

VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
January 21, 2014

Chairman Herbert Cornell called the January 21, 2014 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 Doug Anderson, ~~Desoto~~ De Soto Lutheran Church of ~~Desoto~~ De Soto. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Cornell affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting. **Motion by Brose, 2nd by Subera to excuse John Mitchell from today's meeting and Jerry Johnson who will be a little late. Motion carried by all.** County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with 27 Supervisors present. **Motion by Cade, 2nd by Servais to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting. Motion carried by all.** Chairman Cornell asked if there were any announcements. Hynek stated he put maps and books on the desks. There were 5,000 maps and approximately 70,000 books printed for tourism advertising. He also thanked board for supporting Hidden Valley Tourism. Eric Evenstad stated he wanted to extend an invitation to all for the Snowflake Ski Tournament in Westby on January 31st and February 1st. Ron Hoff stated that there was an amended agenda that was made after the packets were mailed in order to add the resolution from Vernon Manor. Supervisors W-2 statements are on the desks along with new proceedings books for 2013. There are 3 extra-large shirts for sale that were ordered by employees that came in too big. There is cake to enjoy at break to celebrate Herb Cornell's birthday today.

Chairman Cornell moved to **Special Order of Business. (Item #1) Pam Eitland, Human Services Director-Authorization of Payment for State Mental Health Institute Expenses.** Eitland stated that this agenda item will be on all County Board agendas for 2014, because in the 2014 budgeting process, they removed the state mental health billing from her department budget since it is so unpredictable. After working with the Finance Committee, it was decided the best solution to the problem is to bring the bills to County Board for discussion. These bills are only for the people who go to the state mental health institutes. In 2012, we spent \$0 at state institutes, people were detained at local psych units but nobody went to Mendota or Winnebago for treatment. Last year, we spent almost \$200,000.00. There are now three patients at institutions at \$1,000.00 per day per patient. Winnebago costs \$1,000.00 per day, for emergency detentions add \$200.00 per day. For January 2014, costs are \$68,200.00. February will have a monthly cost of \$56,000.00 if status stays the same. The anticipated known costs are \$144,200.00 until the end of February. Erlandson stated Human Services is so difficult to budget for. Banta liked the idea of Eitland coming every time and explaining it when needed. Servais thanked Eitland for explanation. Hicks stated that the state does the committing and the county has no control over it. Johnson arrived at the meeting for 28 Supervisors present. **Motion by Hicks, 2nd by Beitlich to pay present bills and the anticipated bills monthly or at next meeting. \$144,200.00 approved at today's meeting. Chairman called for a roll call vote. Passed on a roll call vote with all 28 supervisors voting yes.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:** Dan Meyer, Vernon Manor Administrator-Vernon Manor Restructuring. Meyer introduced new Director of Nursing, Amanda Hoff. Meyer gave projector presentation of what was done in 2013. Meyer would like to reorganize some of the staff under Director of Nursing, and create positions for Assistant Director of Nursing, PM Supervisor, and Night Supervisor. This will lead to significant savings of over \$50,000.00 per year and it will provide a supervisor in the building at all times. It's going to be 3-9 months to put in place. Dahl asked how our surveys are going with state inspections. Meyer stated it can vary from 1 to 5 stars and is subject to interpretations of guidelines of our nursing home regulations survey system. Dahl asked about activity program. Meyer said they have addressed this. The Activities Director has picked up the program and is doing a fabulous job. They are doing it seven days a week now. If it's done correctly, they get reimbursements. The program population has doubled and the residents love it.

Chairman Cornell moved to Regular Order of Business and asked if there were any petitions and there were none. Chair Cornell moved to the next item on the agenda:

RESOLUTION #2014: 11

Title: Reorganization of Vernon Manor Nursing Organization

WHEREAS, Vernon Manor has recently filled the Director of Nursing vacancy with an internal candidate; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator and committee have agreed to restructure the nursing staff; and

WHEREAS, the job descriptions of Assistant Director of Nursing and Supervisor have to meet organization needs and to improve quality of care; and

WHEREAS, the new structure will result in an anticipated savings of over \$50,000 annually;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves the newly created positions and placement in the salary plan as follows:

- Assistant Director of Nursing Grade 17
- Supervisor Grade 16

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: January 16, 2014. Submitted by Personnel Committee, Geoffrey Banta, Chairman, 4 Yay, 0 Nay

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Yttri to approve the resolution. Chairman asked if there was any discussion and there was none. **Chairman called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed with all 28 supervisors voting yes.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 1

Title: Vernon County Highway and Recycling Employees Local Union 1527 Contract January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

WHEREAS, after a series of negotiations between the County and AFSCME Local 1527 an agreement was reached for a one-year labor contract from 1/01/2013 to 12/31/2013; and

WHEREAS, Act 10 of the Budget Repair Bill does not authorize an increase to base wages above CPI; and

WHEREAS, CPI for the second half of 2013 was 1.66%;

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

1. Duration 1/1/14 – 12/31/14.
2. Bargaining for 2015 to commence no later than November 1, 2014.
3. 1.66%

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: December 19, 2013. Submitted by Personnel Committee, Geoffrey Banta, Chairman, 5 Yay, 0 Nay

Motion by Erlandson, 2nd by McCoy to approve the resolution. Banta stated the employees were excellent to work with. They got 1.66% because of Act 10, the non-union got 2%. Banta thanked the employees that he worked with. **Chairman called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed with all 28 supervisors voting yes.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 2

Title: Vernon County Vernon Manor Employees Local Union 1667 Contract January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

WHEREAS, after a series of negotiations between the County and AFSCME Local 1667 an agreement was reached for a one-year labor contract from 1/01/2013 to 12/31/2013; and

WHEREAS, Act 10 of the Budget Repair Bill does not authorize an increase to base wages above CPI; and

WHEREAS, CPI for the second half of 2013 was 1.66%;

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

1. Duration 1/1/14 – 12/31/14.
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3. 1.66%

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: December 19, 2013. Submitted by Personnel Committee, Geoffrey Banta, Chairman, 5 Yay, 0 Nay

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Richardson to approve the resolution. Dahl asked about 2013 CPI. **Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Richardson to amend the resolution, the 1.66% needs to be added to the resolution to line 3. Motion carried. Chairman called for a roll call vote on resolution as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all 28 supervisors voting yes.** Chairman moved back to #2014-1 to open and amend. **Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Servais reopen and amend resolution #2014-1 to add 1.66% to line 3. Motion carried. Chairman called for a roll call vote. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all 28 supervisors voting yes.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 3

Title: Amended Resolution #2010-61 Appointment to an Term of Land Information Council Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors designated a Vernon County Land Information Council pursuant to § 59.72 (3m) WI Statutes through passage of Resolution 2010-61; and,

WHEREAS, certain members of that Council were to be appointed by the Chair of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors and approved by the Vernon County Board for two year terms; and,

WHEREAS, the appointment and approval process has created gaps in membership on the council based on the recent appointment process and timing of the meetings of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 2010-61 be amended and that the following members of the Land Information Council be appointed by the Chair of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors:

- Up to five members of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors,
- A Realtor or member of the Realtors Association, primarily serving Vernon County,
- A registered professional land surveyor who regularly works in Vernon County,
- A citizen member familiar with real estate assessments, re-evaluation or transactions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointed members terms shall run from May 1st to April 30th of even numbered years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appointments to the Land Information Council be made solely at the discretion of the Chair of the Vernon County Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rules of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors be amended in accordance with this resolution.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2014. Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.
Legal Affairs Committee, Kevin Gobel, Chairman, 3 Yes, 0 No
Land Information Council, Will Beitlich, Chairman, 11 Yes, 0 No

Motion by Beitlich, 2nd by Brault to approve the resolution. Doug Avoles explained appointment process to committee needed to be updated. Interested people may apply for committee after announcement appears in newspaper. **Chairman called for a voice vote. Motion carried with all yes's yays heard.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 4

Title: Authorizing Match Funding

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under FEMA AFG program, administered by the Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) for the purpose of the provision or improvement of communication for emergency response; and

WHEREAS, after public meeting and due consideration, the Emergency Management Committee and Vernon County Sheriff Department supports a regional application submitted by Stoddard-Bergen Volunteer Fire Department on behalf of fire departments in Vernon County Wisconsin to improve emergency response communication; and

WHEREAS, the total request for the AFG Communication grant is \$550,000; and,

WHEREAS, the grant requires match funding not to exceed \$55,000 or 10% of the grant award; and,

WHEREAS, the 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 County Board does hereby approve funds to match the grant if awarded and that authority is hereby granted to the Emergency Management to work with the Stoddard-Bergen Volunteer Fire Department on behalf of the Regional application.

Dated: January 9, 2014. Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Brought in by Emergency Management , Herbert Cornell, Chairman, 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent
Finance Committee, Ole Yttri, Chairman, 5 Yes, 0 No

This resolution needs no action today. Yttri stated this has been taken care of by Finance Committee. It was approved by Finance to cover the \$55,000.00 from Ho-Chunk Infrastructure Fund. Chad Buros, Director of Emergency Management explained that more Narrowbanding radio frequency is needed. Assistance to Firefighters Grant is available and has asked for \$550,000.00. This upgrade will give us a total of nine towers for better communicating. The resolution does not need to go before the board today.

Motion by Evenstad, 2nd by Dahl to pull the resolution from the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried on a voice vote with all yes's yays heard.

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 5

Title: Authorizing Vernon County Submission of a Hazard Mitigation Grant

WHEREAS, The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, ("The Stafford Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq., identifies the use of Disaster Relief Funds Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Section 404 ("HMGP"), including the acquisition and relocation of structures in the floodplain; and,

WHEREAS, the mitigation grant program provides a process for a local government, through the State, to apply for federal funds for mitigation assistance to acquire interests in property, including the purchase

of structures in the floodplain, to demolish and/or remove the structures, and to maintain the use of the Property as open space in perpetuity; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has applied for and been awarded such funding from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), and has entered into a mitigation grant program agreement with FEMA ; making the state a mitigation grant program grantee; and,

WHEREAS, qualifying property is located in Vernon County, and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) and is in good standing with NFIP as of the date of the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in good standing with the NFIP and have Flood Insurance available to their residents, Vernon County was required to adopt an ordinance that meets the minimum standards of 44 CFR 59-72 including:

- protect life, health and property;
- minimize public expenditures for costly flood control projects;
- minimize rescue and relief efforts;
- minimize business interruptions;
- minimize damage to public facilities;
- minimize the occurrence of future flood blight areas;
- discourage the victimization of unwary land and home buyers; and
- prevent increases in the regional flood from occurring; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County has adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce or eliminate repetitive loss or substantially damaged structures; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County has identified 23 parcels as located in the 100 year flood plain and hydraulic shadow of flood control dams; and,

WHEREAS, many of these structures have experienced repetitive loss from flood events; and,

WHEREAS, local property owners rights to repair, construct and utilize their property have been limited by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County, acting by and through the Emergency Management Committee, has applied for federal funds through the State of Wisconsin, making it eligible as a mitigation grant program sub grantee; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the mitigation grant program statutory authorities require that the Grantee agree to conditions that restrict the use of the land to open space in perpetuity in order to protect and preserve natural floodplain values;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Vernon County will agree and apply for the FEMA 4141 DR Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds subject to terms and conditions (See Attached):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all properties acquired through the FEMA 4141DR HMGP grant be on a voluntary basis only; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Vernon County be responsible for a 12.5% match which will be provided through DNR and CDBG grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is authorized to sign all documents related to the application of the FEMA 4141 DR HMGP.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2014. Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Emergency Management, Herbert Cornell, Chairman, 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Finance Committee, Ole Yttri, Chairman, 5 Yes, 0 No

Attachment 1 to Resolution # 2014: 5

Authorizing Vernon County Submission of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Terms and Conditions

Pursuant to the terms of the FEMA 4141DR HMGP statutory authorities, Federal program requirements consistent with 44 C.F.R. Part 80, the Grant Agreement, and the State-local Agreement, the following

conditions and restrictions shall apply in perpetuity to the Property described in the attached deed and acquired by the Grantee pursuant to FEMA program requirements concerning the acquisition of property for open space:

a. Compatible uses. The Property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity as open space for conservation of natural floodplain functions. Such uses may include: parks for outdoor recreational activities; wetlands management; nature reserves; cultivation; grazing; camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation); unimproved unpaved parking lots; buffer zones; and other uses consistent with FEMA guidance for open space acquisition, Hazard Mitigation Assistance, Requirements for Property Acquisition and Relocation for Open Space.

b. Structures. No new structures or improvements shall be erected on the Property other than:

i. A public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space or recreational use;

ii. A public rest room; or

iii. A structure that is compatible with open space and conserves the natural function of the floodplain, including the uses described in Paragraph 1.a., above, and approved by the FEMA Administrator in writing before construction of the structure begins.

Any improvements on the property shall be in accordance with proper floodplain management policies and practices. Structures built on the Property according to paragraph b. of this section shall be flood proofed or elevated to at least the base flood level plus two foot of freeboard, or greater, if required by FEMA, or if required by any State, or local ordinance, and in accordance with criteria established by the FEMA Administrator.

c. Disaster Assistance and Flood Insurance. No federal entity or source may provide disaster assistance for any purpose with respect to the Property, nor may any application for such assistance be made by any Federal entity or source. The Property is not eligible for coverage under the NFIP for damage to structures on the property occurring after the date of the property settlement, except for pre-existing structures being relocated off the property as a result of the project.

d. Transfer. Vernon County, including successors in interest, shall convey any interest in the Property only if the FEMA Regional Administrator, through the State, gives prior written approval of the transferee in accordance with this paragraph.

i. The request by the Grantee, through the State, to the FEMA Regional Administrator must include a signed statement from the proposed transferee that it acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms of this section, and documentation of its status as a qualified conservation organization if applicable.

ii. The Grantee may convey a property interest only to a public entity or to a qualified conservation organization. However, the Grantee may convey an easement or lease to a private individual or entity for purposes compatible with the uses described in paragraph (a), of this section, with the prior approval of the FEMA Regional Administrator, and so long as the conveyance does not include authority to control and enforce the terms and conditions of this section.

iii. If title to the Property is transferred to a public entity other than one with a conservation mission, it must be conveyed subject to a Conservation Easement that shall be recorded with the deed and shall incorporate all terms and conditions set forth in this section, including the easement holder's responsibility to enforce the easement. This shall be accomplished by one of the following means:

a. The Grantee shall convey, in accordance with this paragraph, a conservation easement to an entity other than the title holder, which shall be recorded with the deed, or

b. At the time of title transfer, the Grantee shall retain such conservation easement, and record it with the deed.

iv. Conveyance of any property interest must reference and incorporate the original deed restrictions providing notice of the conditions in this section and must incorporate a provision for the

property interest to revert to the State, Tribe, or local government in the event that the transferee ceases to exist or loses its eligible status under this section.

2. Inspection. FEMA, its representatives, and assigns, including the State shall have the right to enter upon the Property, at reasonable times and with reasonable notice, for the purpose of inspecting the Property to ensure compliance with the terms of this part, the Property conveyance and of the grant award.

3. Monitoring and Reporting. Every three years Vernon County program in coordination with any current successor in interest, shall submit through the State to the FEMA Regional Administrator a report certifying that the Grantee has inspected the Property within the month preceding the report, and that the Property continues to be maintained consistent with the provisions of 44 CFR Part 80, the property conveyance, and the grant award.

4. Enforcement. Vernon County, the State, FEMA, and their respective representatives, successors and assigns, are responsible for taking measures to bring the Property back into compliance if the Property is not maintained according to the terms of 44 CFR Part 80, the property conveyance, and the grant award.

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Dahl to approve the resolution. Chad Buros and Michele Engh gave explanation. Buros stated this grant became available in October. This is funding to help purchase properties in flood zones. This is tied to the approved Mitigation Plan. Engh stated there is \$800,000.00 awarded so far by the state with a 12.5% cash match that would be through DNR Municipal Flood Control grants and CDBG funds. So far, there are 14 out of 23 surveys returned from property owners who are interested in buyout. These properties are located in the flood plain and in the breach route of dams. Grant is to reduce hazardous rating on dams. Land must be maintained for public use once it is purchased. Potential total tax loss (which includes local, county, state, school, and WTC) would be \$19,281.34 per year. Of that \$19,281.34, the total potential tax loss for the 3 townships is \$2,895.91 and potential loss to the county is \$4,894.01. Dahl asked what the history was of people who have been bought out in previous programs, how much do they spend resettling within the county or that township. Engh answered that 2 out of 14 have moved out of the area, we've had a number constructing homes, and then some who just purchased homes within Vernon County. Primarily the county has benefited, like Town of Harmony, because they've had a number of new homes constructed out of the breach route and flood plain. Subera stated if match funds fail, this will not go forward. Engh said correct. Banta stated if we don't take this money and give people the opportunity to move out of harm's way, we would feel terrible if someone were to drown in a flood. Sue Burkhamer explained the 50% rule is 50% structural improvements that are allowed over the life of the property, of up to 50% of the tax assessed value of repairs on homes for maintenance in flood plain. Johnson stated this will reflect on the fair market value and limit land owner ability to maintain. Burkhamer stated if over 50% damage from flood, then they cannot rebuild, but if from fire you could. Brault asked who enforces; this is a problem if they don't require building permits in their township. Hynek stated he was in past flood damage with his properties and only could get \$25,000.00 to relocate. Dahl stated we need to look at the people at risk. Larson stated we will have expense to maintain properties and loss of tax base is very concerning. Also, it states that it's voluntary now, but if one resident is not willing to move, we will still have to inspect that dam. He's concerned that the wording will change and become mandatory later. Also, we spent money to make dams to protect the people below them, if people are bought out, will we spend millions tearing down dams. Subera concerned about monitoring process of land and cost. Subera asked what does maintenance mean and could it change in future. **Motion by Hicks, 2nd by Servais to call for the question. Chairman called for a roll call vote with 22 Supervisors voting yes and 6 no votes. Johnson, Brault, Larson, Hynek, Subera, and Richardson voted no. Chairman called for roll call vote on the resolution. The resolution passed with 18 Supervisors voting yes and 10 no votes. Brose, Johnson, Evenstad, Larson, Davig, McCoy, Easterday, Subera, Richardson, and Redington voted no.**

Break 11:02 a.m. Reconvene at 11:17 a.m.

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 6

Title: Authorizing Resolution for Participation in the Development of Natural Resources MUNICIPAL DAM GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Vernon County owns Mlsna (WF-PM), Dahlen (CC-41), Thompson (BA-16), and Tally (BA-34) Dams and requests financial assistance under s.31.385 and s.227.11, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code, for the purpose of dam repair: and

WHEREAS, the state share for such a project may not exceed 50 percent (50%) of the first \$400,000.00 of total eligible project costs nor 25 percent (25%) of the next \$800,000.00 of total eligible project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors HEREBY AUTHORIZES the LWCD Resource Conservationist to:

- Submit an application to the DNR for financial aid under ch. NR335, Wis. Adm. Code;
- Sign grant agreement documents;
- Take all necessary action to complete the project associated with any grant agreement; and
- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vernon County agrees to pay a share of the eligible costs which is equal to the total project cost minus the state share.*

*Fiscal impact-0% increase on budget.

Dated: January 7, 2014, Brought in by Land and Water Conservation Committee, Will Beitlich, Chairman, 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Richardson to approve the resolution. Mark Erickson gave presentation to explain the grant. He has applied for funds. The Thompson Dam, Tally Dam, Dahlen Dam, and Mlsna Dam are four that funds would be used on and state would cover half of the cost. The other half of the costs would come out of the dam's operation and maintenance budget. Approximate costs are Mlsna Dam-\$55,000.00, Tally Dam-\$65,000.00, Dahlen Dam-\$38,700.00, and Thompson Dam-\$55,000.00. Dahl asked how much money was applied for and how much would be offset by DNR or state funds. Erickson answered a total of \$215,800.00 applied for; 50% would be offset and then the county would be responsible for the other 50%. Engineering will all be free. Dahl asked if we have enough funds in budget now. Erickson stated hard to answer right now because of repairs going on, but the resolution states there will be no fiscal impact. **Chairman called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed with all 28 Supervisors voting yes.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:**

RESOLUTION #2014: 7

Title: Revolving Loan Maxine Brooks dba The Harvest Moon

WHEREAS, Maxine Brooks dba The Harvest Moon has made application to the Vernon County Revolving Loan Fund; and,

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

WHEREAS, Maxine Brooks dba The Harvest Moon, 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 \$25,000 to Maxine Brooks dba The Harvest Moon. The total includes two loans: \$10,000 for equipment and \$15,000 working capital, said loans to bear interest at the rate of 4% per annum. The working capital loan is to amortize in a seven (7) year period and the equipment loan is to

amortize in a ten (10) year period. Loans will be secured by a lien on the equipment and a second mortgage real estate located in Crawford County.

Dated: December 20, 2013, by Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Herbert Cornell, Chairman, 5 Yes, 0 No
Motion by Richardson, 2nd by Redington to approve the resolution. McCoy would like to be notified if there is a revolving loan application in his area and asked was there an evaluation made on property. Engh answered yes, the property appraised for \$299,000.00 and \$30,000.00 on equipment. Dahl asked what the Harvest Moon was and others answered that it is a restaurant and hotel. Subera asked why WCCU Credit Union was not all in and we're taking a 2nd mortgage. Lunde and Richardson stated this is for startup costs. Bringe stated revolving loan has cheapest interest rate. Thompson asked why the discrepancy on the tax base between 2012 and 2013 fair market value. Lunde answered 2012 was based on construction costs and then after foreclosure it was reassessed based on what was there. Thompson stated there are two popular restaurants next door already, he can't support because he doesn't feel the village can support another one. McCoy said one of the problems with the two different valuations was the poor workmanship and construction of the motels and that is a major concern of his. McCoy is very concerned about other two restaurants in village and worried about history of past restaurant so he doesn't support either. McCoy suggested that in the future, a supervisor in area of loan should be called into Revolving Loan meeting. Johnson stated it was not in flood plain anymore but asked if it is causing water damage to properties adjoining it. Engh said DNR provided engineering on it and it has DNR approval. Banta asked Revolving Loan Committee Chair to explain their reasoning on why they got the loan and feels we must trust committee. Bringe stated she was concerned about bringing another business in area, but she seems intent on doing a lot of catering outside the area. Starks stated good traffic area at that location. **Chairman called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed with 21 Supervisors voting yes and 7 no votes. Servais, Johnson, Larson, Thompson, McCoy, Easterday, and Subera voted no.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:** Resolution

RESOLUTION #2014: 8

Title: Vernon County Elected Official Salaries Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute Sec. 59.22 calls for the establishment of elected officials remuneration (wages and benefits) prior to April 15th of an election year. The fall 2014 elections are for Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner for the time period 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

WHEREAS, historically the County has paid the same salaries for Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court, and the wages for Treasurer and Register of Deeds has been set for 2015 and 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Vernon County Board of Supervisors approves the following salaries for elected officials:

Sheriff	70,066*(current salary)
Coroner	19,599*(current salary)
Chief Deputy –	63,059* (current salary, per resolution, salary is set at 90% of Sheriff annual salary)

with the intent to provide these positions with the same percentage of increase as other department heads for the remaining terms of their office.

* Number is not correct current salary

Clerk of Court	52,151 (current salary)
2015	54,242
2016	55,327
2017, 2018	Same percentage as department heads

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: January 16, 2014, by Personnel Committee, Geoffrey Banta, Chairman, 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Motion by Servais, 2nd by Davig to approve the resolution. Banta explained Personnel Committee is trying to get everyone on same playing field and everyone is there except elected officials. The problem in the past was that we had to set the salary for 4 years and that set the tone for everyone else. Like the 2%, it makes it hard to negotiate with the union or another body for less when you have already given it to someone else. By 2017, elected officials will be on the same scale where they should be. It shows an adjustment for the Clerk of Court because that got left behind in pay scale. If this passes, everybody will get the same raise and it will make it easier. Now it states in future, raises will be the same as department heads. **Chairman called for a roll call vote. The resolution passed with all 28 Supervisors voting yes.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:** Resolution

RESOLUTION #2014: 9

Title: Vernon County opposition to fast-track of Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement

WHEREAS, The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a “trade agreement” that has been negotiated in secret and that Congress is now considering “fast-tracking” the TPP; and,

WHEREAS, “Fast-track” is a procedure where, President Obama is allowed to sign TPP before Congress votes. Then “the President writes an ‘implementing bill’ to make US laws conform to the hundreds of pages of TPP dictates.” President Obama then sends this law to Congress, “where no amendments will be allowed and debate will be strictly limited” (1); and,

WHEREAS, “Of the 29 chapters in the TPP agreement, only five cover traditional trade matters” (1); and,

WHEREAS, The Trans-Pacific Partnership allows for “the nullification of our people's constitutional right to direct expenditures of our own tax dollars” (1); and,

WHEREAS, Much of the TPP grants new multi-national corporate rights including; “safeguards to ease job offshoring and loss of our sovereign rights to control our natural resources, and limit our sovereign right to regulation of financial services, land use, food safety, natural resources, energy, tobacco, healthcare” (2); and,

WHEREAS, The Vernon County Board of Supervisors believes that the public has that right to know as much information as possible about the affairs of government, especially a trade agreement with far reaching ramifications like the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors does hereby call upon its congressional delegation to oppose the “fast-track” of the Trans-pacific Partnership and to hold open public hearings on the trade agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors does direct the County Clerk to mail this resolution to; the Wisconsin Counties Association, President Obama, Congressman Kind and Senators Johnson and Baldwin.

(1) <http://www.hightowerlowdown.org/node/3402-.UrCmQUaGU3h>

(2) <http://www.thenation.com/article/168627/nafta-steroids>

Dated this 21st day of January, 2014. Submitted by: Dennis Brault Supervisor District 13

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board. Legal Affairs Committee, Kevin Gobel, Chairman, 2 Yes, 1 No

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Brault to approve the resolution. Brault stated this resolution is so important for national trade of country. He feels sometimes things become so outrageous at the federal government level that we must take action and speak with unified voice to prevent some abuses. The fast-tracking of this Trans-Pacific partnership agreement is one of these abuses. The county board would lose the ability to control direct expenditures of county tax dollars. When we grant the president fast-track authority, Congress loses ability to make amendments. President would have sole power of agreement. Dahl feels

this is most troubling legislation for our country and it would take home rule away from country. McCoy fully agrees; this needs to be addressed and stopped. Gobel agrees fully. He stated you may ask, what are they going to say when they get this piece of paper, at least we sent one to somebody and said it for everybody; it's getting out of control. Subera agrees and stated that we are hurting in Vernon County because our manufacturing has left because of these types of agreements. Servais feels this could be worse than NAFTA agreement. **Chairman called for a voice vote. Motion carried. The resolution passed with all yes's yays heard.**

Chair Cornell moved to **the next item on the agenda:** Resolution

RESOLUTION #2014: 10

Title: Vernon County support for the USA Freedom Act

Article IV. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

WHEREAS, “The overreach by the National Security Agency (NSA) does more than infringe on American civil liberties. It poses a serious threat to our economic vitality. Reports from the business community are clear: indiscriminate collection of data by the NSA damages American companies' growth, credibility, competitive advantage and bottom line”; and,

WHEREAS, “On 31 October, the Senate Intelligence Committee – created to conduct oversight on these programs – abdicated leadership and responsibility by voting for the first time in our country's history to allow unrestrained spying on innocent Americans”; and,

WHEREAS, “Congress must act to mitigate the negative effects on our civil liberties and economy. With these concerns in mind, I (Jim Sensenbrenner) introduced the USA Freedom Act with Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (Democrat from Vermont)”; and,

WHEREAS, “As part of its business provisions, the USA Freedom Act increases transparency by giving internet and telecom companies the ability to publicly disclose the number of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Fisa) orders and national security letters they received, as well as how many orders they complied with. It will also allow companies to divulge how many users or accounts on whom information was demanded under the Fisa orders and national security letters”; and,

WHEREAS, “Genuine reform is a Constitutional and economic necessity”; and,

WHEREAS, “transparency and privacy are paramount for internet and telecommunication companies”; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors does hereby call upon its congressional delegation to become cosponsors of the USA Freedom Act by; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors does direct the County Clerk to mail this resolution to; the Wisconsin Counties Association, President Obama, Congressman Kind and Senators Johnson and Baldwin.

All quotes by Wisconsin Congressman, Jim Sensenbrenner (R), from his November 20 editorial in the Guardian:

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/nov/20/jim-sensenbrenner-nsa-overreach-hurts-business>

Dated this 9th day of January, 2014.

Submitted by: Dennis Brault Supervisor District 13

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board by Legal Affairs Committee, Kevin Gobel, Chairman, 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Evenstad to approve the resolution. Brault explained he is very concerned of infringement of American civil liberties. He stated this act isn't an end all to getting our constitutional liberties back, but it's a beginning. He feels it's worth our time and effort to say for the people of Vernon County that we support this. **Motion by Subera, 2nd by Brault to amend the motion with the wording from the 4th Amendment of Constitution. Chairman called for a voice vote. Motion carried. The amendment passed with all yes's yays heard. Chairman called for a voice vote for the resolution. Motion carried. The resolution passed with all yes's yays heard.**

Chairman Cornell moved to **Ordinances**.

ORDINANCE #2014: 1

Title: Amended Ordinance No. 2006-1-Ordinance authorizing the Register of Deeds and Treasurer to retain all overpayments of \$5.00 or less (Ordinance 2006-1 adopted September 26, 2006)

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has previously reviewed the practice in the refunding of overpayments of recording fees; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee determined that it would be more cost effective to propose Vernon County ordinance 2006-1 regarding overpayment fees of \$2.00 or less in the Register of Deeds Office and thereby establishing a retention policy.

And WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has requested that overpayments of real estate tax be included in this policy.

Now THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of Vernon County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION I. That Sec. 2-3 of the Vernon County Code of Ordinances be amended to allow the Vernon County Register of Deeds and the Vernon County Treasurer retain all overpayments of less than \$5.00.

SECTION II. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication pursuant to Section §59.54(24)(b) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: December 12, 2013

Brought in by Legal Affairs Committee, Kevin Gobel, Chairman , 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Motion by Brose, 2nd by Erlandson to approve the ordinance. Chairman Cornell asked for public comment. There was none. Starks asked how often this happens. Lunde answered not as much at Register of Deeds, but more often at Treasurer's Office. **Chairman called for a roll call vote. The ordinance passed with 25 Supervisors voting yes and 3 no votes. Starks, Bringe, and Brault voted no. Motion carried.**

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 and there were none. Chairman Cornell asked for any unfinished business. Brault thanked the four board members leaving board for their service.

The next County Board meeting will be April 15, 2014.

With the meeting concluded, a **motion was made by McCoy, 2nd by Banta to adjourn. Motion carried by all.** Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

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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 January 21, 2014, as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

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/s/ Ron Hoff
Vernon County Clerk