



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes for August 28, 2019

Vice - Chair Roger Call called the Executive Committee to order at 10:30 A.M. in the Erlandson Building Basement Conference room. Members present were Roger Call, Alycann Taylor, Justin Running, Ron Hoff, Phil Hewitt, and Serena Inman. Absent were Nate Campbell, Jon Howe, Pam Eitland, Kevin Larson, and Ben Wojahn.

Others in attendance were, Ole Yttri, Amanda Hoff, Stacy Sanborn, Rachel Hanson, John Spears and Diane McGinnis.

Affirmation of proper public notice was given.

Motion by Running, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brault to approve the minutes of July 31, 2019 meeting. Carried all.

Priority Budget Statues – Spears feels a good idea but probably a 3-5 year commitment. Lots of work for departments and Board members to decide what services get cut. Discuss Pros & Cons of priority budgeting. Will review at the October meeting.

Summary Document Review – Running will work with school to possibly have student's video tape the County meetings. Brault wants to visit other counties that have a County Administrator. Spears spoke on the negatives of an Administrator or Financial Administrator. Hoff also spoke on costs of approxitmaly \$150,000 a year and that Vernon County is running smooth compared to other counties. We have a new jail, building a new highway shop and owe less than \$10 million. Yttri stated a person would be nice to work with Clerk, Treasurer and Grants. Perhaps an internal person to tie thing together. Highway is falling behind every year on road repairs. We would need \$2 million a year for the next 5-7 years to catch up.

Law Enforcement Funds – Approxitmaly \$1 million in revenue. 84% of Law enforcement budget is salary and benefits. There are 20 County prisoners, and 70-80 State prisoners. We have \$715,000 in revenue so far this year from state prisoners. Currently doing studies on more new cell towers for county radios.

Personnel – Self Insurance discussed. Inman will study number of employees. Hoff stated self-insurance can be risky with re – insurance.

Solid Waste – Discussed if we should expand for future years.

Vehicles could be leased or buy all vehicles under a program or central program, perhaps Sleepy Hollow or Enterprise.

Vernon Manor – Update at next board meeting, possible referendum. Yttri opposes a referendum. A new addition of Assisted Living would not make a profit that would carry the

nursing home losses. Hewitt feels we must provide nursing home for our elderly even if we are losing money.

Possibly have a meeting with all Departments heads.

Salary increases already done for 2020 budget.

Next meeting is Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 10:30 AM in the County Board room.  
Motion by Running, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor to adjourn at 11:56 A.M. Carried all.

Minutes respectively submitted by,

Ronald Hoff  
Vernon County Clerk