

VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 4, 2015

County Board Chairman, Herbert Cornell called the February 4, 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 Shick was unable to be here today with the date change. 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 Dahl to excuse Gary Davig, Frank McCoy and Brian Turben from today's meeting. Motion carried.** County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with 25 supervisors present. Motion by Subera, 2nd by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting. Subera change on item #1, employee Kathy Buros, should be elected official and Eric Evenstad change on page 2, resident should be residence. Motion carried. Jerry Johnson arrived at 9:35AM. 26 Board members now present

Chairman Cornell asked if there were any announcements, Eric Evenstad stated Snowflake Ski Tournament is this weekend February 5 & 6, 2016. The event starts Friday night at 7 PM and Saturday at noon in Timber Coulee, Westby.

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

(#1) Pam Eitland, Director of Human Services – Authorization of Payment for State Mental Health Institute Expenses, in 2015 the County Board authorized \$229,000.00; we spent \$145,000.00 of those funds. We will be returning money back to the general fund. There were four suicides and 51 emergency detentions for 2015. No funds are needed today.

(#2) Pam Eitland, Director of Human Services – Request for replacement of staff, Motion by Amelse, 2nd by Bringe. Social Worker position has opened, staff handles 20 – 24 cases and twelve is suggested case load. Amelse feels this is a good job description and likes the explanation. Yttri supports the position; eight staff have left in the past year. Johnson asked if Vernon County has a higher average of cases. Yes we do. Subera asked if certain parts of county have more cases. No, not any certain area, cases come from all income ranges.

(#3) Rachel Hanson, Treasurer, Request for replacement of staff – GIS/Tax Lister, Motion by Subera, 2nd by Dahl. Rachel stated Matt Dahlen is leaving. 26 yes votes. Motion carried.

(#4) Dan Meyer, Administrator of Vernon Manor – 4556 beds in Wisconsin have been given back to state from nursing homes. There are 405 nursing homes in Wisconsin now. Assisted living units are becoming very popular. Two to three year study to see if this would be feasible. Amelse asked number of beds in Vernon Manor, 90 beds now there were 120. There are 59 beds and 80 beds in the other two county nursing homes. Dahl stated nursing homes will be over whelmed with so called baby boomers. Larson asked how many residents now and will we keep 90 beds. 72 residents today, to give up more beds could be a risky decision. Mitchell asked why give beds up, because \$175.00 a month bed tax that must be paid to the state.

(#5) Connie McCullick, IT Director – We have 300 plus computers and 28 servers. We had 1593 help desk tickets last year, 300 OS licenses, 300 operating license and 300 HUP license's for employee to use to buy home computers. We now are on a five year rotation for computers. Sheriff dispatch is on a three year rotation. The server room got new air conditioner and cooling shelves for servers. Dahl asked if stored in the cloud, no on hard drives, we receive two hours technical support with contract. Bringe asked who our server is with, it is Vernon Communication. Amelse stated \$250,000.00 budget per year is giving county very good service. Larson stated our security is excellent and so important.

Chairman Cornell moved to **Regular Order of Business**

Petitions there are none

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #2016-3

TITLE: QCD from Vernon County to Paragon Investments LLC

Whereas, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 10/26/2015.

Whereas, legal description of the property is as follows:

Lots 8 and 9, Block3 of the Bean and Lombard Addition to the Village of La Farge, being a part of the NW1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel # 062-146-00066-0000.

Whereas, Paragon Investments LLC have offered to purchase the property for \$16,100.00.

Whereas, Vernon County has not used, occupied or improved said parcel.

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.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: January 5, 2016 submitted by Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson, Chairman.

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Servais. Rachel Hanson stated properties are taken by tax deed, \$16,100.00 offer.

Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION #2016-4

TITLE: QCD from Vernon County to Steven L. Thayer

Whereas, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 10/26/2015.

Whereas, legal description of the property is as follows:

Lot Eight (8), Block Two (2), Cowee Addition to the Village of La Farge, Parcel# 062-146-00131-0000.

Whereas, Steven L. Thayer have offered to purchase the property for \$2,150.00.

Whereas, Vernon County has not used, occupied or improved said parcel.

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.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: January 5, 2016 submitted by Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson, Chairman.

Motion by Yttri, 2nd by Subera to except \$2,150.00 bid. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16.

RESOLUTION #2016-5

TITLE: QCD from Vernon County to Diane Budyak

Whereas, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 10/26/2015.

Whereas, legal description of the property is as follows:

A parcel of land located in part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Town of Webster, Vernon County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 34; thence South 00 degrees 01 minute 47 seconds West along the West line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 34, 823.45 feet to the point of beginning: thence North 40 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 477.54 feet: thence North 50 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 594.00 feet to a point on the center-line of a 66 foot easement: thence South 68 degrees 18 minutes 12 seconds East along said center-line 61.31 feet: thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West, 452.96 feet: thence South 01 degrees 55minutes 03 seconds East, 858.05 feet to a point on the South line of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 34: thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 32 seconds West along the South line of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 34, 231.15 feet: thence North 12 degrees 32 minutes 09 seconds West, 115.79 feet: thence North 67 degrees 19 minutes 31 seconds West, 353.44 feet to a point on the West line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 34: thence North 00 degrees 01 minute 47 seconds East along the West line of the SW 1/4 of said Section 34, 249.22 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 10.0001 acres.

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO: A 66.00 foot easement for ingress or egress as recorded on Certified Survey Maps, Volume 1 Page 201, Document No. 307804. As covenant running with the land this property is restricted against open refuse disposal, commercial timbering and commercialization. Parcel # 062-038-00820-0001.

Whereas, Diane Budyak have offered to purchase the property for \$16,000.00.

Whereas, Vernon County has not used, occupied or improved said parcel.

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.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: January 5, 2016 submitted by Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson, Chairman.

Motion by Redington, 2nd by Evenstad for \$16,000.00 bid. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION #2016-6

TITLE: QCD from Vernon County to: City of Hillsboro, Wisconsin Municipal Corporation

Whereas, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 5/1/2015.

Whereas, legal description of the property is as follows:

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 as contained in Volume 389 of Records, Page 134.

Whereas, the City of Hillsboro have offered to purchase the property for \$ 0.00.

Whereas, Vernon County has not used, occupied or improved said parcel.

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.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: February 4, 2016 submitted by Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson Chairman

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Erlandson. No bids, City of Hillsboro will take at no cost. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION #2016 -7

Title: Preliminary Tax Deed

WHEREAS, preliminary tax deed proceedings have been completed on a parcel of land described as:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ of the SE ¼) of Section 20, Township 14 North, Range 2 West, Village of La Farge, Vernon County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at a point 123.75 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ of the SE ¼), thence continuing North 109.50 feet; thence East 190 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 115.25 feet; thence East 190 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 115.25 feet; thence South 109.50 feet; thence West 115.25 feet; thence North 109.50 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL NUMBER: 146-00339-0001

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.

Motion by Richardson, 2nd by Evenstad. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION # 2016-8

Title: Preliminary Tax Deed

WHEREAS, preliminary tax deed proceedings have been completed on a parcel of land described as: Commencing twenty three (23) Rods North of the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section twenty (20) Township thirteen (13) North, Range two (2) West; thence running West to the right of way of the railroad, seventeen (17) Rods; thence North four (4) Rods; thence East to the center of highway; thence South four (4) Rods to the place of beginning. Containing about sixty eight (68) square Rods, more or less.

PARCEL NUMBER: 146-00335-0000

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.

Motion by Redington, 2nd by Johnson. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION # 2016 -9

Title: Preliminary Tax Deed

WHEREAS, preliminary tax deed proceedings have been completed on a parcel of land described as: Part of Government Lots 3 and 4, Vernon County, Wisconsin and part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, both in Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 7 West, Village of De Soto, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 24 in Block 8 in the Original Plat of the Village of De Soto; thence Northerly along the West Line of Main Street, 103 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence Northerly along the West line of Main Street 116 feet, thence Westerly 150 feet; thence Southerly 116 feet; thence Easterly 150 feet to the point of beginning, EXCEPT beginning at the Northwest corner of Outlot 19; thence South 70 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East, 179.95 feet; thence South 18 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds West, 48.64 feet; thence North 72 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds West, 172.43 feet; thence North 10 degrees 58 minutes East, 55.35 feet to the point of beginning.

Formerly known as Outlots 32 and 33 of the Village of De Soto and presently known and shown on 1931 Ice and Moore Plat Book of Vernon County as Outlot 19 of the Assessor's Plat of the Village of De Soto.

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO a 12 foot wide easement for ingress and egress as described in Volume 250 of Records, Page 400 as Document #280501.

PARCEL NUMBER: 116-00077-0000

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.

Dated: February 4, 2016 submitted by Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson Chairman.

Motion by Amelse, 2nd by Subera. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION # 2016 -10

Title: Preliminary Tax Deed

WHEREAS, preliminary tax deed proceedings have been completed on a parcel of land described as: Part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ and part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 15. Township 11 North, Range 7 West, Village of De Soto, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Block 8 of the Original Plat of the Village of De Soto; thence North 10 degrees 55 minutes 12 seconds East, 148.82 feet along the Westerly line of Outlot 21 as per the unrecorded Assessors Map of the Village of De Soto; thence North 12 degrees 26

minutes 48 seconds East, 58.27 feet along the Westerly line of Outlot 20 and Outlot 19 of said Assessors Plat to the point of beginning; thence North 09 degrees 01 minutes 51 seconds East, 55.20 feet to the Northwest corner of said Outlot 19; thence South 72 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East. 178.27 feet; thence South 20 degrees 13 minutes 37 seconds West, 48.70 feet along the Westerly right of way line of Main Street of the Village of De Soto as per State Highway Project No. 5150-3-71; thence North 74 degrees 14 minutes 49 seconds West, 167.40 feet to the point of beginning. Said description is per Roger A Mohn survey dated January 22, 1987.(Also known a part of Outlot 19 in Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 7 West of the Assessors Plat of the Village of De Soto, an unrecorded plat.)

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as shown in Document No. 378838.

PARCEL NUMBER: 116-00078-0000.

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.

Dated February 4, 2016 Submitted by Vernon County Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson Chairman Motion by Bringe, 2nd by Ytri. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION # 2016 -11

Title: Preliminary Tax Deed

WHEREAS, preliminary tax deed proceedings have been completed on a parcel of land described as: A fractional part of Lot Three (3) Section Fifteen (15), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Seven (7) West, described as follows: Commencing at a point in the Northern Boundary line of the said Lot Three (3) where the said line intersects the Highway; thence Southerly along the highway to a Black Oak Stump 51 Rods and 10 Links; thence in an Easterly direction up the Bluff to the ledge or rocks; thence North until it intersects the North line of the aforesaid Lot Three (3); thence West along said North line of Lot Three (3) to place of beginning. EXCEPTING therefrom a certain parcel of land sold to Earl R. Ghelf and wife under Deed Document No. 194013 and 195650 recorded in Volume 117, Pages 207 and 410, respectively, and also a certain parcel of land sold to Theodore Johnson and wife under Deed Document No. 196897 recorded in Volume 117, page 557.

ALSO EXCEPTING therefrom a certain parcel of land sold to State of Wisconsin (State Highway Commission) in a Warranty Deed, Document No. 216144 and recorded in Volume 136, page 404. PARCEL NUMBER: 116-00091-0000

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.

Dated February 4, 2016 Submitted by Vernon County Land Sales Committee, Sherman Erlandson Chairman Motion by Amelse, 2nd by Subera. Land Locked Parcel. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION # 2016-12

TITLE: COUNTY AID FOR BRIDGE/CULVERT CONSTRUCTION

COUNTY OF VERNON

2015

WHEREAS, the various municipalities, herein after named, have filed petitions for county aid for the construction of bridges and culverts under Section 81.38 of the State Statutes, said petitions are hereby granted and the county's share is appropriated as follows:

| Town | Bridge | Amount Raised by Local Units | Amount of County Aid Granted |
|--------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Bergen | Proksch Coulee Road | \$ 10,638.98 | \$ 5,319.49 |
| Clinton | Ogden Avenue | \$ 45,920.00 | \$ 22,960.00 |
| Franklin | Sullivan Road | \$ 3,343.00 | \$ 1,671.50 |
| Franklin | Brookville Road | \$ 2,775.50 | \$ 1,387.75 |
| Franklin | Traastad Road | \$ 4,990.00 | \$ 2,495.00 |
| Greenwood | Kouba Valley Road | \$ 1,722.12 | \$ 861.06 |
| Hamburg | Davidson Lane | \$ 6,145.60 | \$ 3,072.80 |
| Hamburg | North Stoddard Road | \$ 5,415.74 | \$ 2,707.87 |
| Hamburg | Peterson Lane | \$ 64,560.74 | \$ 32,280.37 |
| Hillsboro | German Valley Road | \$ 12,934.32 | \$ 6,467.16 |
| Union | Champion Lane | \$ 2,196.06 | \$ 1,098.03 |
| Union | East Newburn Road | \$ 2,533.10 | \$ 1,266.55 |
| Webster | Husker Hollow Road | \$ 15,792.04 | \$ 7,896.02 |
| Webster | Husker Hollow Road | \$ 42,350.88 | \$ 21,175.44 |
| Webster | Husker Hollow Road | \$ 3,088.42 | \$ 1,544.21 |
| Webster | Husker Hollow Road | \$ 126.08 | \$ 63.04 |
| Webster | Bloomingle Road | \$ 4,740.64 | \$ 2,370.32 |
| Webster | Potter Road | \$ 15,637.40 | \$ 7,818.70 |
| Webster | South Elk Run Road | \$ 4,365.40 | \$ 2,182.70 |
| Whitestown | 24 Valley Road | \$ 4,798.20 | \$ 2,399.10 |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 127,037.11 |

The County Board does hereby levy a tax to meet said appropriations on all the property in the county which is taxable for such a purpose. It is directed that provision for this levy shall be made in the county budget, but that this appropriation shall not be duplicated.

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Nickelatti. Phil Hewitt explained that the county pays half. Voice vote, carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

RESOLUTION # 2016-13

Title: Vernon County Elected Official Salaries County Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds

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 2016 elections are for County Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds for the time period 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| County Clerk | 63,345 | 63,345 | 63,345 | 64,611 | 64,611 |
| Treasurer | 55,327 | 55,327 | 55,327 | 56,433 | 56,433 |
| Register of Deeds | 55,327 | 55,327 | 55,327 | 56,433 | 56,433 |

Motion by Brault, 2nd by Hicks. Brault explained Personnel Committee's decision and feels that Vernon County is in the middle range of comparable. Beitlich stated we are fair. Gobel asked if these salaries are correct, 2 years ago salaries were not correct in the resolution. Yes, they are correct. Erlandson feels we must treat all fairly. Brault stated salaries must be set for all four years prior to April 15. Cary stated he looked at county steps for pay increase, elected do not get step increases and should get an increase. Subera stated he feels county wages are very fair. Yttri stated we have a 12 step schedule. Richardson is not in favor of the step plan. Cary feels if any employees get raises then these 3 must get a raise too.

Dated February 4, 2016 Submitted by Personnel Committee, Dennis Brault Chairman

Roll call vote, Resolution passed. Yes 15 No 11 Servais, Goede, Johnson, Erlandson, Evenstad, Larson, Cary, Dahl, Leis, Subera and Redington.

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

Resolution # 2016 - 14

Solid Waste Department Request for Funds to Purchase Equipment

WHEREAS, The Solid Waste Department and Solid Waste/Recycling Committee have determined that changing the County Landfill operation from a Bale-fill approach to an Area-fill approach would provide the following benefits:

- Significant reduction in labor needs due to less handling of the materials;
- Very significant reduction in landfill leachate management cost by reducing the amount of open area in the Landfill;
- And reduction in other operating costs (utilities, supplies, repair and maintenance); and,

WHEREAS, in order to implement this change in operations, the appropriate equipment necessary to operate an Area-fill must be purchased; and, WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department does not have adequate funds available to purchase the necessary equipment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Vernon County provide a loan of \$388,000.00 to the Solid Waste Department to purchase the equipment selected by the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee at their January 20th meeting, said loan to bear interest at the rate of 0.0% per annum and be amortized over a five year period. The loan will be secured by the value of the equipment purchased and future revenue generated by the Solid Waste operation.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: January 20, 2016 submitted by Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, Brian Richardson, Chairman and the Finance Committee, Ole Yttri, Chairman

Motion by Subera, 2nd by Leis. Edwards explained will change from baling garbage to compaction will reduce labor by ½ position and will reduce leach aid by approximately 50% about \$50,000.00. Mitchell stated will extend life of the Landfill. Town of Viroqua is host and they are ok with process. Subera asked dollar savings, \$40,000.00 labor, \$50,000.00leach aid, \$17,000.00 less baling wire and less electricity so approximately \$120,000.00 a year savings. Amelse would like four year payback. Gobel asked if this would come from General Fund, Yttri said yes. Closure fund is at People's Bank in Viroqua in a separate escrow fund.

Roll call vote, Carried all. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors 2/4/16

Resolution # 2016 - 15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE VERNON COUNTY TOURISM, PROMOTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Vernon County Finance Committee approved additional funding of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from General Revenue for the Vernon County Tourism, Promotion and Economic Development Committee (Committee") at its meeting on January 21, 2016.

WHEREAS, past funding was provided through General Revenue and Ho-Chunk moneys for the myriad activities of the Committee. The Ho-Chunk funds are not available for 2016, which would eliminate more than two-thirds of the Committee's funds.

WHEREAS, the Committee is charged by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors with the duty to promote tourism and related economic activities within Vernon County and has carried out this charge through the use of social media, maps, brochures, national magazines, travel videos, community festivals, grant applications for the development and promotion of historic sites, sport and tourism shows, and by co-sponsoring seminars and other activities, and forging alliances with other professional tourism and development organizations, with the goals not only of tourism development but also of workforce development, business expansion and the attraction of new businesses to the area. The Committee also has collaborated with other Board supervisors, committees and Vernon County departments to enhance and develop interests that are enjoyed by County residents as well as visitors, such as camping, horseback riding, fishing and other activities.

WHEREFORE, the county board of supervisors of the county of Vernon does ordain as follows:

An additional Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) hereby shall be appropriated to the Vernon County Tourism, Promotion and Economic Development Committee to continue its mission to attract visitors and businesses to Vernon County, with the goal of generating tax revenue for the County.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board

Dated: February 2, 2016 submitted by Tourism, Promotion and Economic Development Committee, Karen Dahl Chairman.

Motion by Cary, 2nd by Servais. Dahl explained, we have no full time staff and the committee needs the \$30,000.00 to complete promotion projects for county. Hicks stated Crawford County has a Tourism Director; \$3.8 million in revenue was brought in to Vernon County last year. Amelse explained Vernon County ranked #52 for tourism spending. Subera asked were this \$3.8 million revenue comes in. Amelse stated this is tracked thru Discover Wisconsin. Richardson asked about ½% hotel room tax. Amelse stated we would need to have support from every municipality. Dahl feels this can also lead to jobs. Gobel supports this resolution in his Stoddard area tourism is very important.

Roll call vote 22 Yes 4 No Richard Brose, Jerry Johnson, Sherman Erlandson and Donald Subera. Resolution adopted.

Break 11:22AM

Reconvene 11:31AM

Motion by Yttri, 2nd by Subera to excuse Erlandson. 25 Board members present.

RESOLUTION # 2016-16

TITLE: Authorizing Purchase of Building for Vernon County Services

WHEREAS, Vernon County (herein after County) has under taken the process of evaluating the need for new building;

WHEREAS, part of the process has included an evaluation of the Land & Water building and the County's need for a new buildings, and;

WHEREAS, the Finance committee and Buildings & Facilities committee recommends that the County Board considers for purchase the existing Land and Water building, not to exceed \$1,000,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all expenses from the sale will come from the new building fund, and that all revenue from the said building will go into the new building fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

Recommend for consideration by full County Board:

Dated: January 21, 2016 submitted by Buildings and Facilities Committee, Jim Servais, Chairman and the Finance Committee, Ole Yttri, Chairman

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Servais for the 2016-16 resolution.

Motion by Mitchell, 2nd by Bringe to go into closed session. All in favor, Motion carried.

Motion by Dahl, 2nd by Servais to go into open session. All in favor, Motion carried.

Resolution # 2016 – 16, Authorizing Purchase of Building for Vernon County Services

Roll call vote 6 Yes 19 No, Will Beitlich, Ralph Hicks, James Servais, Lorn Goede, Mike Leis and Ole Yttri.

Resolution Failed.

Chairman Cornell moved to the next items on the agenda,

No Ordinances

No Memorials

REMONSTRANCE

Dave Stouvenel discussion on extortion of his property and taxation of his property and conflict in the laws of Vernon County concerning article 1 section 14 taxation of property.

Don Subera read a letter describing his years in public office and the history of our county. Hicks, Gobel, Johnson and Richardson's last meeting is today, they thanked everyone for all the good work on the board.

No reports of standing or special committees

No unfinished business

The next County Board meeting will be April 19, 2016 at 9:30 am in the County Board Room at the Courthouse Annex. With the meeting concluded, a **motion was made by Richardson, 2nd by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried by all.** Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

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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 February 2, 2016, as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

(Seal)

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