

VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

June 29, 2010

Chairman Tom Spenner called the June 29, 2010 meeting of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 A.M. in the County Boardroom of the Courthouse Annex. Invocation was given by Pastor Rich Mauer of Grace Evangelical Free Church, Viroqua. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Spenner affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting. Motion by Dahl, second by Verbsky to excuse Geoffrey Banta and Todd Overbo from today's meeting. Motion carried. County Clerk, Ron Hoff called roll with twenty-seven Supervisors present Banta and Overbo excused. Motion by Cade, second by Beitlich to dispense with reading of the April 20, 2010 meeting and approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Under announcements Servais thanked everyone from the County Board that worked at the Dairy Breakfast selling tickets. Hoff stated Jim Young, Vernon County Veterans Service Officer, was elected President of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers at the conference in Bloomington, Minnesota on June 9, 2010. Hoff stated the WCA Annual Conference is September 26 – September 28, 2010 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Contact County Clerk, Ron Hoff, by July 27, 2010 to get registered. Hoff stated at the August 24, 2010 County Board meeting the group picture will be taken. Chairman Spenner asked the members to dress appropriately for the picture. Chairman Spenner stated he has received a letter addressed to the County Board Chair and the Board of Supervisors from Todd Overbo resigning from County Board Supervisor, District 15, as of June 29, 2010 due to work schedule change.

Under Special Order of Business was Aging Director, Pat Peterson, acceptance of Ontario mealsite donation over \$500. Peterson stated donations make up 35% of the Nutrition budget. Peterson asked the County Board to accept the donation of \$1,800 for the Ontario mealsite. Motion by Dahl, second by Servais to accept the donation for \$1,800 from the Friends of the Ontario Mealsite. Motion carried by voice vote with all ayes heard.

Next under Special Order of Business was Sheriff Gene Cary, consider reauthorizing two Deputy Sheriff Patrol vacancies. Sheriff Cary explained two officers have not been replaced due to the hiring freeze, and now two more officers have left office due to one officer retiring and one officer moved. Cary stated his department has over one hundred week's vacation to fill which will be filled at this time with overtime. Cary stated these positions are budgeted for so there is no fiscal impact. Cary is asking to replace two of the four Deputy Sheriff openings so he can save money not paying overtime. Dahl asked if the State Patrol could help us out but was told they do not work crimes, they work traffic. Hynek asked about overtime salaries and was told overtime is equally divided. Motion by Cade, second by Cox to hire two Patrol Officers for the two current vacancies. Dahl asked if the eligibility list have local people who know the County area. Sheriff Cary stated the top twenty applications are put on the eligibility list and we hire the most qualified applicants. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The request to replace the two current Patrol Officers vacancies passed on a roll call vote with all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes. Next under Special Order of Business was Supervisor Maynard Cox, Comprehensive Plan update. Cox stated the new commission has met twice and there is a resolution on today's agenda looking to make an adjustment to the committee. Cox stated everything is moving along nicely.

Next under Special Order of Business was Tom Rusboldt of Weld, Rile, Prenn and Ricci, AFSCME contracts. Personnel Coordinator, Linda Kica, introduced Tom Rusboldt, Vernon County's Labor Attorney. Motion by Hynek, second by Yttri to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for AFSCME Contracts. Motion carried on a voice vote. The County Board entered into closed session. Motion by Beitlich, second by Peterson to reconvene in open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (2). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Spenner called for a ten minute recess at 10:38 a.m. Chairman Spenner reconvened the meeting at 10:47.

Chairman Spenner moved to Regular Order of Business.

Chairman Spenner asked for any petitions and there were none.

Chairman Spenner continued under the regular order of business by viewing the following resolutions

RESOLUTION 2010 – 28

**Title: Vernon County Courthouse and Human Services Employees Local Union 2918 Contract
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010**

WHEREAS, after a series of negotiations between the County and AFSCME Local an agreement was reached for a one-year labor contract from 1/01/2010 to 12/31/2010;

1. Duration 1/1/10 – 12/31/10

2. Increase across-the-board; **January 1, 2010** – 1%, Salaries: \$19,716.56, WRS: \$2,168.82, FICA: \$1,508.32 **Total: \$23,393.70** **July 1, 2010** – 1.5% Salaries: \$14,435.29, WRS: \$1,642.88, FICA: 1,142.55 **Total: \$17,721 Total FY 2010 - \$41,114.42**
3. **Revise Article X – Holidays** 10.01 Add Day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday **Fiscal Impact: \$274.50** 10.03 add compensatory time earned for on-call work on holiday.
4. **Revise Article XI – Vacations** 11.0 Add two (2) vacation days after probationary period for new hires
5. Add Community Assistance Clerk to the bargaining unit, Grade H.
6. **Revise Article XVIII – Insurance** 18.02 Health insurance opt-out incentive is extended through 12/31/2010.
7. Status quo on the balance of the contract

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

Recommend for consideration by full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 20, 2010 by the Personnel Committee /s/ Geoff Banta, Chairperson Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Dahl, second by Erlandson to approve the resolution. Davig and Zibton asked to abstain from vote. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with nineteen Supervisors voting yes, six voting no and two abstain from vote. Johnson, Cade, McCoy, Yttri, Mitchell and Richardson voting no and Davig and Zibton abstained from vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 29

Title: Vernon County Highway and Recycling Employees Local Union 1572 Contract January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

WHEREAS, after a series of negotiations between the County and AFSCME Local 1572 an agreement was reached for a one-year labor contract from 1/01/2010 to 12/31/2010.

1. Duration 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010
2. Increase wages across-the-board: **January 1, 2010 – 1%** Salaries: \$14,888.75, WRS: \$1,637.76, FICA: \$1,138.99 **Total: \$17,665.50** Reimbursed by State: \$4,827.27 **July 2010 – 1.5%** Salaries: \$11,278.23, WRS: \$1,240.61, FICA: \$862.78, **Total: \$13,381.18** Reimbursed by the State: \$4,827.27 **Total FY 2010 - \$22,563.18**
3. **Revise Article V – Holidays** 5.01 Add Day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday for Highway employees. **Fiscal Impact \$198.40** Change Recycling Employees to six (6) paid holidays and (4) personal days per year. **Approximate savings to County - \$600 annually**
4. **Revise Article VIII – Vacations** 8.01 Add two (2) vacation days after probationary period for new hires
5. **Revise Article XI – Insurance** Add appendix C of contract (Health insurance opt-out incentive) into this section and extend through 12/31/2010.
6. Increase tool allowance from \$200 to \$500 per year upon submission and approval of receipt. **Approximate cost to County - \$600 annually.**
7. Status quo on the balance of the contract.

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves the Bargaining Unit Agreement with the changes as stated above.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 20, 2010 by the Personnel Committee /s/ Geoff Banta, Chairperson Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Hooker, second by Hynek to approve the resolution. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with twenty-three Supervisors voting yes and four Supervisors voting no. Cade, McCoy, Yttri and Mitchell voting no.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 30

Title: Vernon Manor Bargaining Agreement – 1/1/10 – 12/31/10

WHEREAS, after a series of negotiations between the County and AFSCME Local Union 1667, the County and the Union bargaining meetings resulted in an agreement for a one year labor contract from 1/01/2010 to 12/31/2010; and

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

1. Duration 1/1/10 – 12/31/10.

2. Increase wages across-the-board **January 1, 2010 – 1%** Salaries: \$20,636.46, WRS: \$2,270.01, FICA: \$1,578.69, **Total: \$24,485.16** **July 1, 2010 – 1.5%** Salaries: \$15,632.12, WRS: \$1,719.53, FICA: \$1,195.86, **Total: \$18,547.51** **Total FY 2010 \$43,032.66**
3. **Revise Article V – Work Schedule** Update to reflect actual practice.
4. **Revise Article VII – Vacations** 7.01 Add two (2) vacation days after probationary period for new hires.
5. **Revise Article IX – Funeral Leave** Add one day paid leave for niece, nephew
6. **Revise Article X – Holidays** 10.01 Add Day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday.
7. Status quo on the balance of the contract

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

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 20, 2010 by the Personnel Committee /s/ Geoff Banta, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Dahl, second by Beitlich to approve the resolution. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with twenty-three Supervisors voting yes and four Supervisors voting no. Cade, McCoy, Yttri, and Mitchell voting no.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 31

Title: 2010 Wage Increase and Benefit Change for Non-Union Positions

WHEREAS, annually, the County Board designates a percentage increase for positions that are on the non-union pay schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors has approved increases for employees in collective bargaining agreements at 1% January 1, 2010 and 1.5% July 1, 2010;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following wage increases will be in effect for all positions that are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement;

Projected Fiscal Impact – Positions in Step Plan (Attachment I)

January 1, 2010 – 1% Salaries: \$34,932.75, WRS: \$3,842.60, FICA: \$2,672.36 **Total: \$41,447.70** July 1, 2010 – 1.5% Salaries: \$26,461.56 WRS: 2,910.77, FICA: 2,024.31 **Total: 31,396.64** **Total FY 2010 \$72,844.34**

Projected Fiscal Impact – Positions not in Step Plan (Attachment II)

January 1, 2010 – 1% Salaries: \$4,300.00, WRS: \$473.00 FICA: \$328.95 **Total: \$5,101.95** July 1, 2010 – 1.5% Salaries: \$3,257.25, WRS: \$358.30, FICA: \$249.18 **Total: \$3,864.73** **Total FY 2010 \$8,966.68**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Day after Thanksgiving will be added to the non-union holiday policy as a paid holiday each year. **Fiscal Impact: \$614.40**

Recommend for consideration by full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 20, 2010 by the Personnel Committee /s/ Geoff Banta, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Dahl, second by Servais to approve the resolution. Davig asked to abstain from the vote. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with twenty-three Supervisors voting yes, three Supervisors voting no and one Supervisor abstained from vote. Cade, McCoy and Yttri voting no and Davig abstained from vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010-32

Title: Early Retirement Incentive

WHEREAS, Vernon County, along with other Wisconsin municipalities, are experiencing economic issues and probable funding cuts from the State level; and

WHEREAS, the Early Retirement Incentive offered in 2009 was very successful,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Vernon County will offer an early retirement incentive plan to employees as per the Personnel Policy attached.

Recommended for consideration by full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 20, 2010 by the Personnel Committee /s/ Geoff Banta, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Richardson, second by Verbsky to approve the resolution. Dahl asked how many employees of Vernon County had taken advantage of this in 2009, what was the fiscal impact and savings and have we replaced any of the vacancies. Kica stated we had seven employees that took the retirement in 2009. We tried not to fill the positions but some were back filled leaving the lowest position not filled. Kica stated we spent \$120,000 for actual payout and stated our savings should be around \$250,000. Sheriff Cary asked

if it will still be a 2/3 vote by the County Board to replace an employee and was told yes. Chairman Spenner called for a voice vote. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010-33

Title: 18 Month Hiring Freeze

WHEREAS, Vernon County Board is experiencing financial difficulties attributable to a variety of sources, and;

WHEREAS, the largest portion of tax levy dollars in Vernon County is spent on personnel related matters, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors hereby implements a hiring freeze effective upon passage of this resolution and shall remain in place until ~~March~~ March 31, 2012, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hiring freeze shall apply to all full and part time positions eligible to receive benefits, including retirement, sick leave, vacation and health insurance, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vernon County Jail, Dispatch, and Vernon Manor staff required by law shall be the only exceptions to the hiring freeze, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any position, other than those listed above, which are required by law or fully funded by non tax levy dollars shall be subject to approval by the Vernon County Board and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hiring freeze shall apply to any vacancy occurring after passage of this resolution and to all positions vacated by employees taking advantage of the Early Retirement Incentive, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that positions may be filled by internal candidates only, and that the lower or remaining position will be subject to the hiring freeze, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any position filled shall require approval by two-thirds of the Vernon County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this hiring freeze shall supersede the six month moratorium previously passed by resolution of the Vernon County Board until the March 31, 2011 expiration of the hiring freeze.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted by the Personnel Committee

Motion by Brault, second by Cade to approve the resolution. Chairman Spenner called for a voice vote. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 34

Title: Resolution to Authorize Sale of Property to VDA, Inc.

WHEREAS, VDA, Inc. offers to purchase property for the expansion of the City of Viroqua Industrial Park project from Vernon County, Wisconsin for the sum of \$300,000.00 (\$5,000/acre), and

WHEREAS, legal description of property is as follows: to be determined by survey done at the expense of VDA, Inc. following the approximate boundaries set forth on the map attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, payment for purchase of property will be released to Vernon County at the time of closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to authorize the sale of property for the City of Viroqua Industrial Park expansion project and to VDA, Inc. and further authorize the County Board Chair and Clerk to execute all necessary documents to conclude the sale.

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted by the Land Sales Committee /s/ Ray Moser, Chair Vote: 4 yes, 1 no.

Motion by Cade, second by Richardson to table this resolution until the August 24, 2010 County Board meeting so we can have a public hearing. Motion carried on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 35

Title: Acknowledging the Receipt of Gaming Proceeds to Vernon County from the Ho-Chunk Nation

WHEREAS, Vernon County and the Ho-Chunk Nation have been good neighbors and value the spirit of cooperation that exists between the two governments; and

WHEREAS, over many years, Vernon County and the Ho-Chunk Nation have taken steps to formalize their cooperative relationship through a variety of means; and

WHEREAS, under the most recent Gaming Compact with the State of Wisconsin, the Ho-Chunk Nation have agreed that commencing May 1, 2010, the Nation will deduct from its Annual Payment to the State of Wisconsin One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) paid to the county for each acre of land owned by the United States of America in trust for the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association has worked closely with Vernon County to help implement this provision of the Gaming Compact, so that the County would receive payment of gaming proceeds from the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation, its legal counsel, and its Tribal Legislature have worked cooperatively and expeditiously to conclude an agreement with Vernon County in order to meet deadlines for a payment this year; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th day of April, 2010, the Ho-Chunk Nation and Vernon County executed an Intergovernmental Agreement to arrange for the payment of One Million Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00) in gaming proceeds annually for the one thousand two hundred acres of Ho-Chunk Nation land held in tribal trust in Vernon County; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County has accepted this payment to use for the benefit of all residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board gratefully acknowledges the receipt of gaming proceeds from the Ho-Chunk Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors expresses its gratitude to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Legislature, its legal counsel, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for their unflagging assistance in helping the Ho-Chunk Nation and Vernon County reach a mutually beneficial agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board reiterates its commitment to a spirit of friendship and cooperation with the Ho-Chunk Nation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board looks forward to many years of productive and mutually beneficial relations with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted by **Vernon County Board Chairman** /s/ Thomas V. Spenner Motion by Dahl, second by Brose to approve the resolution. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed with all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes. Chairman Spenner introduced Anne Thundercloud from the Ho-Chunk Nation to the County Board. Thundercloud stated the Ho-Chunk Nation is giving the County this money since they have land in Vernon County. Thundercloud invited the Supervisors to contact her office for more information about the Ho-Chunk Nation. Chairman Spenner thanked Anne Thundercloud and the Ho-Chunk Nation for their generosity.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 36

Title: Jersey Valley Lake Monitoring and Watershed Study Lake Planning Grant

WHEREAS, Jersey Valley Lake is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, a study and examination of the lake and it's watershed will lead to better understanding and will promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity and public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Extension – Discovery Farms Program is investing significant resources to study the field delivery of nutrients and sediments to Jersey Valley Lake within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Research and Development Center's Aquatic Ecosystem Laboratory in Eau Galle, WI, is capable of monitoring the internal release of nutrients from the bottom sediments of Jersey Valley Lake; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Water Resources and Fisheries Department is capable of computer modeling the watershed delivery of nutrients and sediments to Jersey Valley Lake, and

WHEREAS, Vernon County recognizes the need for responsible and holistic long-range planning to better manage the lake, its watershed, and its use; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County recognizes the need to provide information or education on the use of lakes or natural lake ecosystems, on the quality of water in lakes, or on the quality of natural lake ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the planning project; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County understands the importance of a continuing management program for Jersey Valley Lake and intend to proceed on that course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Vernon County requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Lake Management Planning Grant Program" and hereby authorizes the Vernon County Conservationist to act on behalf of Vernon County to: submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for lake planning purposes; sign documents; take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved lake planning grant; and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vernon County will meet the obligations of the planning project, including timely publication of the results, and meet the financial obligations under the lake planning grant, including the prompt payment of our 25% commitment to project costs as required. Fiscal Impact \$0

Dated: June 29, 2010

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board on June 14, 2010 by the **Land and Water Conservation Committee** /s/ Will Beitlich Vote 5 yes, 1 no

Motion by Cox, second by Mitchell to approve the resolution. Kelly Jacobs, County Conservationist, stated this grant has been put together in partnership with a few other organizations. Jacobs stated Dan Helsel from the Wisconsin DNR, who was instrumental in putting this together, is here to answer questions. Richardson asked how the fiscal impact would be zero when we are committing to 25% of project cost. Jacobs stated it has a zero budget impact. The fiscal responsibilities for this are that the County in the grant process has to provide the funds by either cash or in-kind expenses; different donations, or donations of time or services. Jacobs stated in this case there is \$3000 of staff time. Helsel stated the way the DNR grant works is that the DNR will give \$10,000 and our fair share will be \$3,000 local match which can be existing funds already budgeted for our staff as well as Monroe County has offered some of their staff hours. Helsel stated there will be no additional funds that need to be allocated for this project. Richardson stated the total cost of the project is \$349,000 and 25% of the project cost is \$87,000. Helsel stated the total project includes Discovery Farms spending \$300,000 for the Jersey Valley watershed to do some very intensive study. We are only looking at \$10,000 of State funds and the local share expended by County staff is \$3,000. Hynek asked about the water quality in Jersey Valley Lake and how the water quality can be controlled. Jacobs stated Discovery Farms is to assess the actual water quality coming into the lake and also includes working with the land owners in the watershed helping put practices on the land that will help improve water quality. Yttri asked if the farmers were required to use 590 form and was told the farmers have to do neutral management planning if we pay them the money. Discovery Farms will be working with the twenty-five producers in the watershed. Yttri asked if the Jersey Valley Lake will be filled and was told yes. Hooker asked if the run off will be monitored and was told Discovery Farms will be putting in five sites where they will put in edge of field monitoring and will also have a couple of stream gages so they can measure the pollutants coming down stream. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with twenty-six Supervisors voting yes and one Supervisor voting no. Brose voting no.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 37

TITLE: APPROVAL PROCESS TO FINALIZE THE JERSEY VALLEY DAM REPAIR PROJECT

WHEREAS, The County has committed to a repair at the Jersey Valley (WF01) Dam that will restore the lake; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County has approved a number of contracts and change orders with AECOM, Veit and Lepke Trucking for the design and repair of Jersey Valley totaling \$3,656,359.63; and,

WHEREAS, a stop work order, until change orders are approved, would be necessary if we were to incur any additional costs beyond this approved amount; and,

WHEREAS, such a stop work order could put additional financial burden on Vernon County for Contractor work time lost and extend the project completion date; and,

WHEREAS, the next regular County Board meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2010 to approve any additional change orders, if needed; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the Jersey Valley Dam Repair Project will be completed before that August County Board Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, expenses on these contracts will be fully reimbursed by the CDBG-EAP program and the DNR stewardship program funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Committee to approve any change orders, as needed, for the Jersey Valley Dam Repair project in order to complete the project with timely approvals. Fiscal Impact: \$0

Dated: June 29, 2010

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board on June 10, 2010 by the **Land and Water Conservation Committee** /s/ Herb Cornell, Vice-Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Richardson, second by Verbsky to approve the resolution. Richardson questioned the last paragraph on the resolution on approving any change orders as needed to finish the project in a timely manner. McClelland stated we do not have a County Board meeting in July so any change order approval would be at the next County Board meeting that is the end of August which would cost money stopping the work and moving out the completion date. Richardson asked if we could amend the resolution adding a dollar amount that can be approved without the full County Board approval. Larson explained the

committee has discussed this and feels this is the best way to handle this. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION # 2010-38

TITLE: Vernon County – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Memorandum of Understanding for County Forestry Activities

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors previously adopted a memorandum of understanding in regards to County forestry activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Forest Program encourages the planned development and management of the county forest but also provides assistance to private landowners throughout the county throughout stewardship planning activities and technical assistance and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the County Forest Administrator position is authorized by the Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Department, in accordance with existing County policy, to conduct business as a private consulting forester outside Vernon County on his/her own time without the use of Vernon County resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the updated “Memorandum of Understanding” between Vernon County and the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: for County forestry activities, as attached to this resolution.

Fiscal Impact \$0

Dated: June 29, 2010

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board on June 10, 2010 by the **Land and Water Conservation Committee** /s/ Herb Cornell, Vice-chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Yttri, second by Dahl to approve the resolution. Hynek asked about the third Whereas, on the resolution. Corporation Counsel, Greg Lunde, explained that the Vernon County Forester can conduct business as a private consulting forester outside of Vernon County but would have to use their own tools, equipment, vehicles and must not be done on County time. Chairman Spenner called for a voice vote. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 39

TITLE: REVOLVING LOAN NEW AMERICAN BOULEVARD LLC

WHEREAS, New American Boulevard LLC – Anthony Macasaet, Roland Macasaet, Marjorie (Gigi) Macasaet, David Macasaet and Elizabeth Macasaet partners made application to the Revolving Loan Fund, and

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

WHEREAS, New American Boulevard LLC meet criteria as set forth in their application,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Vernon County through the Revolving Loan Fund shall lend the sum of \$100,000.00 to American Boulevard LLC, said loan to bear interest at the rate of 4% per annum. The loan is to amortize in a ten (10) year period and is to be secured by first mortgage on equipment.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 6, 2010 by the **Revolving Loan Fund Committee** /s/ Thomas Spenner, Chair Vote: 6 yes, 0 no

Motion by Richardson, second by Dahl to approve the resolution. Dahl stated they will be employing eight or more employees and are buying some used equipment, which is a considerable savings. Richardson stated the money borrowed is not tax levy dollars. Zibton stated they will be using local producers for the meat and produce. Cade asked if there is a limit on what can be loaned out and was told it depends on how much money is in the account and if they can add employees for each \$20,000 borrowed. Treasurer Rachel Hanson stated at this time we have \$151,897.91 in the account and monthly payments received on current loans total \$11,000. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 40

TITLE: REVOLVING LOAN CAMPBELL FAMILY HOMES, LLC

WHEREAS, Campbell Family Homes, LLC – Steve & Susan Campbell and Steve Locy owners made application to the Revolving Loan Fund, and

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

WHEREAS, Campbell Family Homes, LLC meet criteria as set forth in their application,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Vernon County through the Revolving Loan Fund shall lend the sum of \$30,000.00 to Campbell Family Homes, LLC, said loan to bear interest at the rate of 4% annum. The loan is to amortize in a seven (7) year period and is to be secured by a co-signer.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted by the **Revolving Loan Committee** /s/ Thomas Spenner, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion by Yttri, second by Larson to approve the resolution. Dahl wanted to know a little about Campbell Family Homes and what the money is earmarked for. Lunde stated Campbell Family Homes do group housing for disabled adults. Lunde stated this loan is going towards opening another four unit home in Viroqua. McClelland asked if the adults are all local and was told no, Vernon County has placement with them but they also take adults from outside the County. Spenner stated they employ about sixteen people. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 41

TITLE: EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY

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

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Emergency Management Committee is authorized to review and take such action as necessary to implement policies related to emergencies following County Board approval per the Rules and Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves Emergency Closing Policy as attached, replacing any and all policies and resolutions pertaining to subjects contained in these policies; and

FURTHER RESOLVES that changes to these policies may be approved and implemented by the Emergency Management Committee as long as the changes do not *unduly* impact the County financially or cause ~~undo~~ *undue* operational disruption to any single department.

Recommended for consideration by full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted June 11, 2010 by the **Emergency Management Committee** /s/ Tom Spenner, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Cade, second by Hynek to approve the resolution. Motion by Hooker, second by Dahl to amend the resolution on the Further Resolves adding the word *unduly* as follows: changes do not *unduly* impact the County financially and also stated undo is misspelled should be spelled undue. Motion to amend carried on a voice vote. Chairman Spenner called for a voice vote for the resolution as amended. The amended resolution passed on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 42

TITLE: RULE 16 – VERNON COUNTY IT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Rule 16 of the Rules of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors provides descriptions of the duties of the several committees, and;

WHEREAS, the Information Technology (IT) Committee has been to date an advisory committee,

WHEREAS, supervision and oversight of that department is not specifically provided for by Rule, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rule 16 be amended to provide as follows: The following new committee shall be created as follows: IT Committee: To provide supervision and oversight of the Vernon County IT Department. To coordinate and maintain the use of Information Technology (IT) within county departments as well as interfacing electronic systems to the public in a fiscally responsible manner, including but not limited to computers and related hardware devices, software, technology services and telecommunications.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: June 29, 2010

Submitted May 14, 2010 by the **Legal Affairs Committee** /s/ Kevin Gobel, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Cade, second by Cox to approve the resolution. Dahl asked if we will be keeping control, watching bills, credit cards, mileage and purchases. Larson stated at this time the advisory committee is keeping track of this. By splitting out from the General Government Committee the IT Department would meet monthly and not have to wait to make recommendations to the General Government Committee since that committee meets quarterly. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION 2010 – 43

TITLE: RULE 16 – COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Rule 16 of the Rules of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors provides descriptions of the duties of the several committees, and;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Planning Commission has been to date an advisory committee.

WHEREAS, supervision and oversight of that department is not specifically provided for by Rule and; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Rule 16 be amended to provide as follows: the following new 3 member committee shall be created as follows: Comprehensive Planning Committee: To provide supervision and oversight of Comprehensive Planning.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted June 11, 2010 by the Legal Affairs Committee /s/ Kevin Gobel,

Chair Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent/abstain

Motion by Verbsky, second by Erlandson to approve the resolution. Cox explained this resolution will give the committee ability to follow-up if the plan is approved. This committee would have oversight to it for changes and adjustments. Mitchell asked what the fiscal impact would be. Lunde stated the previous committee had ten members which prepared the initial Comprehensive Plan which was submitted and sent back for changes. We now have a three member committee consisting of County Supervisors. Corporation Counsel Lunde stated it is intended that if the Comprehensive Plan passes this would be the oversight committee which would have to do the annual review of the plan. Zibton wondered why we were not putting citizen members back on the committee and was told when the plan was sent back it was for minor re-write work. Chairman Spenner stated if it was a committee they would have the authority to write resolutions plus the State stated we should have a committee in place to watch over changes on the plan. Cox stated the advisory committee has already met twice. They opened the meeting to the public and received a lot of good feedback. Cox stated they have already gone through Phase I making adjustments. Cox stated a committee of three can meet as needed and three people will be responsible for the Comprehensive Plan if it gets passed. Richardson asked if the Supervisors will get a copy of the new plan before the August County Board meeting so the Supervisors can review it and was told yes. Lunde explained the Legislature passed a bill for a two year extension on passing a Comprehensive Plan as long as one was in progress at the time of the original deadline. Lunde stated Vernon County had one in progress so we are granted a two year extension to get our plan in place. Lunde stated the Legislature made it very clear that even though we are required to pass this by ordinance, there is no enforcement ability to go along with it and it is an advisory document. Chairman Spenner stated City, Village and Town Boards do not need to have Village powers to pass the Comprehensive Plan. Hooker asked if having a Comprehensive Plan in place will be a requirement in applying for grants and was told they could put in as one of the requirements for the grant that they want a copy of our Comprehensive Plan. Hynek stated he called Senator Kapanke's office and was told there was no language they could find that stated a Comprehensive Plan is needed to receive a grant. Cade called for question. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with twenty-four Supervisors voting yes and three Supervisors voting no. McCoy, Hynek, and Richardson voting no.

RESOLUTION 2010 – 44

TITLE: RULE 16 – TOURISM/PROMOTION

WHEREAS, Rule 16 of the Rules of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors provides descriptions of the duties of the several committees, and;

WHEREAS, the Tourism/Promotion Committee has assumed oversight of the Museum department and;

WHEREAS, there is no committee assigned to act as liaison with Vernon Economic Development Association, ITBEC, and Hidden Valleys

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rule 16 be amended to provide as follows:

Tourism/Promotion shall now be referred to as Tourism/Economic Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following new committee's duty shall be amended as follows:

To act as liaison with Vernon Economic Development Association, ITBEC, Mississippi River Parkway Commission and Hidden Valleys, and to make recommendations when appropriate for the economic needs of the county.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted June 9, 2010 by the Tourism/Promotion /s/ Maynard Cox, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Submitted June 11, 2010 by the Legal Affairs Committee /s/ Kevin Gobel, Chair Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion by Cox, second by Nickelatti to approve the resolution. Cox explained a lot of organizations attend our meeting bringing input from different groups. We are finding out some committees are working on the same projects and states it would be more feasible to work together. Cox stated Tourism and Economic Development go hand and hand. Hynek agrees and feels it will improve the system. Nickelatti stated the committees used to be together. Cox stated every month they invite a different person from different

committees to their meeting and instead of each committee spending money on the same projects he feels we should consolidate and share projects. Chairman Spenner called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed on a roll call vote with all twenty-seven Supervisors voting yes. Motion by Richardson, second by Cornell to excuse Cade from the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Motion carried on voice vote. Motion by Verbsky, second by Cornell to excuse Easterday from the meeting at 12:03. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 45

TITLE: RESCINDING OF RESOLUTION 10-A MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, resolution 10-A mileage reimbursement was passed June 17, 1980, and

WHEREAS, office at Erlandson building were not yet in place, and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste landfill was not yet started, and

WHEREAS, job duties and descriptions have changed drastically since 1980

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors that the following Resolution 10-A be rescinded as of June 29, 2010.

Resolved that mileage reimbursement for all county personnel for business trips to destinations within the city of Viroqua shall be limited to a maximum of two miles per day, and be it further resolved, that this regulation shall become effective July 1, 1980. Dated: June 17 1980.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted May 20, 2010 by the **Finance Committee** /s/ Ole Yttri, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Verbsky, second by Servais to approve the resolution. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 46

TITLE: ADOPTING THE VERNON COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN 2010 – 2014

WHEREAS, Vernon County recognized the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare a Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County recognizes that planning for natural hazard mitigation is an ongoing process with new mitigation projects being identified as additional information is obtained;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Vernon County, hereby adopts the Vernon County Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2010 – 2014 as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Emergency Management Department will submit on behalf of the participating municipalities the adopted Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency

Recommend for consideration by full County Board;

Dated: June 29, 2010 Submitted June 11, 2010 by the **Emergency Management Committee** /s/ Tom Spenner, Chair Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Motion by Spenner, second by Verbsky to table this resolution until the August 2010 meeting. Motion to table the resolution passed on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 47

TITLE: CDBG BLIGHT ELIMINATION GRANT

Relating to the County of Vernon's participation in the Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Community Development Block Grant program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, after public meeting and due consideration, County Board Supervisor Maynard Cox, The Vernon County Board representative to the Vernon Economic Development Association, has recommended that an application be submitted to the State of Wisconsin for the following projects;

Blight Elimination in the former NCR building to address health and safety issues for tenants. The renovated facility will benefit businesses from throughout the county who need space for start-up and/or expansion.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Vernon County Board to approve the preparation and filing of an application for Vernon County to receive funds from this program; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Board has reviewed the need for the proposed project(s) and the benefit(s) to be gained there from;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board does approve and authorize the preparation and filing of an application for the above-named project(s); and the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the Vernon County Board; and that authority is hereby granted to Vernon County to take the necessary steps to prepare and file the appropriate application for funds under this program in accordance with this resolution.

Fiscal impact: \$0

Dated: June 29, 2010 Resolution recommended June 18, 2010 by **County Board Supervisor Maynard Cox** /s/ Maynard Cox

Motion by Cox, second by Beitlich to approve the resolution. Cox asked Sue Noble, VEDA, to explain the resolution. Noble explained the CDBG Blight Elimination Grant would allow us to do further renovations at the former NCR building and remove anything that is a health and safety concern. The grant also would renovate the restrooms making them ADA assessable and providing new sprinkler system for fire protection. Noble stated she would write the grant. Hynek asked about fiscal impact for the County and was told none. Dahl asked how many jobs does she anticipate would be in the building and what is the economic impact for Vernon County. Noble stated she has three tenants that would like to be in the building by fall 2010, after the renovations, and would create twenty-five to thirty jobs. Noble stated her goal is to replace the eighty-one jobs that were lost. Noble stated she will rent space in the building by square foot. Cox wanted to go on record thanking Noble for all her hard work and grant writing. Richardson stated Noble has also helped with our revolving loans and our FEMA loans. Chairman Spenner called for a voice vote. The resolution passed on voice vote.

RESOLUTION # 2010 – 48

TITLE: RESOLUTION PLACING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

WHEREAS, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, over the past decade, the State of Wisconsin has transferred approximately \$1.2 billion from the state's segregated transportation fund to the state's general fund and replace it with approximately \$800 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds. Thereby, reducing the amount available for transportation purposes by approximately \$400 million.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public's confidence that the "user fees" they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state's segregated transportation fund with GO bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, the Pew Center on the States recently released a report that included Wisconsin as having one of the ten worst budget situations in the country and specifically cited transferring money from the transportation fund to fund ongoing operations as a example of one of the practices that has put Wisconsin in such a untenable position; and

WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds will have to be paid for out of the state's general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and courts in the future; and

WHEREAS, using the states general obligation (GO) bonds in this way has hurt the state's bond rating. A report issued by CNN in 2009 listed Wisconsin as having the second worst GO bond rating in the country; and

WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 90% of the state's segregated transportation account. Revenues from these two sources have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component in its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Vernon County deserve the right to have their voices heard on this important issue; and

WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection much like our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio already have is the only way to ensure that this practice will not continue;

