

**Minutes**  
**Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Committee**  
April 15, 2010

Committee Chair, Dick Miller called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the Courthouse in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

The open meeting law requirements were met.

**Committee members present:**

Dick Miller  
Barb Semb  
Sheree Nelson  
Doug Winters  
Wally Geske

**Others in attendance:**

Paul Syverson  
Mark Bartow  
Brian Puent  
Jami Kabus

**Motion by Semb and seconded by Winters to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Semb and seconded by Winters to approve the 4/1/2010 minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Winters and seconded by Nelson to approve the 4/8/2010 minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

Mark Bartow, President of the Central ATV Pioneers Club, appeared to ask the County to reconsider the club's request to extend their club's ATV Trails to include portions of County highways. This is an organized club with private trails. Riders have to be a member to use the trails. There is a fee to be a member, stickers are issued, members maintain and enforce trails, but no way to enforce completely if a non-member rides on the trail. Bartow gave an overview of the club, its membership and trails throughout the County. The club is requesting approval for the club members to use certain portions of county highways in order to access land and connect trails. This would include approximately one mile on Cty Rd E from Elk Creek traveling east until the trail picks up along Witt Hill Road. And also approximately one mile of Cty Rd E/Cty Rd O just south of Pleasantville, where the trail resumes along Schroeder Road. Chief Deputy Brian Puent reported that at the Highway Safety Committee meeting, this request was also discussed. He said that there were concerns of a lack of shoulder along the road and would be a need for signage. Nelson was concerned about County liability issues for ATVs being allowed on the county highways. Bartow referenced the "Berry picker's Law" Geske was concerned about safety of ATVs on the roadways, saying there must be other locations they can travel that are not on the roads. Nelson said that a public notice or hearing should be held for landowners along these roads being requested for ATV use.

**Miller called for a motion to reconsider the request at the E/F committee. Request for a motion was called three times with no motion.**

**Motion by Winters, and seconded by Geske, to go into closed session, per WI Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment performance evaluations which require a closed session at 3:53 pm. Roll call taken. Motion carried**

**Motion by Winters, and seconded by Geske, to go into open session, at 5:15 pm. Motion carried**

Paul Syverson proposed a County Ordinance Codification. The County does not have one place to reference ordinances that have been passed over the years. Possible options could be doing the project internally or using an outside group to categorize, catalog and organize the data. The committee recommended that the Clerk include this on the May E/F agenda.

Syverson reported a clarification of one of the 2009 overrides discussed in the 4/8/2010 E/F committee meeting was due to an item placed in a wrong account, not due to write-off checks.

Tax Delinquent property topic was dropped from the agenda.

Kabus read back the minutes from this meeting.

**Motion by Semb and seconded by Nelson to approve the 4/15/2010 minutes. Motion carried.**

Next meeting date was set on May 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM.

Committee Chair, Dick Miller, adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Winters/jk  
Secretary, Executive/Finance Committee