Finance Committee May 17, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Mayer at 8:30 A.M., at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

The following members were present: Chair Chris Mayer, Vice Chair Ed Bluthardt, Linda L. Thorpe, Jim Behling, and Charles Rayala. Also present were: County Board Chairman, Steve Favorite, County Treasurer Jerri Radtke, County Clerk Dave Alleman, and Kris Duening.

Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Linda Thorpe to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by Linda Thorpe, seconded by Ed Bluthardt to amend the previous minutes regarding the amount of the used trucks being purchased by the Highway Department, the amount should read \$34,000. All voting aye on the amendment. Carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Linda Thorpe, seconded by Charles Rayala to approve the bills from the various departments and send a letter to Joe Fortmann regarding meal reimbursement policies. All voting aye. Carried. The payroll vouchers were not approved at this time, they will be done at the next meeting.

Investment of County Funds: County Treasurer Jerri Radtke presented her financial report for April 2011and a copy of Res. 2000-12 regarding investment policies. The investment policy will be discussed again at the next meeting. Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Ed Bluthardt to approve the Treasurer's report. All voting aye. Carried.

State Historical Society Tax Rolls – Ms. Radtke explained there is currently 48 years worth of tax rolls in the Treasurer's office and the remainder is under the Pod. The State Historical Society is willing to clean, categorize and house the tax rolls that are being stored under the Pod and they will incur all costs. These records would be available to the public, currently the Treasurer's Office has to retrieve the records when there are inquiries. Motion by Ed Bluthardt, seconded by Charles Rayala to authorize the Treasurer to move forward with transferring the records to the State Historical Society at their cost. All voting aye. Carried.

Approval of Seminars and Lodging – Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Linda Thorpe to approve Jerri Radtke attending WCTA Conference in Eau Claire, June 15 – 17, 2011. All voting aye. Carried.

Consulting Services – Schenck SC – Mike Konecny and David Maccoux, Schenck SC appeared before the Committee to discuss consulting services for analysis/assessment of financial systems and administrative costs and assessment of current services for Vilas County. Motion by Ed Bluthardt, seconded by Jim Behling to prepare a resolution for the next meeting to accept the proposal and transfer funds from the General Fund. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Resolution – Baker Tilly Contractual Agreement for Comprehensive Budget Diagnostic Review of Vilas County – Motion by Jim Behling, seconded by Ed Bluthardt to approve this resolution. Discussion. All voting nay (6 no votes). Carried. The Committee asked the County Clerk to send a letter to Baker Tilly informing them of that they have decided not to pursue their Comprehensive Budget Diagnostic Review of Vilas County.

Consulting Services – **Schenck SC** – Motion by Jim Behling, seconded by Charles Rayala to prepare a resolution for the next meeting accepting the proposal from Schenck SC, moving forward to a contract and transfer \$59,200.00 from the General Fund to cover the cost of the two phases. All voting aye (6 yes votes). Carried.

Financial Analysis of Proposed Corporation Counsel Privatization – Jim Behling prepared answers to questions raised at the last County Board meeting. The Committee was asked to come up with a financial analysis. The Committee discussed the cost saving of \$128,000 by privatization of the Corporation Counsel office, along with shifting the Corporation Counsel Secretary to the Confidential Secretary position now vacant due to a retirement. Mr. Bluthardt commended Mr. Behling for the extraordinary amount of work put into this statement, but recommend that it be consolidated and presented to the next County Board meeting. Motion by Ed Bluthardt, seconded by Steve Favorite to accept the presentation by Mr. Behling as the opinion of the Finance Committee and provide a

companion letter to accompany the resolution for the next County Board meeting. Discussion. All voting aye (6 yes votes). Carried.

IT Credit Card – Chris Kamps appeared before the Committee to discuss the use of a credit card for purchasing supplies, monitors, printers and for out of state travel. The Committee reviewed the current Credit Card Policy and the current policy does not allow the IT Department to use this card without Finance approval. The Committee will discuss this policy again at the next meeting.

Resolution – **Creation of Human Resource Manager Position** – Motion by Ed Bluthardt, seconded by Jim Behling to approve the resolution and forward it to the June County Board meeting. All voting aye (6 yes votes). Carried.

Resolution – **County Forest Reforestation** – Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Linda Thorpe to approve this joint resolution with Forestry and forward it to the June County Board meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

Human Service Center Report – The Committee reviewed the report submitted by Supervisor Erv Teichmiller.

Line Item Transfers: Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Chris Mayer to approve the following line item transfers:

a. Social Services – Transfer \$2.000.00 from Social Worker Travel 230.54520.384 to Vehicle Expense 230.54520.395

All voting aye. Carried.

Overtime report – The Committee reviewed the overtime report for April.

Resolution – WRS Pretax Contributions – Motion by Ed Bluthardt, seconded by Jim Behling to approve the resolution for the June County Board meeting. All voting aye except Charles Rayala. All voting aye. Carried.

Out of State Travel – Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Ed Bluthardt to approve out of state travel for Kelly Haverkampf to attend the Community Development Society/Rural Sociological Society Joint International Conference July 28 – 30, 2011 in Boise, Idaho and to approve two social workers escorting a minor to Waco, Texas. All voting aye. Carried.

Approval of Seminars and Lodging – Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Linda Thorpe to approve Joan Hansen attending the WRDA district meeting in Florence County, May 13, 2011. All voting aye. Carried.

Courthouse Invoice Procedure & Policy – The Procedure is still being worked on.

Letters and Communications – Nothing at this time.

Future meeting dates – Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011.

Motion by Charles Rayala, seconded by Ed Bluthardt to adjourn at 12:48. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by: Kris Duening