

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Vernon County will hold public hearings on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Basement Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building, 318 Fairlane Drive (Co Hwy BB), Viroqua, WI. and Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. for the Vernon County Board of Health in the First Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building, 318 Fairlane Drive, Viroqua.

The purpose of the hearings is to provide the citizens of Vernon County an explanation of the proposed Vernon County Health and Sanitation Ordinance, Chapter 31. The proposed ordinance would allow Vernon County Health Department to serve as an agent for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The Health Department would be responsible for the county licensing and regulation of: Restaurants; Pools; Campgrounds; Recreation/Educational Camps; Temporary Food Stands; Body Art Facilities (tattoo and body piercings); Retail Food Establishments – (grocery stores; convenience stores; bakeries; mobile food stands); Lodging establishments (hotels, motels, tourist rooming houses, bed and breakfasts). The Health Department has been doing Limited Agent since 2011, which was the inspections and licensing of campgrounds, hotels, motels, tourist rooming houses and facilities with prepackaged foods. In order to continue the inspections, DATCP is requiring agencies to become Full Agents.

Information relating to the proposed Health and Sanitation Ordinance, Chapter 31 may be obtained at the Vernon County Health Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Erlandson Office Building, Viroqua, WI during the hours of 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday from Health Department Director.