

**VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 6, 2014**

County Board Chairman, Herbert Cornell called the November 6, 2014 meeting of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Boardroom of the Courthouse Annex. Pastor John Gannon was unable to attend today's meeting for the invocation. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Cornell affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting. Motion by Nickelatti, 2nd by Brose to excuse Mary Bringe, from today's meeting. Motion carried. County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with 28 members present. Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Redington to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting, with 3 spelling corrections, Rusler's Club, Redington and Psychologist and 2 word changes to be made. Motion by Brault, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evenstad, to approve minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Chairman Cornell informed us that a meal will be served at noon today; it was prepared by Vernon Manor, for the Unit on Aging. These types of meals are also served to seniors in our area; our green brochure given to you today states the locations where meals are served. Cade Cary announced that Kickapoo Corners in Readstown will provide a free meal to Veteran's on November 11, 2014. Dahl thanked all Veterans for their service, and called for a moment of silence.

Chairman Cornell moved to **Special Order of Business. (Item #1)** John Dirkse of Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation presented awards for the county's loss control record. There are 52 counties that belong to mutual. A \$10,443.00 dividend check will be coming to Vernon County this year. Mutual is now providing more cyber protection to their clients. John explained worker compensation rates; the state sets the rate, also, the state sets the modification factor based on claims. John presented 2 awards to Chairman Cornell for Vernon County, 2013 Best Loss Prevention Program and tied with four other counties for the 2013 Best Overall Loss Ratio award. Vernon County received \$68,000.00 dividend for 2013.

**Next on the agenda: (Item #2)** Election of Highway Commissioner for a 2 year term, commencing on January 2, 2015. A Motion by Cade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCoy to nominate Phil Hewitt. A Motion by Hicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Easterday to close nominations. Motion carried. Phil Hewitt elected as Highway Commissioner, by voice vote.

**Next on the Agenda (Item # 3)** Board will proceed to a Committee of the Whole to conduct the informal reading of the proposed 2015 County Budget. Motion by Amelse a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Subera to assume a Committee of the Whole status: Motion carried.

Chairman Cornell stated this reading will proceed for the time required to complete the review and any proposed revisions in the tentative budget are in order during this reading. Finance Chair Ole Yttri proceeded to read the recommended expenditures/revenues for 2015 Budget. Chairman Yttri read the General Government budget expense total of \$2,741,410.00 and revenue total of \$2,119,058.00.

Chairman Yttri read the Public Safety expenditures total of \$4,710,819.00 and revenue total of \$843,410.00. Chairman Yttri read the Human Services expenditures total of \$5,185,157.00 and revenue total of \$2,925,371.00.

Chair Yttri read the Health and Other Human Services expenditures total of \$1,777,502.00 and revenue total of \$1,177,695.00.

Subera asked about New Freedom Program, it is a grant for transportation. Subera inquired about Vernon Manor's cash flow, it has been dropping but now is leveling off in past months.

Chair Yttri read the Culture expenditure total of \$435,536.00 and zero revenue.

Chair Yttri read the Public Areas expenditure total of \$173,516.00 and revenue total of \$114,210.00.

Chair Yttri read the Special Education expenditure total of \$234,809.00 and revenue total of \$12,400.00.

Chair Yttri read the Natural Resources/Conservation expenditure total of \$2,186,064.00 and revenue total of \$1,691,752.00.

Chair Yttri read the County Planning expenditure total of \$321,796.00 and revenue total of \$209,530.00.

Chair Yttri read the Unclassified & Transfers expenditure total of \$13,000.00 and revenue total of \$13,000.00.

Chair Yttri read the Capital Projects expenditure total of \$50,000.00 and zero revenue.

Chair Yttri read the total Expenditures/Revenues, Capital Projects, and Contingent (excludes Highway, County Farm, Vernon Manor, Solid Waste, and Recycling) expenditure total of \$17,829,609.00 and revenue total of \$9,106,426.00.

Chair Yttri read the total Expenditures/Revenues, Capital Projects, and Contingent (excluding Highway and County Property tax) expenditure total of \$25,596,045.00 and revenue total of \$16,935,107.00.

Chair Yttri read the County Debt Service expenditure total of \$725,904.00 and zero revenue.

Chair Yttri continued with reading the Highway Department expenditures total of \$10,626,200.00.

Chair Yttri read the Highway Department revenue (other than County Property Tax) total of \$7,916,200.00.

Chair Yttri read the net County Tax for Highway (expenditures less revenues) of \$2,710,000.00.

Chair Yttri read the Governmental Funds Revenues proposed budget summary of \$9,108,946.00.

Chair Yttri read the Operating Expenditures proposed budget summary total \$17,829,609.00.

Chair Yttri read the Debt Service & Other Long-Term Obligations proposed budget summary total of \$725,904.00

Chair Yttri read the Total Operating, Other Appropriations, & Debt Service \$18,555,513.00.

Chair Yttri read the Other Deductions against Levy proposed budget summary total of \$1,752,983.00.

Chair Yttri read the Excess Expenditures over Revenues total of (excluding property tax levy) (\$7,693,584.00).

Chair Yttri read the Property Tax Levy for Government Funds of \$7,042,492.00.

Chair Yttri read Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures after Tax Levy of (\$651,092.00).

Chair Yttri read the Fund Balance, January 1 of \$11,006,374.00.

Chair Yttri read the Fund Balance, December 31 of \$10,355,282.00.

Chair Yttri read the Total Property Tax Levy of \$9,852,492.00 which is an increase to prior year of \$38,968.00, a 0.40% increase.

Chair Yttri read the County Equalized Valuation of \$1,813,055,000.00. Equalized County Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Value \$5.43, an increase/ (decrease) in equalized tax rate over previous year -\$0.22.

Brault asked about debt increase, Yttri explained we rewrote the Jail bond at a lower interest rate, 2.2% and payments stayed the same, so we are paying off the debt faster. Brault asked why revenue has dropped almost 2 million, involves several line items, will send Brault a detailed report.

Cade stated we need to cut 1% on all budgets to stop deficit. County now has a Board Committee working on cost cuts for 2016. Grant money for Dam repairs are slowly coming in, grants are sometimes lagging 2 years behind.

Gobel stated we will lose jail revenue in 2015, and Ho Chunk Funds could end. Erlandson stated many state mandated programs are now seeing funding dropping off. Motion for tentative approval by Cade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davig. Motion carried.

Chairman Cornell moved to **Regular Order of Business**, any petitions, there were none.

Chairman Cornell moved to next item on agenda: **Resolutions**

#### **RESOLUTION #2014-24:**

##### **TITLE: AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF COUNTY FARM FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the State Property Tax Levy has capped Vernon County's tax levy increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has determined there are excess funds in the County Farm Fund 45; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has recommended transferring \$153,625.00 of the excess funds to offset the 2014 payable 2015 property tax levy;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is authorized to occur on January 1, 2015.

Dated November 6, 2014

Submitted by the Finance Committee Ole Yttri, Chair. Vote 5 yes 0 No

Motion by Redington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson for the Resolution. Chairman Cornell asked if there was any discussion. Erlandson asked about farm rentals. Cade stated the renters renewed this year for the same rate for 3 years. The West farm rents for \$317.00 per acre and the East farm rents for \$250.00 per acre. Yttri stated farm account basically is all spent, only about \$20,000.00 left for expenses.

Chairman Cornell called for a roll call vote. The Resolution passed on a roll call vote with all 28 supervisors voting yes.

**Next on the agenda (Item # 5)** Pam Eitland, Director of Human Services, Authorization of payment for state mental health institute expenses. Last year 37 people were committed and 60 people already have been this year. Expenses: Project \$512,000.00 cost for year. We have received \$300,000.00 in reversals from past cases. Do not need additional funds today. Cade asked if we get detailed cost reports on bills, yes we do.

Motion Evenstad and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amelse to move ahead to Resolutions.

### **RESOLUTION #2014 - 26**

#### **Title: HO CHUNK FUND ALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Vernon County has received funds from the Ho Chunk Nation, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Finance Committee to accept and review requests from various county departments and other local units of government for use of the Ho Chunk funds, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has completed the review process, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors that the Ho Chunk funds be allocated as used as set forth in the attached document.

Dated October 28, 2014

Submitted by the Finance Committee Ole Yttri, Chair Vote 3 yes 1 absent 1 No – Jim Servais

Motion by McCoy, a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson

Motion to amend the resolution by Cade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gobel, to approve allocation to Stark and Whitestown - by contract. Approve \$400,000.00 to budget and assign to Mental Health Court Committed. Refer all other requests back to Finance Committee with instruction to deal with County Government needs and requests first – including infrastructure and new building fund and then economic development and bring back resolution to February 2015 County Board meeting. Human Service Director Pam Eitland was assured these \$400,000.00 allotments will not lower her budget.

Roll Call on the Amendment; 21 Yes 7 No. No votes are: Servais, Larson, Cary, Yttri, Sullivan, Muller and Richardson.

Subera stated he feels the county needs to look at this fiscally responsible for spending of funds. Amelse feels we need to emphasize to create jobs for our community.

Lunde stated county has resolution on what funds are to be used for.

Marcie West stated a payment in lieu of taxes from state, goes to Technical College, school districts, towns and county.

Ho Chunk Nation has gaming contract with State – Ho Chunk Nation decides were Funds get paid to.

Evenstad feels funds are important for aging buildings and maintenance is a priority. Brault agrees, we need to plan and put more funds in the New Building Fund.

Cary feels ATV trails would help economic development.

Roll call vote on Ho Chunk Fund Allocation as amended: 22 Yes votes 6 No Votes, Servais, Erlandson, Yttri, Sullivan, Muller and Richardson.

Motion Subera 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beitlich, for public hearing on budget. Cornell asked for comments from the floor, he asked 3 times, there were no questions.

<u>Department</u>	<u>2015 Ho-Chunk Request</u>	<u>Dollar Amount Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>	
<b>Town of Stark</b>		\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
<b>Town of Whitestown</b>		\$83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00
<b>2015 Budget</b>		\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
<b>Village of La Farge</b>	Lawton Memorial Library	\$15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Dredging project	\$ 30,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Softball Field Bathroom	\$ 30,000.00		
	Softball Field Cement	\$ 21,000.00		
	Softball Field lights	\$ 20,000.00		
<b>Village of Ontario</b>	Community Hall Kitchen	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Historical Society</b>	Museum Elevator	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>McIntosh Library</b>	New Construction - Or a \$100,000.00 a year for 5 years	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Resource Conservation &amp; Development</b>	Forest Management	\$16,948.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Town of Liberty</b>	New Truck	\$ 40,000.00		
	New Well & Town Hall Repair	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Valley Community Center</b>	Flooring	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Windows	\$ 6,368.00		
	Air Conditioning	\$ 6,387.00		
<b>Vernon County Crime Stoppers</b>	TIP Program	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2000.00
<b>Aging</b>	Nutrition Program	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	Caregiver Program	\$ 4,500.00		
	Health Promotion Program	\$ 3,000.00		
<b>Circuit Court</b>	Sobriety Court	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
	CASA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Video/Audio Systems	\$ 10,000.00		
<b>Health Dept.</b>	Child Abuse and Prevention Program-Keep Carryover	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Medication Management-Keep Carryover	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Human Services</b>	AODA Voluntary Treatment-Keep Carryover			
	Boost Program	\$ 1,700.00		
	Foundation Program-Keep Carryover	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Connections Program-Keep Carryover			

	Dental/Medical Care-Keep Carryover			
<b>IT/County Depts.</b>	3 Servers & Cooling Rack	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Land Conservation</b>	Thompson Dam Repair	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 13,900.00
	County Conservation Cost-Share Program	\$ 15,000.00		
	On Farm Conservation Tools	\$ 3,136.00		
	Wiester Creek Restoration	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
	Dahlen Dam Repair	\$ 9,675.00		
	Duck Egg Campground Development	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Land Information</b>	PLS Corner Remonumentation	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Aerial Ortho photography	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Mississippi River Regional Planning</b>	SMRT Bus	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Sheriff</b>	Meth Lab Cleanup	\$ 5,768.00	\$ 5,768.00	\$ 5,768.00
<b>Tourism</b>	Tourism For Veda	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Tourism Discover WI Media Network	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Tourism Repairs Blackhawk War Sign	\$ 1,000.00	\$1, 000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Tourism Council	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
<b>UW Extension</b>	Portable Display Board	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	STEM Educational Programming	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
	Strong Women/Strong Seniors	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
<b>Vernon Manor</b>	New Electric Beds-Qty 23	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Match for Van Grant Or	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Transport Van	\$ 50,000.00		
<b>Vernon County Board</b>	Building Infrastructure Repair		\$ 181,132.00	\$181,132.00
<b>New Building Fund</b>	New Building Fund		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$ 1,868,707.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000.00</b>

**\$ 1,200,000.00**



RESOLUTION 2014 #: 25

**Title: 2014 Tax Levy for the Year 2015 Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Vernon County Board directs as follows:

**THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED** upon all taxable property in Vernon County for the 2014 tax levy the sum of \$9,852,492.00 as provided in the 2015 County Budget as adopted, and further

**THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED** upon all taxable property in Vernon County for the 2014 tax levy (Year 2015 Budget) the sum of \$12,117.00 for soldiers and sailors relief, and further

**THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED** upon all taxable property in Vernon County for the 2014 tax levy (Year 2015 Budget) the sum of \$307,686.31 for state tax for forestry purposes per Wisconsin Statutes §70.58 (2), and further

**THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED** upon all taxable property in Vernon County with exemptions granted by request in accordance with State Statutes § 43.64 (2) for Coon Valley, De Soto, La Farge, Ontario, Readstown, Hillsboro, Viola, Viroqua, and Westby for the 2014 tax levy (Year 2015 Budget) the sum of \$430,736.00 for grants to Public Libraries, and further

**THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED** upon all taxable property in the twenty-one towns of Vernon County, for the 2014 tax levy (Year 2015 Budget) the sum of \$100,000.00 for local bridge construction under Wisconsin State Statutes §82.08.

Dated: November 6, 2014

Submitted by the Finance Committee Ole Yttri, Chair Vote: 5 yes 0 No

Motion by Dahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davig to approve the Resolution to finalize the budget.

Roll call vote: 27 yes 1 No, Cade

Recess at 11:02 PM for Lunch served by aging and prepared by Vernon Manor Department, we will reconvene at 11:50 PM.

**Chairman Cornell moved to Ordinances:**

Public Hearing on Ordinance. Motion by Brose, a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erlandson. Cornell asked for comments from the floor. He asked 3 times, there were no questions.

Ordinance No. 2014 – 2

**ORDINANCE TO TOTALLY OPT OUT OF IOH LENGTH AND WEIGHT LIMITS**

The County Board of the County of Vernon, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Whereas, 2013 Wis. Act 377 under Sec. 348.27 (19)(b)5.a. provides that a municipality or county may authorize implements of Husbandry as defined in Sec. 340.01 (24) and agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in Sec. 340.01 (1o) of Wis. Statutes to exceed any statutory length and weight limits imposed by Chapter 348 of Wis. Statutes,

Now, therefore, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors, that pursuant to Sec. 348.27 (19) (b) 5.a. of Wis. Statutes, implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial vehicles as defined by Chapter 340 of Wis. Statutes may exceed any length and weight limits imposed by Chapter 348 of Wis. Statutes, except as may be restricted by seasonal, special postings or bridge and culvert limits.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall remain in effect until rescinded by further action of the Board.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to be posted on the state DOT website.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: October 10, 2014

Submitted by the Highway Committee, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair. Vote: 4 yes 1 absent

Submitted by Legal Affairs, Richard Brose Vice Chair. Vote: 4 Yes 1 Absent

Phil Hewitt explained bigger equipment has not been a major problem in our county. Enforcement would be very difficult.

Lunde explained towns would have no one to enforce rules. As of now permitting for equipment travel is not necessary.

Ordinance passed on a Roll Call vote with all 28 supervisors voting yes. Lunde stated townships should do a resolution to adopt this county ordinance.

RESOLUTION # 2014 – 27

**TITLE: 2014 Budget – Additional Funds to Cover Services**

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 budget was prepared to cover known expenditures, and

**WHEREAS**, it was the mandate of Vernon County Finance Committee to prepare the 2014 Budget with a 0% increase in the tax levy, and

**WHEREAS**, the expenditures for placement costs for mental health consumers under a court commitment totaled \$808,806.80 through August 2014 (83% of the annual budget), and

**WHEREAS**, these costs are mostly unpredictable due to the nature of human behavior along with the fluctuation of such costs from year to year, and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of mentally ill persons and the community sometimes necessitates lengthy placements in safe and secure facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, department budget line transfers will cover some of the expenditures over revenue, there must be funds in an account to pay the cost of services before a bill is paid;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors authorizes \$100,000.00 of levy into the Human Services 2014 budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that remaining unspent funds from the \$100,000.00 will be returned to the General Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$100,000.00

Submitted October 13, 2014 by the Human Services Committee Sherman Erlandson, chair. Vote: 7 Yes 0 No 2 Absent.

Submitted October 16, 2014 by the Finance Committee Ole Yttri, Chair. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

Motion by Cade, 2nd by Richardson. It was budgeted for 19 people, as of now, we have already served 30 people. In August we are at 83% of budget for court committed cases. **Chairman Cornell called for a roll call vote. The Resolution passed on a roll call vote with all 28 Supervisors voting yes.**

RESOLUTION # 2014 – 28

**TITLE: Wisconsin Professional Police Association Agreement – 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015**

**WHEREAS**, after a series of negotiations between the County and Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA), the County and the Union bargaining meetings resulted in an agreement for a one year labor contract from 1/01/2015 to 12/31/2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the alternatives open to the County, and has concluded that this settlement to consistent with the best interests of the County and its taxpayers;

**ACCORDINGLY**, the Vernon County Personnel Committee recommends to the Vernon County Board the approval of the settlement agreement to effect the execution of a 2015 one year contract with WPPA, with the same provisions as the 2013-2014 Labor contract except the following changes:

1. Modification of the Salary Schedule contained in Appendix A of the prior agreement to provide increases in wage rates as follows:

January 2015 .5%  
July 2015 .5%

**Projected Fiscal Impact:**

1/1/15 \$10,000.00

2. Status Quo on balance of contract.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves the Bargaining Unit Agreement with the changes as stated above.

Dated November 6, 2014

Submitted by the Personnel Committee, Dennis Brault, Chair. 5 yes 0 No

Motion by Dahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Redington to approve the Resolution. Dahl feels increase not enough to keep up to the cost of living. Subera can't support because of budget concerns. **Chairman Cornell called for a roll call vote. The Resolution passed on a roll call vote with 27 Supervisors voting yes and 1 voting No. Donald Subera voted No.**

**RESOLUTION 2014 - 29**

**TITLE:** Business Travel and Reimbursement Policy

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approved many Policies and resolutions in past ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon County Personnel Committee is authorized to review and take such action as necessary to update personnel policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Travel and Reimbursement Policy should be revised to reflect a realistic meal allowance/reimbursement that is more in line with the State per diem;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves the following change to the Business Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

**CURRENT POLICY:** Meals will be paid for training and meetings outside the county requiring overnight stays, and local training where meal is not part of program fee, at a fixed amount for meals. Daily per diem totals cannot exceed \$25.00.

- Breakfast \$7.00
- Lunch \$10.00
- Dinner \$15.00

**REPLACE WITH:**

Employees may be entitled to meal reimbursement when traveling outside of County on official business. The department head may authorize up to a total \$45.00 daily for meal reimbursement. Alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed.

Dated: November 6, 2014

Submitted by the Personnel Committee Dennis Brault, Chair. Votes 5 Yes 0 No

Motion by Subera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hicks to approve the resolution. Amelse asked about out of county being taken out of policy – prefers to have out of county included in new policy. Cade concerned about \$45.00 increase to the limit going up from \$25.00. Hicks stated Department Head must approve first. Amelse to amend to outside county, 2<sup>nd</sup> by cade. Chairman Cornell called for a roll call vote. The Amendment passed on a roll call vote with 16 Supervisors voting yes and 12 voting No. Hicks, Servais, Johnson, Evenstad, Brault, Larson, Cary, Turben, Davig, Sullivan, Subera and Redington voted No. Resolution 2014 – 29, as amended, roll call votes, 23 Yes 5 No, Hicks, Johnson, Goede, Davig, and Sullivan were the No votes.

**RESOLUTION# 2014 - 30**

**TITLE:** Vernon County Forest annual work plan for 2015

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon County Forest Program encourages the planned development and management of the county forest for optimum production of forest products, together with recreational opportunities, giving full recognition to the concept of sustainable forest management to assure maximum public benefits, to protect the public rights, interests and investments on such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie, and

**WHEREAS**, an annual work plan has been prepared for 2015 by the Vernon County Forest Administrator, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and

~~**WHEREAS**, said annual work plan provides the basis for a permanent program of the county forest, balancing local needs with broader state, national, and global concerns through integration of sound forestry, wildlife, fisheries, endangered resources, water quality, soil and recreational practices.~~

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the Vernon County Annual Work Plan for 2015 as its guide to future sustainable forest management practices on the Vernon County Forests during 2015.

Submitted by Land and Water Conservation Department November 6, 2014.

Motion by Beitlich, a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gobel, to approve the resolution. Andy La Chance County Forester explained the plan. There are 211 acres that are scheduled for timber sale this year. Campground tentatively is planned for Duck Egg. Also, we are currently working on fences with our neighbors.

**Remove 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of resolution stating:** **WHEREAS**, said annual work plan provides the basis for a permanent program of the county forest, balancing local needs with broader state, national, and global concerns through integration of sound forestry, wildlife, fisheries, endangered resources, water quality, soil and recreational practices.

Passed on a voice vote.

#### **RESOLUTION # 2014 – 31**

##### **Resolution Adopting - Sidie Hollow Lakes Planning Grant**

**WHEREAS**, Sidie Hollow Lake is an important resource used by the public for recreation and natural beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, significant sedimentation into Sidie Hollow has impacted the lakes recreational appeal; and

**WHEREAS**, Landowners within the watersheds of Sidie Hollow must be included in the planning and decision making process of the lakes management; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon County recognizes the need to provide information and education on the use of the lake, quality of water in the lake, and how surrounding use impacts the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon County recognizes the importance of collecting information relative to Sidie Hollow Lake water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and land use management; and

**WHEREAS**, Valley Stewardship Network is capable and willing to assist in the collection of pertinent environmental and land use information relative to Sidie Hollow Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon County Land & Water Conservation Department is qualified and able to carry out the responsibilities of the planning project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Vernon County requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin DNR under the “Lakes Management Planning Grant Program” and hereby authorizes the Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Department to act on behalf of Vernon

County to: Submit an application to the DNR for financial aid for the lake planning process; sign documents; take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved lake planning grant; and to submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation as the grant requires; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vernon County will meet the obligations of the grant and planning project, including timely reimbursements and meeting all of the grant objectives.

Dated November 6, 2014

Submitted by Land and Water Conservation Committee, Will Beitlich, Chair. Vote 5 Yes 1 No

Motion by Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amelse. Paul Krahn explained grant, would do a 2 year study before start.

Subera stated he is concerned with farmers not being involved in the planning process and can't support this resolution. Gobel asked if we are giving up any rights, no was the answer.

A Voice Vote was called, Carried, 1 No vote heard.

### **RESOLUTION # 2014 - 32**

**TITLE:** Revolving Loan: Patrick Abt dba Ideal Construction

**WHEREAS,** Patrick Abt dba Ideal Construction has made application to the Vernon County Revolving Loan Fund; and,

**WHEREAS,** there are funds available in the Revolving Loan Fund, and,

**WHEREAS,** Patrick Abt dba Ideal Construction meets such criteria as set forth in their application,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Vernon County through the Revolving Loan Fund shall lend the total sum of \$ 40,000.00 to Patrick Abt dba Ideal Construction. The total includes a loan in the amount of \$40,000.00 for working capital: said loans to bear interest at the rate of 3.5% per annum. The loan is to amortize in a seven (7) year period. Loan will be secured by a lien on the equipment.

Dated November 6, 2014

Submitted by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Herbert Cornell, Chair. Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Motion by Gobel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Servais. Johnson asked if any other liens on equipment, no there are not.

Chairman Cornell called for a roll call vote. The Resolution passed on a roll call vote with 27 Supervisors voting Yes and 1 voting No. Donald Subera, no vote.

### **RESOLUTION # 2014 – 33**

**TITLE:** Revolving Loan Blaine & Mary Charles dba Borgen's Café

**WHEREAS,** Blaine and Mary Charles has made application to the Revolving Loan Fund, and

**WHEREAS,** there are funds available in the Revolving Loan Fund, and

**WHEREAS,** Blaine and Mary Charles dba The Borgen's Cafe meets such criteria as set forth in their application,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Vernon County through the Revolving Loan Fund shall lend the total sum of \$100,000.00 to Blaine and Mary Charles dba The Borgen's Café. The total includes two loans: \$25,000.00 for equipment and \$75,000.00 for Real Estate, said loans are to bear interest at the rate of 3.5% per annum. The Real Estate loan is to amortize in a twenty (20) year period and paid over 12 years. The equipment loan is to amortize in a ten (10) year period. Loans will be secured by a lien on the equipment and a 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage on real estate.

Dated November 6, 2014

Submitted by the Revolving Loan Committee, Herb Cornell, Chair. Vote 4 Yes 1 No.

Motion by Gobel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nickelatti. Previous loan of \$140,000.00 is now paid down to 80,000.00. They would hire 5 new full time employees. Vernon County revolving loan balance is now at 422,259.00. Resolution carried. Roll call vote, 27 yes 1 no. Donald Subera was a No vote.

**RESOLUTION # 2014 – 34**

**TITLE: RENEWAL OF COUNTY LIABILITY/WORKER’S COMPENSATION/PROPERTY INSURANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the renewal date for County liability and worker’s compensation insurance is January 1, 2015, and the renewal date for County property insurance is February 1, 2015, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County’s liability insurance coverage shall be renewed for the 2015 policy year with the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, with a \$10,000 deductible and a Personal Injury Extension Endorsement for Vernon Manor, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County’s worker’s compensation insurance coverage shall be renewed for the 2015 policy year with Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County’s property insurance shall be renewed for the 2015 policy year with the State of Wisconsin Local Government Property Insurance Fund and Wisconsin County Mutual.

Liability Insurance - \$155,875.00, Worker’s Comp Insurance - \$290,076.00,  
Property Insurance - \$78,000.00, Nursing Home Liability Endorsement \$13,282.00

Dated: October 10, 2014

Submitted by General Government Committee, Frank McCoy, Chair. Votes 5 Yes 0 No

Motion by Redington, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cary. Motion carried. Voice vote was called, all yes.

Chairman Cornell asked for any memorials and there were none. Chairman Cornell asked for any remonstrance and there were none. Chairman Cornell asked for reports of standing or special committees, Dennis Brault, Personnel Chair, stated that the hiring freeze is in place now. Subera questioned letters about performance management team. Cornell stated we totally disregarded them; they were not a signed complaint, if they would have been signed, and we would have handled them accordingly. Dahl wants to respond, Cornell states, not worth responding, Dahl feels people are afraid of retribution.

The next County Board meeting will tentatively be February 3, 2015 at 9:30 am in the County Board Room at the Courthouse Annex. Tentative 2015 County Board meeting dates are set for February 3, 2015, April 21, 2015, June 9, 2015, July 28, 2015, September 22, 2015 and November 3, 2015. With the meeting concluded, a **motion was made by Cade, 2nd by Mitchel to adjourn. Motion carried by all.** Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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Office of the Vernon County Clerk

I, Ronald C. Hoff, County Clerk of Vernon County, Wisconsin DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the statements above are a correct report of all actions and decisions of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors at the meeting of November 6, 2014, as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

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**/s/ Ron Hoff  
Vernon County Clerk**

