

VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
October 15, 2019

County Board Chairman, Dennis Brault called the October 15, 2019 meeting of the Vernon County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Boardroom of the Courthouse Annex. Invocation – No Pastor was available for invocation on short notice of this meeting. Board members and others present gave the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Ron Hoff affirmed there had been proper public notice of the meeting.

Motion by Servais, 2nd by Call to excuse Kelli Mitchel, Adrian Amelse, Mary Henry, Dave Williams and Will Beitlich from today's meeting. Carried all.

County Clerk, Ron Hoff, called roll call with 24 supervisors present.

Motion by Eggen, 2nd by Muller to approve the minutes of September 17, 2019. Carried all. On page 26, last paragraph should be formatting, page 28 was in twice, and corrections on page 2 & 29. Carried all.

Chairman Brault asked if there were any announcements; Brandon Larson stated on November 5, 2019 at 9AM and 11AM there will be an Alert, Lock Down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (A.L.I.C.E.) training refresher course. Date will be changed as that is Board Meeting time. Brault explained his health issues, he's going back to Doctor next Monday.

Chairman Brault moved to **Special Order of Business**, Review Budget Ole Yttri - Yttri explained process the Finance Committee proceeded with. Started with budget requests of \$813,000.00 over allowed tax levy. Vernon Manor originally came in with approximately a \$700,000.00 loss.

Presented budget with deductions listed:

- \$ 400,000 Human Services
- \$ 300,000 Vernon Manor
- \$ 200,000 Highway
- \$ 100,000 Sheriff
- \$ 50,000 LWCD
- \$ 25,000 Health
- \$ 25, 374.00 Workers Compensation Insurance

\$1,100,374.00 Total deductions

Mary Rae asked about Health Department deduction in Bio Terrorism, Administrator Beth Johnson stated, ok for one year. Goede asked about funding of Highway Shop previously was stated Ho Chunk Funds were to cover payments and not raise tax levy, was discussed but not voted on. Call stated committee's must work with department heads to present budget to Finance Committee. Brault stated we have not at this time made any decisions on next year's Ho Chunk Funds. Ofte stated perhaps Ho Chunk should be looked at for Capital projects in the future. Sheriff Spears and Nate Campbell discussed their budget cuts of \$100,000.00. Losing staff due to wages and difficult to hire new staff, 81% is wages and benefits. Campbell stated there department is approxitmaly one million less in tax levy then most comparable counties. Brault asked, how will you cover the \$100,000.00. Some shifts will not be covered on Patrol. Last year \$1,037,000.00 in jail revenue, \$51.00 a day per inmate. Some cuts from canine and drug investigation and \$50,000.00 from 911 account. Radio system must be updated, researching costs now. \$800.00 a month per tower to lease a tower. There is a fair trade agreement in our tower ordinance and state statues. Now operating with six towers in the county. Joholski stated, how are we going to cover emergency situations that can pop up.

Phil Hewitt Highway Commissioner also has lost staff to better wages elsewhere. In the future we cannot operate at 0% budget increase. Redington asked how Highway can handle \$200,000.00 cut.

Some from equipment and less salt used on roads, will not cut road construction. Call asked about how many miles of new construction are being done a year. Phil stated, 3-7 miles depending on grants.

Break - 10:46 A.M.

Reconvene – 10:56 A.M.

Excuse Clark at 10:56 A.M. 23 supervisors present.

Jill Bender explained budget deductions for Human Services. Originally presented budget \$50,000 less and then on extra \$100,000 for \$150,000 budget cut. Brault asked about \$400,000, not cutting any programs at this time. We have 26 children in foster care now. Brault asked about 1 million in past budgets not used. No high cost children obligations and some incentive money coming back from 2 years past and some extra revenue that comes in at year end. Olerud stated we must be fair to all departments, over last 3 years budget in excess of 1 million in Human Services, so are we being fair cutting other departments.

Amanda Hoff and Jon Howe Vernon Manor, Average of 62 beds proposed for budget revenue, same as last year if we get to 70 beds in use would need more staff. CNA staff is ever changing, many are college students and Medicaid rates may be going up. Medicare rates about the same but some policy changes in Medicare may lead to more revenue.

Election of Second Vice Chair –

Strudthoff nominate Alycann Taylor

Rae nominate Kelli Mitchell

Joholski nominate Mike Leis

Call nominate himself

| | 1 st Vote | 2 ND Vote |
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| Taylor | 4 | 3 |
| Mitchell | 11 | 15 |
| Leis | 4 | 4 |
| Call | <u>4</u> | <u>1</u> |
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Kelli Mitchell elected as second Vice Chair.

Disallowance of Claim –

Notice of Disallowance of Claim # 2019-35

TO: Mr. Jacob Sell
PO Box 282
La Farge, WI 54639

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121 S State Street
La Farge, WI 54639

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that the Board of Supervisors of Vernon County at its regular meeting on October 15, 2019 disallowed your claim for payment of damages dated October 4, 2019 relating to Vernon County Sheriff's Department at 1320 Bad Axe Court, Viroqua, WI 54665.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that no action may be brought against Vernon County, in regard to this claim, after six months from the date of service of this notice upon you, pursuant to Sec. 893.80 of the Wis. Stats.

Dated: October 15, 2019

Submitted by Ron Hoff, Vernon County Clerk and Dennis Brault, County Board Chair

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2019.

Motion by Joholski, 2nd by Redington. Muller abstain on vote. Carried all.

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

1. Petitions – there were none

Ordinances - None

The next County Board meeting will be November 5, 2019 at 9:30 am in the County Board Room at the Courthouse Annex. With the meeting concluded, a motion was made by Leis, 2nd by Running, to adjourn. Motion carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

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 October 15, 2019, as indicated in transcription taken personally by me.

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/s/ Ron Hoff
Vernon County Clerk