

**MINUTES OF THE VILAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
February 10, 2014**

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Present: Alden Bauman, Maynard Bedish, Jim Galloway, Kate Gardner, Corinne Hoffmann, Mark Rogacki, Eric Swanson, Erv Teichmiller

Absent/Excused: Mary Kim Black

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Bauman.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda in Any Order

**Motion by Bedish, seconded by Rogacki, to approve the agenda as published. All voted aye, carried.**

4. Approval of January 13, 2014 Minutes

**Motion by Teichmiller, seconded by Bedish, to approve the minutes from January 13, 2014. All voted aye, carried.**

5. Juvenile Intake Supervisors Report

- a) Budget – Monthly budget and expenses were handed out for Board review. Swanson indicated department staff will continue to use the old vehicle as well as the new one, which will save dollars.
- b) Line Item Transfers – None
- c) Property – None

Swanson advised the committee there will be a resolution brought up to the board at the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting to add one LTE to his department. The personnel committee indicated they were in agreement with this proposal to add staff.

Discussion pursued regarding the oversight limitation of the committee related to Juvenile Justice and the concern that this may result in insufficient support for the department head. Suggestion made by Rogacki for Bauman and Swanson to have meeting with judge concerning this.

6. Department of Social Services

- a) Monthly Budget & Review – monthly budget report for November passed around for review.
- b) Line Item Transfer – None
- c) Property – None this month, but there will be property in the months ahead. Upgrading desktop computers and monitors.
- d) Resolutions – Coordinated Services Teams (CST) Grant - Gardner presented resolution for CST Grant (materials explaining purpose of CST sent out in Board packet.) Resolution will allow Tri-County Human Services to be the administrator of the grant which is being applied for for as a region to include Forest County.

**Motion by Teichmiller to bring CST Resolution to full County Board on 02/25/14,**

**Seconded by Bedish, all voting AYE**

- e) Policies – None
- f) Update Senate Bill 308/Assembly Bill 387 – County Funding Proposal for Non-Violent Juvenile Offenders – Gardner provided update on WCHSA’s County Funding Proposal for the bills which bring first time, non-violent juvenile offenders, age 17 back into the Juvenile Justice system. Question was brought up by Teichmiller concerning the number of offenders in Vilas County that would be affected by this. Swanson indicated there may be 7-10 first time offenders in a six month period affected by this change.

**Motion by Rogacki, seconded by Teichmiller, to support the modifications which will be brought up with this proposal. All voted aye, carried.**

- g) Propane shortage update – Jim Galloway from Emergency Management joined our meeting to discuss the propane shortage in Wisconsin.

On January 25, 2014, Governor Walker wrote an Executive Order Number 130, which relates to the Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Severe Winter Weather and a Propane Shortage.

On January 27, 2014, Governor Scott Walker instructed the Department of Administration’s Division of Energy Services to release an additional \$7 million in energy assistance benefits, for a total of \$8.5 million in additional funds, to help support low-income Wisconsin residents who use propane to heat their homes. The Governor also directed the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to move forward with a combined \$8 million in loan guarantee programs to help ensure propane dealers are able to obtain propane on the wholesale market and deliver it to consumers.

On January 29, 2014, in response to Governor Walker’s declaration of a State of Emergency due to Wisconsin’s propane shortage, the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has established a \$3 million loan guarantee program. WHEDA will provide loan guarantees to banks of 50% of a total loan for dealers to purchase propane, but not to exceed a \$50,000 guarantee amount for a term of one year.

Galloway expressed his appreciation with the Social Services Department, specifically Linda Small and Kate Gardner, for the department’s efficient and effective triage of the many applications the department continues to receive during this crisis.

Please see the following website for more information: <http://ready.wi.gov/propane/>

**7. DSS Director’s Report**

Discussion pursued concerning the timing of family care expansion into our area. Gardner advised Melody Yeager has been appointed to the office of Family Care Expansion from the state of Wisconsin, starting January 24, 2014.

**8. Letters and Communications – None**

**9. Next Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2014 at 10:00 am.**

**10. Adjournment – made by Bauman at 11:00 am.**

