

VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
November 7, 2017

County Board Chairman, Dennis Brault called the November 7, 2017 meeting of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Boardroom of the Courthouse Annex.

Invocation by Pastor John Dumke of Our Saviors Lutheran & Skogdalen Church, Westby. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Brault affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting.

Motion by Easterday, 2nd by Servais to excuse Lorn Goede and Will Beitlich. Carried All. County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with 27 supervisors present. Motion by Leis, 2nd by Redington to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017. Carried all.

Chairman Brault asked if there were any announcements:

On November 15, 2017 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Sheriff department training room, there will be an employee recognition for staff that have worked for the county for 25, 30 and 40 years. There will be pizza and soda and awards given out at 12:00pm. All Board members are invited to attend.

Hoff explained the following paperwork on your desk. All Board members need to file Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Registration Statement and Nomination signature sheets, 3 sheets included in the packet. You need 20 signatures to be on the ballot, but please get 25 to 30 just in case some signatures could be from a wrong district. Deadline is January 2, 2018 at 5pm at the County Clerk's office. If someone decides not to run again, you must file Notification of NonCandidacy (last page of your packet) with the County Clerk no later than December 22, 2017. Election will be April 3, 2018.

Frank McCoy, Veterans Service Officer called on Jim Young to thank him for a job well done. Young received a commendation from Governor Walker, Veterans, and the Vernon County Board of Supervisors. Dahl stated it is the 242nd Birthday of the Marine Core. Dahl also stated there is a meeting on November 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Viroqua Legion on Gerrymandering.

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

Motion by Dahl 2nd by Leis to move to a Committee of the Whole to conduct the informal reading of the proposed 2018 County Budget. Carried all. Finance Chair Ole Yttri proceeded to read the recommended expenditures/revenues for 2018 Budget.

Chairman Yttri read the General Government budget expense total of \$19,483,890.00 and revenue total of \$9,725,375.00.

Chairman Yttri read the Public Safety expenditures total of \$5,069,360.00 and revenue total of \$1,223,103.00.

Chairman Yttri read the Human Services expenditures total of \$6,353,678.00 and revenue total of \$3,709,187.00.

Chair Yttri read the Health and Other Human Services expenditures total of \$2,112,413.00 and revenue total of \$1,173,595.00.

Chair Yttri read the Culture expenditure total of \$493,108.00 and zero revenue.

Chair Yttri read the Public Areas expenditure total of \$177,618.00 and revenue total of \$119,795.00.

Chair Yttri read the Special Education expenditure total of \$236,713.00 and revenue total of \$11,865.00.

Chair Yttri read the Natural Resources/Conservation expenditure total of \$823,324.00 and revenue total of \$364,453.00.

Chair Yttri read the County Planning expenditure total of \$458,483.00 and revenue total of \$341,314.00.

Chair Yttri read the Unclassified & Transfers expenditure total of \$18,850.00 and revenue total of \$18,850.00.

Chair Yttri read the Capital Projects expenditure total of \$50,000.00 and zero revenue.

Chair Yttri read the total Expenditures/Revenues, Capital Projects, and Contingent (excludes Highway, County Farm, Vernon Manor, Solid Waste, and Recycling) expenditure total of \$19,483,890.00 and revenue total of \$9,712,217.00.

Chair Yttri read the total Expenditures/Revenues, Capital Projects, and Contingent (excluding Highway and

County Property tax) expenditure total of \$27,611,931.00 and revenue total of \$17,925,044.00.

Chair Yttri read the County Debt Service expenditure total of \$725,894.00 and zero revenue.

Chair Yttri continued with reading the Highway Department expenditures total of \$10,961,000.00.

Chair Yttri read the Highway Department revenue (other than County Property Tax) total of \$8,258,500.00.

Chair Yttri read the net County Tax for Highway (expenditures less revenues) of \$2,702,500.00.

Chair Yttri read the Governmental Funds Revenues proposed budget summary of \$9,725,375.00.

Chair Yttri read the Operating Expenditures proposed budget summary total \$19,483,890.00.

Chair Yttri read the Debt Service & Other Long-Term Obligations proposed budget summary total of \$725,894.00.

Chair Yttri read the Total Operating, Other Appropriations, & Debt Service \$20,209,784.00.

Chair Yttri read the Other Deductions against Levy proposed budget summary total of \$2,075,933.00.

Chair Yttri read the Excess Expenditures over Revenues total of (excluding property tax levy) (\$8,408,476.00).

Chair Yttri read the Property Tax Levy for Government Funds of \$7,908,862.00.

Chair Yttri read Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures after Tax Levy of (\$499,614.00).

Chair Yttri read the Fund Balance, January 1 of \$14,471,044.00.

Chair Yttri read the Fund Balance, December 31 of \$13,971,431.00.

Chair Yttri read the Total Property Tax Levy of \$10,711,362.00 which is an increase to prior year of \$135,809.00, a 1.28% increase.

Chair Yttri read the County Equalized Valuation of \$1,956,310,400.00. Equalized County Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Value \$5.48, an increase/ (decrease) in equalized tax rate over previous year \$-0.08.

1. Amelse asked about increase in General Government and Public Safety budget. Redington asked about Grants, most of increases are Grants coming in. Strudthoff asked about pass thru process of Grants Funds, in some cases it takes about two years for funds to be reimbursed. Yttri stated budget % so far for 2017 are under budget requests. Eggen asked about max limit, yes we are at max per state guidelines. Discussed Human Services no longer requests money for Mental Health Court and committee stated \$100,000 is now budgeted. Amelse and McCoy stated the General Fund is dropping and we must keep a close watch on this. Redington asked about debt, yes that is above tax levy cap. Motion by Amelse, 2nd by Mischel to finalize at 11:00 a.m. Yttri asked about farm rent for next year. Revenue will be down because land rent is down. The east farm rent is \$263.00 per acre, and the west farm rent is \$160.00 per acre for 2018.

Resolution # 2017-31

Title: Authorizing Transfer of Funds

WHEREAS, the State Property Tax Levy has capped Vernon County's Tax levy increase; and **WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has determined there are excess funds in the County Farm Fund 45; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has recommended to transfer \$84,786 of the excess funds to offset the 2017 payable 2018 property tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors that the transfer is authorized to occur on January 1, 2018.

Dated: November 7, 2017

Submitted by Finance Committee, Ole Yttri, Chair

Motion by Erlandson, 2nd by Evenstad for Resolution # 2017-31. Carried all.

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on November 7, 2017.

2. Sue Burkhamer – Reclassification of Assistant Zoning Administrator, Motion by Evenstad, 2nd by Leis. Sue Burkhamer explained position was hired from step 6 to step 9 ~~staff at step 10~~ – new staff now has two licenses and needs to be in correct step. She started year ago at \$16.26, Burkhamer is asking to move step to \$16.91. Servais and Dahl and Evenstad support increase in salary to keep qualified assistant. Roll call vote, 27 yes 0 No. Carried.
3. Phil Hewitt, update on new Highway building – No new numbers finalized at this time. Approximately 43,000 square foot plan now, maybe we can lower the square feet and use old building for some storage. City has agreed to work with utilities. Perhaps the County should have a meeting in December or January. Redington stated we need to make sure not to build too small.
4. Economic Development Strategic Plan, Rod Ofte, and Michael Strumpf, 80% of Wisconsin counties have dedicated tourism departments. No tax revenue being requested but are asking for Ho Chunk Fund's. Strumpf stated, there are about 91 new houses a year in Vernon County, about 150 is needed. Vernon County is strong in three areas Wood Products, Ag, and Tourism. Downtown areas in county are struggling to be competitive. Broad ban in Vernon County is ahead of many counties. Regional plans with some counties working together could be a great possibility in future. The 2018 plan is to hire a county contractor for the tourism program, we will be asking for funds approximately \$40,000.00. We hope to increase 150 jobs in the county.

Break at 10:55 a.m.

Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.

Brault asked 3 times if anyone in the audience has comments on the budget. There were no comments on the Public Hearing and it adjourned at 11:06 am.

Reconvene at 11:15a.m.

Resolution # 2017-32

Title: 2017 Tax levy for the year 2018 budget

BE IT RESOLVED the Vernon County Board directs as follows:

THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN Vernon County for the 2017 tax levy the sum of \$10,711,362 as provided in the 2018 County Budget as adopted, and further

THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED upon all taxable property in Vernon County for the 2017 tax levy (Year 2018 Budget) the sum of \$14,114.00 for soldiers and sailors relief, and further

THERE BE AND IS HEREBY LEVIED upon all taxable property in Vernon County with exemptions granted by request in accordance with State Statutes § 43.64 (2) for Coon Valley, De Soto, La Farge, Ontario, Readstown, Hillsboro, Viola, Viroqua, and Westby for the 2017 tax levy (Year 2018 Budget) the sum of \$298,123.00 for grants to Public Libraries, and out of county library aid of \$190,185.00 Per Wisconsin Statutes § 43.12 (1) for the sum of \$488,308.00 and further

THERE BE AND IS HERBY LEVIED upon all taxable property in the twenty-one towns of Vernon County for the 2017 tax levy (year 2018 Budget) the sum of \$100,000.00 for local bridge construction under Wisconsin State Statutes § 82.08.

Dated November 7, 2017

Submitted by Finance Committee, Ole Yttri, Chair

Motion by Mischel, 2nd by Dahl. Yttri stated about \$700,000.00 in grants carried on the county ledgers. McCoy thanked Yttri for all the work on the budget. All applauded. Resolution roll call 27 yes 0 No. Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors on November 7, 2017.

1. Petitions – None
2. Resolutions -

Resolution # 2017 – 33

Title: Nutrition Program Congregate / Home Delivered Meal Operations

WHEREAS, the Vernon County Department of Human Services administers the congregate meal sites and home delivered meals within the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vernon County; and

WHEREAS, consideration for opening additional sites is given to areas of Vernon County that will not be or are not currently being served by a local meal site; and

WHEREAS, service contracts, fiscal limitations, and capacity to operate the nutrition program within the requirements may limit the capacity to establish sites in every town and village; and

WHEREAS, the department accesses and seeks funding continually and will continue to promote and identify revenue sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors that Vernon County hereby authorizes the Department to open and operate ~~another~~ Viola meal site location in the County; and

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors that the Department shall continue to evaluate the needs of other towns and villages to have additional meal sites with the expectation that this and any additional meal sites will be funded by tax levy that will be offset by donations, grants, state and federal funding that may be identified.~~

FISCAL IMPACT \$56,100.00 in 2018 tax levy; includes staffing, site costs, meal costs, home delivered meals, and expenses.

Dated: September 18, 2017

Submitted by Vernon County Human Services Committee, Frank McCoy, Chair

Motion by Amelse, 2nd by McCoy. Pam Eitland explained the program. 4,163 meals served per month at present time. Eight meal sites currently in county being served, that's \$3.00 per meal being requested and Levy dollars to maintain programs equals \$83,400.00. Richland County dropped meal site in Viola a few month ago. Two requests to open site in Stoddard now and a formal request from Viola. Its \$58,500.00 to open and maintain meal site in Viola, can be lowered by \$2,400.00 with no rent for meal site, Bringe asked how many served in Viola, five home deliveries and six to ten at meal site, four days a week. Most of them are Vernon County residents four are from Richland. Erlandson asked who does home deliveries in Viola, since August Vernon County has. Bringe asked if Viola residents could drive to La Farge or Readstown. Bringe showed a map of meal sites, we could end up needing five to six more sites. One site cost equals tax on ten average farms. Amelse stated participants are increasing in Viola

and feels we must pass this resolution. Servais stated his closest site is nine miles away. Bringe stated some in her area are fifteen miles away, Redington stated \$56,000.00 is for year 2018 and this could rise in future years. And this resolution allows department to open any meal site. Erlandson feels we should postpone till next meeting, Joholski stated meal site in Viola is needed, Yttri asked how \$58,500.00 is determined, is every site the same. No they aren't. Strudthoff stated no site in Stoddard how would they get a site started, would need tax levy. Larson asked about attendance in La Farge was 304 a month and is 421 a month in Readstown. Under age 60 must pay full cost of meal. Richardson asked about busing, yes, it is possible; a Viola business has volunteered a \$3.50 meal. Ofte asked what the average donation per meal is. It is approximately \$3.25. That equals 2880 meals for \$9,347.00. Viola Mayor Eugene Gabrysiak would donate location and utilities now and in the future, meals are so important for them. Motion to amend resolution to lower the \$58,500.00 to \$56,100.00 by Joholski, 2nd by Servais. Carried. Brault concerned about language that committee could open any meal site. Motion by Ofte, 2nd by McCoy strike second, Be It Therefore Resolved. Carried. Motion by Dahl 2nd by Strudthoff. Change "another" to Viola meal site in First Therefore Resolve. Need 2/3 vote to change budget request. Roll call vote 14 yes 13 No. No votes were, Strudthoff, Nickelatti, Rae, Servais, Bringe, Ofte, Eggen, Erlandson, Evenstad, Sullivan, Mitchell, Richardson, and Redington. Resolution Failed, need 2/3 vote to alter budget.

Motion by Nickelatti, 2nd by Redington to excuse Turben. 26 members present.

Motion by Redington, 2nd by Mitchell to do all three QCD resolutions together.
Resolution 2017-34, \$17,100 high bidder
Resolution 2017-35, \$45,000 high bidder
Resolution 2017-36, \$20,010 high bidder
Voice vote, carried all. Adopted all three resolutions, Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017.

Resolution # 2017 – 34

QCD From Vernon County To K & L Properties LLC.

WHEREAS, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 9/29/2017.

WHEREAS, legal description of the property is as follows:

Lots 2 and 3 in Block 3 of Lien's Addition to the Village of Coon Valley, Vernon County, Wisconsin.

PARCEL NUMBER: 112-00118-0000

WHEREAS, K & L Properties LLC has offered to purchase the property for \$ \$17,100.00.

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.

Dated November 3, 2017

Submitted by Vernon County Land Sales Committee, Shawn Redington, Chairman

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017.

Resolution # 2017 – 35

QCD From Vernon County To Malcolm K. Reed and Wendy M. Reed.

WHEREAS, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 9/29/2017 AND a corrected Tax Deed recorded on 10/18/2017.

WHEREAS, legal description of the property is as follows:

A parcel of land located in these ¼ of the NW ¼, and the NE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 2 West, Town of Stark, Vernon County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 1 inch iron pipe, the Northeast Corner of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said Section; thence South 00 minutes 00 seconds 00 seconds West, 1312.25 feet to a 1 ¼ inch iron pipe; thence South 71 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West, 1386.28 feet to the centerline of County Trunk D; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds East, 603.91 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds West, 124 feet; thence South to the South line of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼; thence East along said forty line to 365.00 feet West of the Southeast corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼; thence North to the southerly right of way line of State Highway #82; thence in a Southwesterly direction along said south right of way line to a point on said right of way line where a line North 04 degrees 18 minutes 54 seconds West, 501.98 feet from the point of beginning intersects with said right of way line; thence South 04 degrees 18 minutes 54 seconds East, 501.98 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 15 acres more or less.

PARCEL NUMBER: 030-00604-0000 & 030-00609-0000

WHEREAS, Malcolm K. Reed and Wendy M. Reed has offered to purchase the property for \$45,000.00.

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.

Dated November 3, 2017.

Submitted for by Vernon County Land Sales Committee, Shawn Redington, Chairman

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017.

Resolution # 2017 – 36

QCD From Vernon County To Novy Properties LLC

WHEREAS, Vernon County, acquired title to the following described parcel by Tax Deed on recorded 9/29/2017.

WHEREAS, legal description of the property is as follows:

Lot of Volume 8 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 72, Map No. 532, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Vernon County, Wisconsin on June 3, 2005 as Document No. 423352, being part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 13, Township 14 North, Range 1 East, Town of Hillsboro, Vernon County, Wisconsin.

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO rights to the private road and cul-de-sac for ingress-egress purposes as depicted in the aforementioned Certified Survey Map and in a Declaration of Easement for Private Road and Public Utilities recorded in Volume 561 of Records, Page 236.

Declaration was then amended in an instrument recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Vernon County, Wisconsin on October 22, 2007 as Document No. 440417.

PARCEL NUMBER: 022-00305-0003

WHEREAS, Novy Properties LLC has offered to purchase the property for \$ 20,010.00.

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.

Dated November 3, 2017

Submitted by Vernon County Land Sales Committee, Shawn Redington, Chairman

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017

Resolution # 2017 – 37

Title: Petition to the Vernon County Board of Supervisors

To the County of Vernon, Board of Supervisors,

We, the undersigned, collectively making up the board of the town of Viroqua, Hereby Petition the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to enact a County zoning ordinance under Wis. Stat. §59.69.

We State or Believe:

1. That the Viroqua Town Board has voted to enact a Zoning Ordinance.
2. That the orderly development of the community, as well as the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Viroqua will be promoted by said Ordinance.
3. That pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.61 (3), a town has authority to enact a zoning ordinance only after filing a petition with the county board to initiate action to enact a county zoning ordinance under Wis. Stat. § 59.69.
4. Further, that a Town has authority to enact a zoning ordinance pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.61 (3) only after a County fails to act timely in response to a petition filed; or fails or refused to enact a zoning ordinance in response to said petition.

Dated November 2, 2017

Phil Hewitt, Town of Viroqua, Chair

Travis Cowden, Town of Viroqua, Supervisor

Nathan Campbell, Town of Viroqua, Supervisor

Motion by Eggen, 2nd by Larson. Hewitt and Swayne explained Wi Statue 60.61 (3) Town must present to County before a town can do and ordinance. If Vernon County votes no, then town of Viroqua can do their own ordinance. Bringe stated towns need to follow state guidelines. Yes, Dahl stated this is home rule. Mischel asked to proceed with procedure to not request towns to come to County. Voice Vote, All No.

Resolution # 2017 - 38

Title: Contracted Legal Services

WHEREAS, Vernon County has a need for contracted legal services; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County hired professional legal services of, Abt Law Office thru December 31, 2017

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors authorizes renewing the following legal services contracts:

All Services, Contract with Abt Law Office from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

Dated: November 7, 2017

Submitted by Vernon County Legal Affairs Committee, Mike Leis, Chair

Motion by Mischel, 2nd by Strudthoff. Leis explained rate stayed the same \$125.00 an hour with ABT Law for two years. ABT Law could refer for outside legal services. Carried Voice vote all.

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017

Resolution # 2017 – 40

Title: Opioid Epidemic

To The Honorable Board Of Supervisors Of Vernon County Wisconsin Members,

WHEREAS, Vernon County is concerned with the recent rapid rise in troubles among County citizens, residents, and visitors in relation to problems arising out of the use, abuse and overuse of opioid medications, which according to certain studies, impacts millions of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, issues and concerns surrounding opioid use, abuse and overuse by citizens, residents and visitors are not unique to County and are, in fact, issues and concerns shared by all other counties in Wisconsin and, for that matter, states and counties across the country, as has been well documented through various reports and publications, and is commonly referred to as the Opioid Epidemic (“Opioid Epidemic”); and

WHEREAS, the societal costs associated with the Opioid Epidemic are staggering and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, amount to over \$75 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Health has identified the manufacturers of certain opioid medications as being directly responsible for the rapid rise of the Opioid Epidemic by virtue of their aggressive and, according to some, unlawful and unethical marketing practices; and

WHEREAS, certain opioid manufacturers have faced civil and criminal liability for their actions that relate directly to the rise of the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, County has spent millions in unexpected and unbudgeted time and resources in its programs and services related to the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, County is responsible for a multitude of programs and services, all of which require County to expend resources generated through state and federal aid, property tax levy, fees and other permissible revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, County’s provision of programs and services becomes more and more difficult every year because the costs associated with providing the Opioid Epidemic programs and services continue to rise, yet County’s ability to generate revenue is limited by strict levy limit caps and stagnant or declining state and federal aid to County; and

WHEREAS, all sums that County expends in addressing, combatting and otherwise dealing with the Opioid Epidemic are sums that cannot be used for other critical programs and services that County provides to County citizens, residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, County has been informed that numerous counties and states across the country have filed or intend to file lawsuits against certain opioid manufacturers in an effort to force the persons and entities responsible for the Opioid Epidemic to assume financial responsibility for the costs associated with addressing, combatting and otherwise dealing with the Opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, County has engaged in discussions with representatives of the law firms of von Briesen & Roper, s.c., Crueger Dickinson LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC (the “Law Firms”) related to the potential for Grant County to pursue certain legal claims against certain opioid manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, County has been informed that the Law Firms have the requisite skill, experience and wherewithal to prosecute legal claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers on behalf of public entities seeking to hold them responsible for the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have proposed that County engage the Law Firms to prosecute the aforementioned claims on a contingent fee basis whereby the Law Firms would not be compensated unless County receives a financial benefit as a result of the proposed claims and the Law Firms would advance all claim-related costs and expenses associated with the claims; and

WHEREAS, all of the costs and expenses associated with the claims against certain opioid manufacturers would be borne by the Law Firms; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have prepared an engagement letter, which is submitted as part of this Resolution (“Engagement Letter”) specifying the terms and conditions under which the Law Firms would provide legal services to Grant County and otherwise consistent with the terms of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, County is informed that the Wisconsin Counties Association has engaged in extensive discussions with the Law Firms and has expressed a desire to assist the Law Firms,

County and other counties in the prosecution of claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, County would participate in the prosecution of the claim(s) contemplated in this Resolution and the Engagement Letter by providing information and materials to the Law Firms and, as appropriate, the Wisconsin Counties Association as needed; and

WHEREAS, County believes it to be in the best interest of County, its citizens, residents, visitors and taxpayers to join with other counties in and outside Wisconsin in pursuit of claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers, all upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Engagement Letter; and

WHEREAS, by pursuing the claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers, County is attempting to hold those persons and entities that had a significant role in the creation of the Opioid Epidemic responsible for the financial costs assumed by County and other public agencies across the country in dealing with the Opioid Epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: County authorizes, and agrees to be bound by, the Engagement Letter and hereby directs the appropriate officer of County to execute the Engagement Letter on behalf of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

County shall endeavor to faithfully perform all actions required of County in relation to the claims contemplated herein and in the Engagement Letter and hereby directs all County personnel to cooperate with and assist the Law Firms in relation thereto.

The County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, together with the signed Engagement Letter to, Wisconsin Counties Association, 22 E. Mifflin Street Suite 900, Madison, Wisconsin 53703.

Dated November 7, 2017

Submitted by Legal Affairs Committee Mike Leis, Chair

Brault explained this is a class Action Law Suit recommended by WCA. Redington asked about this not on the Agenda, Corp Counsel feels this fits under Resolution 2017 -38. Carried all voice. Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017

Resolution # 2017 – 39

Title: Renewal Of County Liability/Worker’s Compensation/Property Insurance

WHEREAS, the renewal date for County Liability Insurance and Worker’s Compensation Insurance and Property Insurance is January 1, 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County’s liability insurance coverage shall be renewed for the 2018 policy year with the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, with a \$10,000 deductible and a Personal Injury Extension Endorsement for Vernon Manor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County’s worker’s compensation insurance coverage shall be renewed for the 2018 policy year with Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County’s property insurance shall be renewed for the 2018 policy year with the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation

Liability Insurance – 174,807.00

Worker’s Comp Insurance – 267,722.00

Property Insurance – 98,720.00

Dated: October 12, 2017

Submitted November 7, 2017 by the Legal Affairs Committee, Mike Leis, Chair

Motion by Easterday, 2nd by Mitchell. Roll call vote 26 Yes 0 No. Carried

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors November 7, 2017

Memorials - None

Remonstrance – None

Reports of standing or special committees –

Erlandson asked about timber sales on newly elected property, nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business -

1. Tentative 2018 County Board meeting dates and times – 9:30 A.M. on February 6, April 17, June 5, July 24, September 18 and November 13.

The next County Board meeting will be February 6, 2018 at 9:30 am in the County Board Room at the Courthouse Annex. With the meeting concluded, a **motion was made by Servais, 2nd by Rae to adjourn. Motion carried by all.** Meeting adjourned at 12:26 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 November 7, 2017 as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

(Seal)

/s/ Ron Hoff
Vernon County Clerk