

**Call to order:**

The Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. in the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by committee Chairman Mark Rogacki with the following committee members present: Rocky Caffarella, Walt Maciag, Carolyn Ritter and Erv Teichmiller. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Mike Biszek, Tom Nitz and David Alleman. Open meeting law complied with and quorum verified

**Roll call:**

The Chair called the roll and affirmed that all committee members were present.

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

**Motion by C. Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Maciag to approve the agenda, with the agenda order to be presented at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Approve June 9, 2014 meeting minutes:**

**Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ritter to approve the June 9, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Chapter 7 – Traffic – Ordinance:**

The proposed ordinance change was proposed and discussed. C. Ritter explained that the issue involve the use of “fat tire bikes” which are able to be ridden on groomed snowmobile trails. Southern counties are experiencing safety conflicts between fat tire bikes and snowmobilers, and the Snowmobile Safety Committee wishes to take proactive action to prevent fat tire bike use on the snowmobile trails during the winter season. W. Maciag asked for clarification regarding the language concerning the rights of private landowners to grant permission, asking if that action wouldn't allow for the conflicting use. R. Caffarella responded that most private landowners would be unavailable and most fat tire bike users will have no knowledge of the ownership of the trail that they would be riding upon. E. Teichmiller questioned how the public would be notified of this prohibition. He suggested postponing any action on the ordinance amendment until further clarifications can be provided. **Motion by R. Caffarella, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ritter to approve the ordinance amendment and to send it on to the County Board for their consideration. Discussion. 1 voted aye: R. Caffarella. 4 voted no. Motion failed.** The committee again discussed postponing action on the amendment. E. Teichmiller contended that the ordinance amendment was dead to further committee action and needed to be referred to the originating committee. C. Ritter contended that the amendment remained before the committee for further action. The Chair ruled that further action could be considered. **Motion by C. Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Teichmiller to postpone further action on the ordinance amendment until the August 8, 2014 Legislative & Judicial Committee meeting. 4 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. Caffarella. Postponement carried.**

**Contact Department Heads – positions in regards to Standing Committees:**

The Clerk provided responses received from department heads for committee review. M. Biszek questioned why the Veterans Services Department reports to the Legislative & Judicial Committee. He suggested his department report to the Veterans Services

Commission if committee consolidation is considered. This was discussed. E. Teichmiller discussed the need for the committee to help facilitate committee consolidation, stating that the process would be more effective if led by this committee. That concept was discussed. The committee discussed the belief by several department heads that committee consolidation would result in the consolidation of departments. The Clerk was instructed to insert into the minutes that department consolidation is not under consideration by the Legislative & Judicial Committee. The Chair asked that this issue remain on the August agenda.

**WCA legislative platform:**

The Clerk provided the WCA Platform manual and two additional WCA publications to each member. The Chair explained the content of the manual and urged each member to review the document in its entirety.

**Legislative issues:**

Nothing presented.

**Standing Rules & Committee Duties – amendments and revisions:**

The Clerk presented the status of ongoing Standing Rules changes. The committee discussed additional changes to VIII. Snowmobile Safety Committee. **Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Maciag to amend line #4 under Snowmobile Safety Committee as follows:** It shall support the Vilas County ~~Snowmobile Alliance and other recreational~~ trail user groups in their efforts to promote ~~safer snowmobiling~~, safer trails and positive public relations regarding all Vilas County recreational trails. **Discussion. 4 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. Caffarella. Carried.**

**Motion by C. Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Maciag to amend line #1 under Snowmobile Safety Committee as follows:** It shall be comprised of: a county board supervisor from the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee, ~~a county board member to represent equestrian interests, an~~ and two county board supervisors appointed by the County Board Chairperson, the Parks & Recreation Administrator, a member of the Sheriff's Department, Public Health Department and the Tourism & Publicity Department, a member of DNR law enforcement, the president/ vice-president of the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance, and four additional representatives from local snowmobile clubs representing the four quadrants of the County and a representatives from other trail user groups. **Discussion. Motion by E. Teichmiller to amend the motion by adding language allowing for an equestrian trail user group representative. Motion to amend died for lack of a second. Discussion. Motion by C. Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Teichmiller to amend the motion by removing language allowing for the appointment by the County Board Chairperson of a third county board member and to further revise the last part of the last sentence to read: ...from other permitted trail user groups. 4 voted aye on the amendment. 1 voted no. R. Caffarella. Amendment carried. 4 voted aye on the motion as amended. 1 voted no. R. Caffarella. Carried.**

The Clerk informed the committee that several Standing Rules changes discussed in the June meeting remained to be acted upon.

**Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Maciag to amend line #2 under Formation of Vilas County Committees by striking the entirety of the last sentence and to approve all other prior changes to line #3. 4 voted aye. 1 voted no: R. Caffarella. Carried.**

**Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ritter to approve all prior changes made under The Duties of Vilas County Committees line numbers 3, 13, 14 and 15. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Motion by E. Teichmiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Ritter to amend line #3 under H. Creation of Resolutions and Ordinances as follows:** Finance Director's Fiscal Comment. Every resolution, ordinance, or written motion that contains a fiscal impact statement must be presented to the Finance Director for review and ~~must~~ may contain a comment. **The motion also approves all other prior changes made to line numbers 3 and 4. All voted aye. Carried.**

**Letters and Communications:**

R. Caffarella inquired as to the proper channel to request that the Personnel Committee post job opening internally at least one week prior to posting externally. He was directed to contact the Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

**Future meeting date:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 8, 2014.

**Adjournment:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:43 A.M.

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

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.