

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Mayer at 9:01 A.M., at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2.

Present: Gene Ciszek, Sig Hjemvick, Jim Behling, Steve Favorite, Tara Alfonso, Martha Milanowski, Eljean Benson, Debbie Durski and Kris Duening. Excused absence: Chris Mayer and Scott Jensen.

Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Jim Behling to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Jim Behling to approve the previous minutes. All voting aye. Carried.

Veteran=s Service Office Matters–The Committee reviewed the November Expenditure Guideline prepared by Mr. Jensen and the October guideline prepared by the County Clerk. Debbie Durski appeared before the Committee for Mr. Jensen who was out ill today.

Steve Favorite joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Motion by Jim Behling, seconded by Sig Hjemvick to approve the following line item transfers \$100 from Setting Grave makers to Telephone, \$50 from Setting Grave markers to Postage and \$150 from Setting Grave markers to Travel. All voting aye. Carried. The Veteran Service office has received many calls regarding a law that allows veterans that are between 70% - 100% disabled to receive a refund on their income taxes for paying property taxes. Motion by Steve Favorite, seconded by Sig Hjemvick to approve the bills for the veteran service office. All voting aye. Carried.

Child Support Matters– The Committee reviewed the October Expenditure Guideline. Ms. Benson reported that transition between attorneys is going smoothly. Ms. Benson has received several quotes for scanning/imaging their files. So far, the least expensive is Paperclip at \$3,200, which is the company that the Register of Deeds office uses. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will cover the cost of this project. A resolution will go to the County Board for their approval in the near future. Ms. Benson is in the process of updating their customer service plan. This plan is given to new clients in the Child Support Office outlining timelines for services.

Recognizing Norda Gromoll – Ms. Benson prepared a resolution, which has not been approved by Martha Milanowski. Motion by Jim Behling, seconded by Steve Favorite to approve the recognition for Norda Bardwell Gromoll pending approval by the Corporation Counsel. All voting aye. Carried.

Corporation Counsel Report - Committee reviewed the October Expenditure Guideline. Tara Alfonso appeared before the Committee because Ms. Milanowski was in court. Ms. Alfonso reported that there were 51 written requests for November. In addition, there were 9 new Chapter 51 cases, 8 adult and 1 juvenile case, 6 truancy cases and 1 child in need of protective placement. Motion by Sig Hjemvick, seconded by Jim Behling to approve the bills. All voting aye. Carried

Legislative Updates – The Committee discussed the proposed bill regarding the 16 day deer hunt.

Changes to Standing Rules – Nothing has been submitted at this time. The Committee discussed the use of too many acronyms at County Board meetings. This may be discussed with the Department Heads and County Board Supervisors.

Ad-Hoc Committees – ADRC Committee – Erv Teichmiller recommended that this committee remains for approximately one more year and then it could be taken over by either the Commission on Aging or the Social Services Committee and that it consist of five members.

R & P (Research and Planning) Committee – Not an active committee. Mr. Favorite's reason behind creating this committee was to have them look at improve the future of Vilas County. Mr. Behling felt that the way the Committee is working now, that each committee should be doing their own research to be effective on that Committee. Mr. Favorite thinks that this committee could meet as needed.

RFP Committee – This Committee is members from the Forestry and Public Property Committee to look at property and building for the County.

Dennis Nielsen asked Chairman Favorite to be appointed to the Statutory Counsel on Blindness, which meets in Madison quarterly. This counsel would pay the mileage, but Mr. Nielsen would like to be paid per diem by the County. The Committee asked Ms. Milanowski to draft a letter to Mr. Nielsen informing him that he is welcome to attend these meeting, but it will not be as a County Board member.

Northern Waters Library Service – Two citizen members from Vilas County are appointed to this committee. Currently it is Shirley Harrison and Charles La Belle. Mr. La Belle would like to resign and has recommended Mary Platner replace him. Ms. Milanowski recommended that a replacement not be a County Board member since the Vilas County Library Committee annually reviews the services provided by the Northern Waters Library Service and makes recommendations for yearly donation levels.

Out of County Travel – Nothing at this time.

Approval of bills – Done throughout the meeting.

Letters and Communications – Letter from the Chairman of Highway Safety Committee regarding yearly reappointments.

Motion by Steve Favorite, seconded by Sig Hjemvick to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. All voting aye. Carried.

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

Submitted by: Kris Duening