

**REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 17, 2014**

The Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at the Government Center in the City of Whitehall, County of Trempealeau and State of Wisconsin on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Ernest Vold presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

CALL

Dear Supervisor,

Please be advised that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2014 in the County Board Room. All County Board Members' Claims are due in the County Clerk's Office by noon on March 7, 2014 so they can be prepared for Audit Committee approval.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Paul L. Syverson  
County Clerk

Clerk Syverson read the call.

It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by Michael Nelson to accept the Call as read; It carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation.

Roll was called. A quorum was met with 14 supervisors in attendance. Sally Miller and Jay Low were absent.

Chair Vold announced the open meeting law requirements have been complied with through postings and notifications to the members and media.

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AGENDA: It was moved by Arild Engeliem and seconded by Olin Fimreite to adopt the 12 item amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Michael Nelson and seconded by David Larson to approve the February minutes. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

APPEARANCES: SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Sheriff Anderson was unable to attend so Clerk Syverson gave the statistics for February. There were 59 bookings consisting of 48 males and 11 females. Bookings by race were 48 White, 2 Black, 7 Hispanic and 2 Native Americans. The average daily in county population was 26.96 and the out of county average was 2.68 and there were 9.54 people on electronic monitoring. There were also 1.14 people on Huber. The accident data reported was 13 car/deer crashes, 33 with property damage, 0 personal injuries and no fatalities.

**2014-03-01  
RESOLUTION**

**HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S UNIT STAFFING RESTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS the Department of Human Services includes a unit of service called Family and Children's Services (FCS) that focuses on families and children's needs, including alternative care, child protective services, foster care, child welfare, independent living and juvenile justice, and

WHEREAS due to many years of high level employee turnover in this unit, families have experienced reduced quality of service and gaps in service causing children being out their homes for longer periods of time or not receiving services within required timeframes all of which has led to additional expenses for the county, and

WHEREAS constant high levels of staff turnover in the FCS Unit creates additional costs to the county in terms of higher recruitment costs for posting open positions and additional training costs for staff to travel and obtain the required training, and

WHEREAS in an effort to strengthen the unit, provide stability, efficiency, training and ongoing support, a review of the current structure has been done, which recommends changes to strengthen the unit for long term improvement, improved employee retention and service to our customers, and

WHEREAS the structure review recommends the creation of two (2) Lead Social Worker positions, reducing the number of Social Workers from seven (7) to five (5), and the creation of a Program Aide position. The Lead Social Workers will provide coaching and support to new staff and ongoing staff, to improve work quality, and

WHEREAS the Program Aide position will provide supervised home visits, client transportation and basic reporting among other duties to offset the new demands of the Lead social workers and staff and to balance the workload, and

WHEREAS considering the job duties above, it is justified to place the Program Aide position in the Compensation plan as a Pay Grade 12, and

WHEREAS restructuring and implementing the above positions would increase the unit staffing levels by one employee, however, it would require no additional levy dollars as state and federal dollars would be available to fund the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board approves the creation of two (2) Lead Social Worker positions, reducing the number of Social Workers from seven (7) to five (5), and creating a Program Aide position (pay grade 12), all within the FCS unit.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Michelle Haines  
/s/ Robert Reichwein  
/s/ Arild Engelién

/s/ Dick Miller  
/s/ Douglas Winters  
/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ Michael Nelson  
/s/ Tom Bice  
/s/ John Aasen

/s/ Curtis Skoyen  
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

/s/ Robert Reichwein  
/s/ Ernest Vold  
PERSONNEL/BARGAINING  
COMMITTEE

/s/ David Suchla  
/s/ Ernest Vold  
EXECUTIVE/FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

It was moved by Curtis Skoyen and seconded by Robert Reichwein to adopt the resolution. Deb Suchla, Director of Human Services, reported that there has been a turnover of 10 employees in seven positions in the last four years. She said there have been some concerns on the state level with some quality and timeliness issues that need to be improved upon. Deb said she met with staff and some of their recommendations were to designate one or two leads to be able to go to with help on some cases and to also create a Program Aide person to do some things that Social Workers currently do that is not necessary to have a Social Worker degree in. When asked about the funding, Deb said they currently spend about \$500,000 in contracted services each year and she feels confident they can reduce that expense to help cover any additional expenses. Roll call taken; motion carried with 14 yes votes; resolution adopted.

**2014-03-02  
RESOLUTION**

**MOVE VICTIM WITNESS COORDINATOR UNDER DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS the Victim Witness Service Program was established in Trempealeau County in 1996 within the District Attorney's office and was made its own department effective 1/1/2000, and

WHEREAS the Victim Witness Coordinator is a one-person department performed under the direction of the Law Enforcement Committee, and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Victim Witness Coordinator is to plan, develop and coordinate program services for the Victim/Witness Program in accordance with Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and other applicable statutes, procedures and guidelines from the Office of Crime Victim Services, and

WHEREAS the Victim Witness Coordinator and the District Attorney's Office work closely with many overlapping issues, materials and resources, including interaction with victims, access to statewide services, office space and equipment, and

WHEREAS moving the oversight of the Victim Witness Coordinator under the direction of the District Attorney's office is most commonplace for this office throughout the state, and

WHEREAS this move would allow streamlining complementary duties currently performed individually by the departments, improving work flow efficiencies and time management of staff, and

WHEREAS this move would not create significant financial savings, but would create better efficiency and customer service to the public,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Victim Witness Coordinator Department be dissolved effective May 1, 2014, and the Victim Witness Coordinator position be supervised by the District Attorney's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Victim Witness Coordinator position pay be revised from a pay grade 9 down to an 11, and that the 2014 Victim Witness Coordinator budget be administered by the District Attorney's Office for the remainder of the current budget year and thereafter be included in the District Attorney's budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Board Rule 22 (9)(e)9 be revised to remove Victim Witness Coordinator from the supervision of the Law Enforcement Committee.

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

/s/David Suchla

/s/ John Aasen

/s/ Olin Fimreite

/s/ Robert Reichwein

/s/ Dick Miller

LAW ENFORCEMENT

COMMITTEE

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s/ Dick Miller

/s/ Douglas Winters

/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ Robert Reichwein

/s/ Ernest Vold

PERSONNEL/BARGAINING

COMMITTEE

/s/ Michael Nelson

/s/ Tom Bice

/s/ John Aasen

/s/ David Suchla

/s/ Ernest Vold

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE

COMMITTEE

It was moved by David Suchla and seconded by Michael Nelson to adopt the resolution. District Attorney Taavi McMahon stated that the DA Office and the Victim Witness Office both render services to victims. He also said that the pay grade decrease is due to the position no longer doing budgeting and reporting to committees. Roll call taken; motion carried with 14 yes votes; resolution adopted.

**2014-03-03  
RESOLUTION**

**DOG DAMAGE**

Your Audit Committee hereby respectfully reports that they have examined the following claims and recommend payment as follows:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Claim Damage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kenneth A. Schultz W12524 Bear Creek Road Blair, WI 54616	1 – 150# Beef Calf	\$300.00

Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ernest Vold

/s/ David Suchla

/s/ Michael Nelson

AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Olin Fimreite and seconded by John Aasen to adopt the resolution. Clerk Syverson sent all the paperwork to the Town of Preston, who in turn, reviewed it and recommended to the County to pay the claim. Roll call taken; motion carried with 14 yes votes; resolution adopted.

**2014-03-04  
RESOLUTION**

**REPORT – CLAIMS OF MEMBERS**

Your Audit Committee hereby respectfully reports that they have audited the following claims and recommend that they be allowed as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PER DIEM</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John Aasen	\$175.00	\$24.64	\$199.64
Tom Bice (2 mo)	\$175.00	\$120.96	\$295.96
George Brandt	\$105.00	\$62.72	\$167.72
Arild Engelién	\$140.00	\$107.52	\$247.52
Olin Fimreite	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Michelle Haines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
David Larson	\$140.00	\$75.04	\$215.04
Jay Low	\$35.00	\$28.00	\$63.00
Dick Miller	\$70.00	\$26.88	\$96.88
Sally Miller	\$70.00	\$58.24	\$128.24
Michael Nelson	\$245.00	\$63.84	\$308.84
Robert Reichwein	\$105.00	\$53.76	\$158.76
Curtis Skoyen	\$140.00	\$62.72	\$202.72
David Suchla	\$70.00	\$15.68	\$85.68
Ernest Vold	\$280.00	\$173.60	\$453.60
Douglas Winters	<u>\$140.00</u>	<u>\$98.56</u>	<u>\$238.56</u>

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,940.00</b>	<b>\$972.16</b>	<b>\$2,912.16</b>
YTD Totals	\$3,935.00	\$1,821.09	\$5,756.09

It was moved by John Aasen and seconded by David Larson to adopt the resolution. Roll call taken; motion carried with 14 yes votes; resolution adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS – Chair Vold, on behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors, extended sympathy to the Brett Semingson family for the loss of their son Brandon.

Chair Vold also extended a big thank you to the supervisors, not returning to the board, for their years of service and commitment as County Board Supervisors.

Chair Vold had Supervisor Arild Engelién lead a cheer for the Blair-Taylor Boys Basketball Team, who just returned from State Basketball in Madison with a silver ball for taking second place in Division 4.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE REPORT: Reports are on everyone’s desks for review.

CORRESPONDENCE: LETTERS PRESENTED FROM DAVID SUCHLA: Clerk Syverson read three letters provided by David Suchla.

CLOSING: It was moved by Dick Miller and seconded by George Brandt to instruct the Clerk to pay mileage and per diem; roll call vote; motion carried with 13 yes votes and 1 no vote. The no vote was David Suchla.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MARCH, 2014 MINUTES: Robert Reichwein made a motion to approve the March minutes and to waive the reading of them and send each member a copy and Michael Nelson seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Arild Engelién made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Curtis Skoyen seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Vold declared the meeting adjourned until April 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Recording Secretary,  
Mary Martin

<b>Dist #</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PER DIEM</b>	<b># Of MILES</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>
1	ARILD ENGELIEN	\$70.00	64	\$35.84
2	DOUGLAS WINTERS	\$70.00	60	\$33.60
3	SALLY MILLER	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
4	JAY LOW	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
5	TOM BICE	\$70.00	54	\$30.24
6	GEORGE BRANDT	\$70.00	34	\$19.04
7	ROBERT REICHWEIN	\$70.00	32	\$17.92
8	DICK MILLER	\$70.00	24	\$13.44
9	MICHELLE HAINES	\$70.00	25	\$14.00
10	JOHN AASEN	\$70.00	10	\$5.60
11	DAVID SUCHLA	\$70.00	14	\$7.84
12	DAVID LARSON	\$70.00	46	\$25.76
13	OLIN FIMREITE	\$70.00	2	\$1.12
14	MICHAEL NELSON	\$70.00	22	\$12.32
15		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
16	CURTIS SKOYEN	\$70.00	33	\$18.48
17	ERNEST VOLD	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>\$21.28</u>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$980.00</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>\$256.48</b>