Chairman Kevin Larson called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Erlandson Building. Present were: Kevin Larson, Will Beitlich, Frank Easterday, Rod Ofte, Kelli Mitchell, Craig Saxe, Sonya Lenzendorf and Linda Morrison.

The public meeting notice was e-mailed to the Vernon County Computer Department and faxed to the County Clerk on December 27, 2018.

Beitlich moved, Mitchell seconded, to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The next meeting date for the committee is set for February 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the UW-Extension 2nd floor conference room.

No visitors from the public were in attendance.

Mitchell moved, Beitlich seconded to approve the 2018 December Office Operation Expenses of $834.78. Motion carried. Mitchell moved, Easterday seconded to approve the 2019 December Office Operation Expenses of $602.42. Motion carried. Easterday moved, Beitlich seconded to approve the 2018 December Teen Court Expenses of $833.12. Motion carried.

Ashley Olson was not in attendance but submitted her report for the Agriculture Educator:

- Receiving a lot of questions regarding hemp, BQA certification, cash rental rates, farm bill updates and farm management.
- The 2nd BQA training will be held in Viroqua at the Erlandson building on February 6th @6:00 p.m.
- Food Safety Training Class on February 12th in Wilton.
- She will be attending a “plan of work help” meeting for new employees in Richland Center on January 21st
- She will be learning and helping at the Driftless Beef Conference on January 24th and 25th in Dubuque
- She has upcoming Dairy Promotions and Meat Animal Committee meetings
- She is working on “shifting gears” materials, planning the spring crop update day and PAT trainings for spring

Sheena Cook-Fuglsang was not in attendance but submitted her report for FoodWise:

- It’s been a big month for data entry and planning with partners. (Due to schools being out for holiday, etc.)
- She taught at Living Faith food pantry, continued on “Friends of the Pantry” group in formulating details for their capital campaign project
- She’s been planning for family events and upcoming teaching (beginning this week) at North Crawford and Seneca
- She is half way through a continuing education course for “Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice” through Cornell University’s Division of Nutritional Sciences
Lenzendorf made an announcement to the committee that she would leaving her position as FoodWIse Program Coordinator. She has accepted a position with Crawford County as their Public Health Educator. Her last day will be February 8th. She thanked the committee for their support through the years.

Saxe spoke to the committee about the Strong Bodies program. He said that Amber Canto, Health and Well-Being Institute Director, is working on a new model for the program.

Saxe explained the Wisconsin Recovery Task Force to the committee. Coordinator of the effort is Roxanne Gray from Wisconsin Emergency Management. He said they are looking for somebody to facilitate local planning meetings. Local villages have been attending meetings but Vernon County currently does not have an individual to help facilitate these local community planning meetings. They are moving forward and trying to make plans for any future disasters.

Beitlich moved, Easterday seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Linda Morrison