

VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
April 21, 2015

County Board Chairman, Herbert Cornell called the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Boardroom of the Courthouse Annex. Invocation, Pastor Jim Folz of Northwest/Southwest Prairie Lutheran Church, Viroqua, WI is sick today and can't be with us. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Cornell affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting. **Motion by Servais 2nd by Subera, to excuse Ralph Hicks from today's meeting. Motion carried.** County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with 28 supervisors present. **Motion by Subera, 2nd by Dahl to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.** Dahl has small change, will talk to Ron later. Subera asked for correction to language on the February 5, 2015 minutes. Change, ~~Kickapoo Reserve area has economic problems~~, it should read, Kickapoo Valley Reserve is not enhancing the economy of the surrounding area.

Chairman Cornell asked if there were any Announcements, The WCA Annual Conference will be held in La Crosse this year September 20-22, 2015, all registrations must be submitted by June 22, 2015.

Resolution 2015-11 and Resolution 2015-12 had a back page that did not get copied in the packet, but are on your desk and on the projector screen.

Board members signed a get well card for Ralph Hicks.

Dahl stated that the Resource Committee meeting is Monday, April 27, 2015 at 11:00 AM. Also, Agri-Tourism at Branches Winery in Westby on April 23, 2015 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Dahl attended the America's competitive exchange 2015, this is the third time they have had this in the history of the state department. It involves Trade Ministers from Canada to Argentina and Chili, they are here in the coulee region doing tours of various businesses, and they are also interested in organic.

Jim Servais and Loren Goede are on the ITBC committee. They handed out a brochure to board members; it explained some of the ways ITBEC has invested in our Counties for Economic Developmental growth. This organization started in 1992 and membership is open to local governments, businesses, individuals and public agencies.

Also, the Dairy Breakfast is June 20, 2015 in the Ontario area, we need members to help. Glenda Sullivan is the Chair.

Chairman Cornell moved to **Special Order of Business.**

(#1) Tammy Saleska, Veterans Benefits Administration - Thom Downer and Mike Knapp gave a video presentation on the mentor program. This program works with all veterans and gives mentor assistance. It's a nonprofit organization, so no taxes, it is all volunteer work. PTSD is now the highest in the Vietnam Era of veterans; they also shared three letters from Veterans who have benefited by the mentor program. There are thirty six Veterans in the program at this time. Mike is in Vernon County every Friday about 9 AM.

Dahl asked how much money is needed; they are not sure for the future. A Veteran gave \$50,000.00 to start this program; we still have \$12,000.00 of that left.

Dahl stated our Veterans Department needs to be commended; Tamie and Jim do an outstanding job with our veterans.

(#2) Pam Eitland, Human Services Director – Authorization of payment for State Mental Health Institutions expenses. At the present time, two people are at Winnebago and one at Mendota. We've had seventeen emergency detentions this year so far. Between payments and reversals of dollars, we spent \$334,000 in tax levy dollars in 2014 for State Commitment bills, current bills are \$218,000.00. We have \$41,000.00 of that already paid. We are requesting \$178,000.00 today for State Institute payments. Subera asked, what age groups are you seeing, are there more of a certain age. Fifteen is the youngest age to late twenty's. Eighteen years old to the young twenty's seem to be the highest age bracket. Servais asked about out of county people. Vernon County is responsible for the first seventy two hours. The request for \$178,000.00 is projected to carry Vernon County thru May 31, 2015. Motion by Beitlich, 2nd by Amelse to pay the \$178,000.00 for State Institution expenses. Cary asked if there was any type of school age training. Yes, we are doing educational work with Center Point Counseling they are going to different locations. Yttri states that this seems like a great service to educate youth and that population. Roll call vote **28 All Yes**

(#3) Election of 2 board members to the Human Services Committee for a 3-year term, previously held by Ralph Hicks and Frank McCoy, and one community member for a 3 year term previously held by Maynard Cox. Motion by Brault to nominate, Frank Mc Coy, Shawn Redington and Citizen Maynard Cox, to fill the Human Services Committee positions, 2nd by Servais. Motion by Erlandson to close nominations, 2nd by Dahl. Carried all. McCoy, Redington and Maynard Cox are elected to the Human Services Committee for a 3 year term.

(#4) Election of one (1) community member to the Vernon Manor Committee for a 3 year term previously held by Christine Dean. Yttri asked to postpone this election till the next meeting. We need to find a replacement to nominate.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #2015-9:
Revolving Loan: Amy J. Fischer dba The Viking Inn**

WHEREAS, Amy J. Fischer dba The Viking Inn has made application to the Vernon County Revolving Loan Fund; and,

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

WHEREAS, Amy J. Fischer dba The Viking Inn, 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 Amy J. Fischer dba The Viking Inn. The loan is for the purchase of the Viking Inn and its equipment, said loan to bear interest at the rate of 3.5% per annum and be amortized over a seven (7) year period. Loans will be secured by a second mortgage on the Viking Inn.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated March 20, 2015

Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Herbert Cornell, Chair 4 Yes votes No votes 2 Absent/Abstain

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors April 21, 2015

Motion by Redington, 2nd by Yttri to support the resolution. Motion carried 25 Yes 3 No, Johnson, Muller and Subera.

RESOLUTION #2015-10

Revolving Loan: Snapper and Kimberlee Verbsky dba The Hillsboro Brewing Company

WHEREAS, Snapper and Kimberlee Verbsky dba The Hillsboro Brewing Company has made application to the Vernon County Revolving Loan Fund; and,

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

WHEREAS, Snapper and Kimberlee Verbsky dba The Hillsboro Brewing Company, 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 Snapper and Kimberlee Verbsky dba The Hillsboro Brewing Company. The loan is for the purchase equipment, said loan to bear interest at the rate of 3.5% per annum and be amortized over a ten (10) year period. Loans will be secured by a second mortgage on the Champion House. A minimum of 1

FTE (full time equivalent) position will be created by the Hillsboro Brewing Company as part of the terms of the loan.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated March 20, 2015

Revolving Loan Fund Committee Herbert Cornell, Chair 4 Yes votes 0 No votes 2 Absent/Abstain

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors, April 21, 2015

Motion by Erlandson, 2nd by Larson. Dahl asked if Snapper is legal name, yes. Servais feels 2nd mortgage is risky but previous loan is paid down low enough to cover. The payments are always current. Amelse feels Revolving Loan is an excellent program for Vernon County, to keep and grow business. **Motion passed.** 25 Yes 3 No Johnson, Muller, Subera.

RESOLUTION #2015-11:

Title: Resolution to Create Mechanic/Utility Position at Highway Department

WHEREAS, the aging fleet at the Highway Department is requiring more maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to save the Land and Water and Solid Waste some additional maintenance dollars; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to attract more township work; and,

WHEREAS, to have an additional plow driver available; and,

WHEREAS, to minimize down time for a more timely completion of projects and to have a computerized maintenance program; and,

WHEREAS, due to expected retirements, there should be no additional tax levy required;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation of this position at the Highway Department.

FISCAL NOTE: No levy increase. Note - projected vacant positions will not be replaced.

Recommendation for consideration by the full County Board.

Vernon County Highway Committee, Jo Ann Nickelatti, Chair Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors April 21, 2015

New Mechanic/Utility Position – Highway Department

Position cost with fringe - \$70,000

Possible savings to other departments - \$10,000

Additional estimated township work - \$20,000

Better maintenance on our equipment - priceless

Motion by Cade, 2nd by Davig. Cade asked Phil Hewitt to explain. Project \$20.00 hourly county shop rate would be about 1/2 of outside service to do work on county equipment, highway has eliminated three positions last couple years so funds are in budget. Would start position in fall, there are 23 truck routes, so trucks get used over 20 years on plow routes. New position would be mechanic and truck driver when needed. New position could partly be second shift.

Redington asked how much town work we would do, Hewitt stated, maybe from \$10,000.00 up to \$25,000.00. Amelse asked if we have ever had three mechanics, yes a few years back. Cary feels it is a good request, Hewitt doing a good job. Roll call vote – all 28 Yes.

RESOLUTION #2015-12:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING

To Urge the Governor and State Legislators to Provide adequate resources to support county land conservation and cost-sharing for farmers and other land users

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Land Conservation Department is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs including non-point pollution control, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection ; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation:

- supports the concept of credit trading and adaptive management between municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce phosphorus discharge
 - urges the state to stop the spread of invasive species into Wisconsin
 - program, provided that local regulations do not exceed state standards
- supports adequate funding to local units of government to implement the nonpoint

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection acknowledges the counties' statutory role in coordinating and implementing farm conservation standards at the local level, and supports efforts to ensure that adequate resources are available for counties to do their job; and

WHEREAS, County Land Conservation staff supported by state grants have decreased since the program began, and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget has not requested maintenance of the staff funding allocations that were included in the 2013-15 biennial budget, thus reducing the funding to \$8 million annually in the 2015-17 budget, down from the 2001 to 2011 average of \$9.3 million; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) 2015 statewide policy recognizes the value of the work County Land Conservation Departments provide to farmers and Wisconsin citizens by supporting adequate resources to implement maintaining this base level of funding; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately fund local, voluntarily accepted farm conservation practices has led to environmental problems and increasing citizen suits and court decisions against farmers; and

WHEREAS, this action amounts to another cut on local Units to governments; and

WHEREAS, Cuts to local Land & Water Conservation leads to a direct, negative impact on farmers, tourism, contractors, and the rural Vernon County economy as a whole; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 21st day of April 2015 does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping Wisconsin farmers grow our state's agriculture while preserving the state's land and water resources for future generations.

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on the 21st day of April, 2015

County Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Submitted by Land and Water Conservation Committee Will Beitlich, Chair Date 4/9/15 4 Yes 1 No

Motion by McCoy, 2nd by Dahl. Subera opposes, State needs to review program and revamp or eliminate as needed. Motion carried, some No's were heard.

RESOLUTION # 2015-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VERNON COUNTY TO SEEK WISCONSIN DNR STEWARDSHIP GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING PARK AND CAMPGROUND FACILITIES AT ESOFEA/RENTZ MEMORIAL PARK AND DEVELOPING CAMPGROUND FACILITIES AT DUCK EGG COUNTY FOREST

WHEREAS, Vernon County is interested in developing lands for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the ADLP (Aid for the Development of Local Parks) Stewardship Grant Application for Campground Facility Upgrade at Esofea/Rentz Memorial Park and Campground Facility Development at Duck Egg County Forest; and,

WHEREAS, funding is required to carry out the project; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County has budgeted parks revenue and expense funds sufficient to complete the development project over a four year period of time from 2015 to 2018;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution hereby authorizes Paul Krahn, County Conservationist for the Land & Water Conservation Department, to act on behalf of Vernon County to:

1. Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that might be available;
2. Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date;
3. Submit signed documents; and
4. Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Vernon County will comply with state and federal program rules regarding public recreation opportunities during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on the 21st day of April, 2015.

County Fiscal Impact: Approx. \$18,400 per year over 4 years.

Land and Water Conservation Committee Will Beitlich, Chair Date 4/9/15 4 Yes 1 No

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Servais. Subera doesn't support this, he feels grants come with strings attached, and the fiscal impact is not that much. If this is justifiable maybe the county should look at doing it with our own funds and forget the outside help. One of the things that Land and Water is looking at is hiring an Ag Agent, some of us don't think we need this. I feel we could take that money and put it in the Parks system. Motion carried. Roll call vote 25 Yes 3 No, Richard Brose, Jerry Johnson, Donald Subera. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION # 2015-14

Restoring Funding for County Forest Administration Grant Program

WHEREAS, Vernon County has land entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law (state statutes 28.10 and 28.11) and is a member of the Wisconsin County Forest Association (WCFA); and,

WHEREAS, the WCFA represents the forestry interests of 29 counties with 2.4 million acres of forest lands entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law; and,

WHEREAS, State Statute 28.11 states (1) *PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to provide the basis for a permanent program of county forests and to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities,*

wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple-use to assure maximum benefits; to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County depends on the funds from the County Forest Administration Grant to assist in the operations and funding of the Vernon County Forest for the public's benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin forestry mil tax (segregated funds) provides the funding for the County Forest Administration Grant; and

WHEREAS, the WCFA and Vernon County through Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) strategic directions has identified the County Forest Administration Grant as our number one priority to be funded through the forestry mill tax fund; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Walker's proposed budget has removed language for the entire County Forest Administration Grant program and eliminated the mechanism for awarding traditional county forest administrator grants of \$1.2 - \$1.3 million along with the \$50,000 grant for organizational dues payment; and,

WHEREAS, if these budget cuts are to go through it will mean a reduction in the level of service and possibly staff provided for the public's benefit on the Vernon County Forest.

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors, opposes the currently proposed budget removing the funding for the County Forest Administration Grant Program, and asks that the funding and funding authority be restored to its original amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are sent to Governor Scott Walker, WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, Representative Lee Nerison, Representative Jeffery Mursau, Senator Jennifer Shilling, and WDNR Dodgeville Area Team Leader Aaron Young.

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on the 21st day of April 2015.

County Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Submitted by Land and Water Conservation Committee

Will Beitlich, Chair Date 3/12/15 4 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Fact Sheet for Resolution # 2015-14

As stated in the resolution, County Board approval is required to comply with the requirements of the Forest Administration Grant. Our Accounts Manager assists in the grant process by providing the details of the Forest Administrator's wages and fringe benefits to the state to determine the grant amount.

The Forest Administration grant will be approximately \$26,429.45 in positive fiscal impact in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy LaChance

County Forest Administrator

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Yttri. Subera asked Andy LaChance for explanation. Feels MFL is directed more for outside owners. Subera ask if 1.2 – 1.3 million taken out in Governors budget, is it going to be replaced anywhere, would be half of County Forester's Salary and Benefits - \$26,000.00. LaChance feels this grant is a must. Beitlich states we are obligated to have a county Forester. Timber sales for Vernon County a year are around \$8,000.00, highest year was \$26,000. Amelse feels there are contracted Forester's available. Motion carried. Voice vote carried, 1 No vote heard.

RESOLUTION # 2015-15

Resolution for Acquisition of Sidie Hollow & Jersey Valley Properties for Vernon County Forest

WHEREAS, section 28.11, Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the establishment of a County Forest and the acquisition of lands for said forest; and,

WHEREAS, acquisition policy and boundaries for the Vernon County Forest are outlined and defined in Chapter 400 of the Vernon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan approved by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, Sidie Hollow and Jersey Valley Park properties are 851.5 acres in total and are within approved County Forest acquisition boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, Sidie Hollow occurs in Franklin and Jefferson townships, and Jersey Valley occurs in Christiana and Clinton townships.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statutes 28.11(8)(b)(2) provides County Forest Project Loans, administered by the Department of Natural Resources, to counties having County Forest land for funding land acquisitions; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County Land Conservation Committee and County Board approved Resolution No. 2014-17 to apply for County Forest Project Loan funding for acquisition of Jersey Valley and Sidie Hollow [properties] Parks; and,

WHEREAS, the project loan is a 0% interest loan to be paid back through future timber sales at 20% of yearly gross sale revenue; and,

WHEREAS, Vernon County was awarded County Forest Project Loan funding in the amount of \$730,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, owners of Sidie Hollow and Jersey Valley properties (WI DNR) are proposing \$596,000.00 as the purchase price for said properties, which is based on third-party appraisal of standing timber value; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Vernon County Land Conservation Committee be authorized to utilize existing County Forest Project Loan funding to acquire Sidie Hollow and Jersey Valley properties and to undertake any necessary actions to complete this acquisition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Vernon County Land Conservation Committee be authorized to enter Sidie Hollow and Jersey Valley properties into County Forest Law (ss. 28.11) once said lands are acquired.

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on the ____ day of _ ____, 2015.
County Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Herbert Cornell, Chair

Attest:

Ron Hoff, Clerk

Submitted by:
Will Beitlich
Will Beitlich, Chair
Land and Water Conservation Committee

_____ Date _____ Yes No Other

Beitlich asked to postpone this resolution (# 2015-15) until a later meeting.

RESOLUTION # 2015-16

Title: Agreement between the Office of Sheriff and the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to Address Adequate Staffing for the Double Cell and Bunking of Inmates in the Jail Facility at 1320 Bad Axe Court in the City of Viroqua.

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department requires compliance, as follows:

DOC 350.20(1) “The county board and Sheriff shall determine jointly, The adequate staffing needs, including support staff and services, that are required to ensure the health, safety, and security of the jail staff and Inmates when using cell for double occupancy. The joint determinations shall be in writing and signed by representatives of the county board and Sheriff, and file the written joint determination with the Department of Corrections. The written joint determination shall remain in effect until rescinded or amended by mutual written agreement of the county board and Sheriff. Unless there is adequate staff as agreed upon by the county board and Sheriff, double ceiling may not occur,” and;

The terms of this agreement are as follows:

A Jail Administrator – Captain, Jail Sergeant and Jail Nurse are assigned Monday through Friday. Clerical/support staff works as needed.

First shift (7:00a.m. – 3:30p.m.) shall operate with a minimum of the following staff:

- Four (4) Correctional Officers, one being a Corporal or Officer in Charge (OIC)

Second shift (3:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.) shall operate with a minimum of the following staff:

- Four (4) Correctional Officers, one being a Corporal or Officer in Charge (OIC)

Third shift (11:00 p.m. – 7:30 a.m.) shall operate with a minimum of the following staff:

- Three (3) Correctional Officers, one being a Corporal or Officer in Charge (OIC)

In compliance with WI Statute 302.41, there shall be at least one officer on duty of the same gender as those incarcerated at the jail, and;

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Jail was designed with a capacity of eight-five (85) inmates, with the ability to double-bunk (celling), bringing a total jail population to one hundred twenty-eight (128) inmates, and:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Vernon County to double cell inmates and utilize the facility to the full extent of its available resources, rather than housing inmates in other county jails, and:

WHEREAS, the County of Vernon must obtain approval from the Department of Corrections to double-bunk (celling) and the approval is dependent in part on a written agreement between the Office of Sheriff and the Vernon County Board of Supervisors, as stipulated in the Department of Corrections Administrative Code 350, specifically 350.20 (1), and;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and County Board of Supervisors has determined, based upon findings of other similar facilities and current Department of Corrections Rules and Regulations, the current staffing levels are sufficient for the housing of sixty (60) medium/maximum security inmates and an additional thirty (30) work-release inmates, and;

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact associated with this resolution and agreement, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS here-in agrees with the Office of Sheriff that the staffing levels as indicated above is sufficient to double-bunk (celling) inmates in the Vernon County Jail, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that it is in the best interest of Vernon County to forward a copy of this resolution to the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections, to serve as the required written agreement between the Office of Sheriff and the county board to provide adequate staffing to double-bunk (celling) inmates in the Vernon County Jail as stipulated in DOC 350.20 (1)

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Submitted: March 12, 2015

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AND OFFICE OF SHERIFF

Frank McCoy, Chairperson

Sheriff John B. Spears

Motion by McCoy, 2nd by Cade to approve this resolution. This has been in place since Jail was built in 2005. This is just a new writing with updates. No Fiscal impact – this will be forwarded to Department of Corrections and Vernon County will be compliant. Motion carried voice votes all yes.

RESOLUTION # 2015-17

QCD FROM VERNON COUNTY TO Shaynn Davey

WHEREAS, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded October 26th, 2012.

WHEREAS, legal description of the property is as follows:

Lot 11, Boulder Ridge Subdivision, City of Westby, Vernon County, Wisconsin.

ALSO, a part of Lot 10, Boulder Ridge Subdivision, City of Westby, Vernon County, Wisconsin described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 10 at the arc of a 50 foot radius cul-de-sac curve on the right-of-way line of Majestic Drive; thence 7.01 feet along the arc of said curve, the chord of which bears North 41 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East, 7.00 feet; thence South 55 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds East, 56.14 feet to the South line of said Lot 10; thence along said South line, North 62 degrees 44 minutes 20 seconds West, 57.44 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT a part of Lot 11, Boulder Ridge Subdivision, City of Westby, Vernon County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Said Lot 11; thence along the East line of said Lot 11, South 10 degrees 54 minutes 27 seconds West, 21.57 feet; thence North 55 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West, 171.21 feet to the North line of said Lot 11; thence along said North line, South 62 degrees 44 minutes 20 seconds East, 163.88 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, Shaynn Davey have offered to purchase the property for \$10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VERNON COUNTY LAND SALES COMMITTEE to authorize the transfer of property and to authorize the County Board Chair and Clerk to sign a Quit Claim Deed relinquishing any claim to title to said lands.

Submitted for consideration by the full County Board by Vernon County Land Sales Committee.

Sherman Erlandson, Chairman Yes 4 No 0

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors April 21, 2015

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Evenstad. Parcel in city of Westby, Erlandson feels this is a good offer, Evenstad agrees. Roll call vote all 28 Yes. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION # 2015-18

Execution of Tax Deed to Vernon County

WHEREAS, preliminary tax deed proceedings have been completed on a parcel of land described as Lot Ten (10), block Nine (9), Shanesy's (sometimes called Shaney's) Addition to the Village (now City) of Hillsboro, Vernon County, Wisconsin together with any interest in vacated Spring Street which abuts the Property.

WHEREAS, Section 75.14(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that the County Board by resolution, orders issuance of a deed under the aforementioned section:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that the Vernon County Treasurer and the Vernon County Clerk proceed with the execution of the Tax Deed whereby Vernon County will acquire the aforesaid property.

Recommended for Consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: 4/7/15

Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson, Chair 4 yes 0 no

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors April 21, 2015

Motion Subera, 2nd by Dahl. Dahl asked history of parcel, Rachel Hanson explained tax payee just left this lot vacant, was contacted several times. Motion carried, voice vote All yes.

RESOLUTION # 2015-19

Oppose transfer of Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) from the Department of Tourism to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for administrative purposes.

WHEREAS: Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker included a proposal in the 2015-2017 budget to move the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) from the Department of Tourism to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for administrative purposes.

WHEREAS: former Governor Tommy Thompson and the Ho-Chunk Nation leaders worked in a non-partisan effort with the residents of the Kickapoo Valley to create the 8,600 acre Reserve with the intent to protect the land for outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities.

WHEREAS: due to the differences in management philosophy between the State departments; we, the Vernon County Board do not support the proposed transfer of the KVR from the Department of Tourism to the DNR. The Kickapoo Reserve Management Board (KRMB) has successfully maintained and expanded opportunities on the land and it has evolved into a great resource for the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Vernon County Board strongly opposes the proposal to transfer the KVR from the Department of Tourism to the DNR for administrative purposes.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board. Dated: 3/31/15

Brought by: Glenda Sullivan Glenda Sullivan, County Supervisor

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors, April 21, 2015

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Amelse. Subera opposes this resolution, feels Kickapoo Reserve isn't turning enough revenue as is. Sullivan stated Kickapoo Valley Reserve had over 17,000 visitors last year and feels we should pass resolution. Amelse fully supports resolution. Dahl feels Ho Chunk wants control staying with Kickapoo Valley Reserve as home rule. Cary feels if any change, should go to county. Motion Carried, Voice vote, some No's were heard.

No Ordinances
No Memorials
Remonstrance

Subera asked about Corp Counsel, the position is no longer here. The communication should have been better on this. Gobel stated, could have sent a letter to board members. Gobel stated County services are keeping up to date.

The next County Board meeting will be June 9, 2015 at 9:30 am in the County Board Room at the Courthouse Annex. With the meeting concluded a **motion by Brose, 2nd by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried by all.** Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

CERTIFICATION

State of Wisconsin ()
()
County of Vernon () 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 April 21, 2015, as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

(Seal)

/s/ Ron Hoff
Vernon County Clerk