

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Vilas Co. Courthouse by Chairman Sig Hjemvick with the following members present: Dennis Nielsen and Fred Radtke. Others present at this meeting: Steve Favorite, Gene Leveille and Clerk David Alleman.

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

Motion by D. Nielsen, 2nd by F. Radtke to approve the agenda with the agenda order at the Chair's discretion. All voting aye. Carried.

Approve minutes of previous Research & Planning Committee meeting:

Motion by D. Nielsen, 2nd by F. Radtke to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2009 meeting as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

County Administrator position:

S. Hjemvick opened discussion by stating that he felt that the County Board had 3 choices concerning administration of County operations: The County Board Chairperson, election of a County Executive or the hiring of a fulltime County Administrator. F. Radtke would prefer the hiring of an Administrator. S. Hjemvick stated that if that were to occur, the County Board would need to strictly delineate the powers and duties of the Administrator, and would need to be satisfied with any governing power relinquished. F. Radtke would like the County Board Committee that originally researched this issue to be revived. The County Clerk presented the pros and cons regarding County Administrators as discussed by other Wisconsin County Clerks at the recent W.C.C.A. conference. S. Hjemvick asked the Clerk to poll the other County Clerks for pertinent information regarding existing Administrator positions, such as pay range and job descriptions. He also called for a review of the findings of the disbanded committee charged with researching this issue in the past, and has also asked to keep this item on future agendas.

Committee tour of storage POD:

At 9:25 A.M. G. Leveille led the Committee on a tour of the storage POD and adjacent rooms located in the basement of the Justice Center. After returning at 10:03 A.M. a motion was made by F. Radtke, 2nd by D. Nielsen to recommend that the storage POD remain as it is currently used. All voting aye. Carried. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Public Property Committee of this decision.

Closed session:

Motion by F. Radtke, 2nd by D. Nielsen to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating the purchasing of public property. All voting aye. Closed session convened at 10:11 A.M.

Return to open session:

Motion by D. Nielsen, 2nd by F. Radtke to return to adjourn the closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(e) and return to open session. All voting aye. Return to open session at 10:28 A.M.

Committee may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session.

Motion by F. Radtke, 2nd by D. Nielsen to ask the Forestry Dept. to contact the owner of Property #1, to inform that person that current appraisal and purchasing guidelines prohibit Vilas County from purchasing the property at the current asking price. All voting aye. Carried.

Requests by other Committees for research and planning:

Nothing presented.

County lands and buildings – current and future needs:

S. Hjemvick stated that information regarding the continuation of the joint Human Services Center would soon be forthcoming from Oneida County.

Letters and Communications:

D. Nielsen asked if the previously contracted for Space Needs Study regarding the Social Services wing had ever been completed

Set next meeting date and time:

The next meeting of the Research & Planning Committee Monday, May 4, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Motion by F. Radtke, 2nd by D. Nielsen to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk