. Rushlow, seconded by A. Bauman to amend the resolution by adding language at the end of Line #16 as follows: Line #16 ...Services for 2011 is hereby approved, with costs not to exceed \$18,000.00. All voted aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2010-140

(ANNUAL FOREST ADMINISTRATOR GRANT & WORK PLAN)

Motion by J. Harrison, seconded by K. Rushlow to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-141

(COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENTS)

Motion by J. Harrison, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-142

(APPLY FOR PROJECT LOAN TO PURCHASE PICKUP TRUCK)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by B. Egan to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-143

(RESCINDING CHANGES MADE TO PREVAILING WAGE LAWS)

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by B. Egan to adopt. Discussion. 18 voted aye. 1 voted no: E. Teichmiller. Carried.

RES. 2010-144

(CHANGE OF CURRENT LAKE SPECIALIST POSITION FROM LIMITED TERM TO REGULAR STATUS)

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by M. Platner to adopt. Discussion. Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by K. Rushlow to amend the resolution by adding language at the end of Line #25 as follows: Line #25 ...employee. The term of the Lake Specialist position shall remain contingent upon available Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection funding. 18 voted aye on the amendment. 1 voted no: E. Bluthardt. Amendment carried. All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

RES. 2010-144

(PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOILER AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL UPGRADE RENOVATION PROJECT)

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by J. Harrison to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-145

(SHERIFF'S DETECTIVE SERGEANT AND SUBORDINATE POSITION IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)

Motion by D. Nielsen, seconded by K. Rushlow to adopt. Discussion. Motion by F. Radtke, seconded by M. Bedish to postpone consideration of this resolution until the January 2011 meeting. 1 voted aye to postpone: F. Radtke. 18 voted no. Postponement failed. Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by J. Behling to amend the resolution by deleting language beginning at line #25 as follows: Line #25 ...position of Detective Sergeant, and also fill the vacant position that this appointment may create (Deputy Sheriff). 11 voted aye on the amendment. 8 voted no: A. Bauman, E. Bluthardt, G. Cizek, B. Egan, S. Hjermvick, D. Nielsen, F. Radtke and K. Rushlow. Amendment carried. A ¾ positive majority vote is required for adoption. 17 voted aye on the resolution as amended. 2 voted no: D. Nieslen and F. Radtke. Carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 85-234

(PROPOSED VILAS COUNTY GENERAL ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS)

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by J. Harrison to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. Thorpe reported that the Personnel Committee and the Corporation Counsel were formulating a policy calling for annual performance reviews of department heads, to be conducted by the committee of jurisdiction.

E. Teichmiller reported that the ADRC Planning group continued to meet, and now comprised representatives from five counties and two tribes. ADRC implementation has been pushed back to 2012 due to State budgetary considerations.

S. Hjemvick presented a Snowmobile Safety Committee sponsored brochure detailing the new intersection numbering system. This system will allow EMS services to pinpoint the dispatching of aid to locations on the trails.

C. Mayer reported that Zoning Department permit revenues continued to surpass 2010 expectations.

B. Egan thanked the Mapping Department for their aid in updating the various snowmobile trail maps. He also thanked retiring Sheriff John Niebuhr for his 35 years of service to Vilas County. The County Board then honored Sheriff Niebuhr with a standing ovation.

K. Rushlow reported that the L.E.P.C Committee was reviewing emergency actions taken during the recent area wide power outages. She described the overall emergency response as being very good.

S. Favorite reported that the Forestry Department had acquired a large amount of tax delinquent land, including 3 homes, located in Land O' Lakes.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

S. Favorite read a letter from the WCA Chairman regarding the County Ambassador Program. He also relayed a letter from the State, announcing that the recent annual jail inspection had giving the jail and the jail kitchen facilities a "five star rating". He thanked the personnel in charge of those facilities.

Nancy Miller pointed out that the bookmarks provided at each members place included a group photo of all sixth graders in Vilas County.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL AFTER BUDGET HEARING

Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by R. Sitzberger to adjourn the regular November 9, 2010 County Board meeting until after the Annual Budget Public Hearing. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

The Vice-Chairman called for a short recess prior to convening the Annual Budget Public Hearing.

ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Vice-Chairman called the Annual Budget Public Hearing to order at 11:00 A. M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call found the following members present: Emil Bakka, Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, James Behling, Edward Bluthardt, Jr., Gene Cizek, Ronald De Bruyne, Bob Egan, Stephen Favorite, Jack Harrison, Sig Hjemvick, Christopher Mayer, Dennis Nielsen, Mary Platner, Fred Radtke, Kathleen Rushlow, Ralph J. Sitzberger, Erv Teichmiller and Linda Thorpe. Leon

Kukanich and Charles Rayala, Jr. were excused. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

PRESENTATION OF 2011 VILAS COUNTY BUDGET

County Board Vice-Chairman S. Favorite presented the 2011 proposed budget and asked Finance & Budget Committee Chairperson K. Rushlow for her remarks. K. Rushlow thanked the Supervisors who were able to attend and offer their insight during the Finance & Budget Committee budget hearings. She also thanked County Departments for their diligence in lowering their operating budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, the Vice-Chairman called for public comment from the audience. Three calls for public comments were made, and none being heard, the Vice-Chairman closed the Annual Budget Public Hearing.

RECONVENE REGULAR COUNTY BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTION ON THE 2011 VILAS COUNTY BUDGET

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by K. Rushlow to reconvene the adjourned November 9, 2010 Vilas County Board meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2010-133

(2011 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PROPERTY TAX LEVY)

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by J. Harrison to adopt. Discussion. Motion by L. Thorpe, seconded by K. Rushlow to amend the Vilas County Tentative Budget for 2011 summary as follows: On page 3 at Line # 5 – Land Conservation Committee: Increase total department expense budget by \$69,051.50 so that it totals \$286,723.14.

On page 6 at Line # 22 – St. Aid ~ LCC Conservation: Increase total revenue budget by \$33,795.00 so that it totals \$54,995.00.

This amendment changes budget amounts as follows:

Total expenditures <u>increased</u> by	\$ 69,051.50
Total revenues <u>increased</u> by	\$ 33,795.00
Less funds from General Fund <u>increased</u> by	\$ 35,256.50

All voted aye on the amendment. Amendment carried. Adoption of the amendment resulted in the amended 2011 Budget totals as listed below:

2011 Budget as amended

Grand Total Expenditures	\$ 27,600,067.33	
Less All Revenues	\$ 13,553,795.61	
Less Funds From General Fund	\$ 945,998.47	
Less Exempt Computer Aid	\$ <u>4,746.79</u>	
2011 Approved Net Expense (Levy)	\$ 13,095,526.46	Rate \$1.74 per M.

All voted aye on the resolution as amended. Carried.

PAY PER DIEM

Motion by R. Sitzberger, seconded by J. Harrison to approve payment of per diem. All voted aye. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Mayer, seconded by E. Teichmiller to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by:
David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk