

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, January 23, 2017
James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Tom Egan, Ken Robl, Joel Rasmussen, Larry Smith, Robert Warnke, Chuck Farrey, Tom Snider, Robert Keller and Paul Eisen

Also Present: County Executive Mark Harris, Representative Amanda Stuck, Representative Gordon Hintz, Representative Mike Rohrkaste, Representative from Glen Grothman's office Alan Ott, President/CEO Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce John Casper, Director of Public Health Douglas Gieryn and Communicable Disease Supervisor Denise Krueger.

Excused: Jerry Finch, Bill Roh, Tom Ellis and Bill Wingren

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Egan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the minutes of November 28, 2016. Carried by Voice Vote.

Public Comments: None

Discussion/Action regarding the Resolution 57-2016-17 from Outagamie County urging the State Legislature to develop and enact bipartisan support for funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence based communicable disease control and prevention for the public's health:

Public Health Director Doug Gieryn reported that this resolution had been presented to the Winnebago County Board. He said that currently there is no funding for communicable diseases. The Public Health Department receives reports of communicable diseases from physicians, hospitals and laboratories. There were over 1600 reported diseases in 2016 that the Health Department is required to follow up on. By supporting this resolution, it would allow this department to study and work to prevent further spread of these diseases. Sexually transmitted and infectious diseases are increasing rapidly. Mr. Gieryn took questions from the committee.

Motion by Supervisor Warnke and seconded by Supervisor Snider to approve this resolution.
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. NAYES: 2 - Rasmussen and Smith. (Vote: 6-2)

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 467-16 from Marinette County to enact legislation authorizing Counties to impose up to .1% sales tax exclusively for Economic Development, Tourism and Infrastructure for the same:

Executive Mark Harris reported the process that is currently in place for funding for economic development. There is a capitated distribution from each municipality in Winnebago County of \$1.00 per person. That money is then allocated by that municipality to the entity of their choice within Winnebago County. There are also two types of revolving loan funds.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Smith to deny this resolution. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/ Action regarding Resolution 131-2016-17 from Outagamie County terminating its participation in the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding FoxComm:

Supervisor Eisen attended the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting regarding this issue. Outagamie County needs to update their equipment. They put out proposals for new equipment and have given notice to FoxComm and Winnebago County that they will not continue with FoxComm. Executive Harris feels that it would be beneficial for Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties to band together to use the same provider for these services. With the current system, if Winnebago County's equipment would fail, Outagamie and Calumet County would be able to receive our calls and alert us. No action is needed at this time regarding this resolution.

Update from County Executive Mark Harris

County Executive, Mark Harris, voiced concern regarding the compromise to funding transportation and where it will come from. He urges the Legislators to be cautious when looking into projections regarding income tax and property tax cuts including personal property taxes and computer aids.

Chairman Egan thanked the Legislators for attending the Legislative meeting and asked them to report what Committees they are on for this session.

Update from State Legislators:

Representative Amanda Stuck – reported the Committees that she is on: Energy and Utilities; Jobs and the Economy; Natural Resources and Supporting Heritage, and Housing and Real Estate. She reported on bills that have been submitted regarding transit systems, cell tower issues and Act 10. There will be a hearing regarding project labor agreements. The Budget Address will be held on February 8, 2017.

Representative Mike Rohrkaste – reported his Assignment for this session: Joint Finance Committee. He feels that transportation will be the biggest issue for this session. He is concerned about workforce development issues and doesn't know how the change in administration in Washington DC will affect state issues. He is willing to take phone calls regarding any issues of concern.

Representative Gordon Hintz – reported the Committee that he is on: Joint Finance Committee for his second term. He voiced his concerns to a number of issues including economic and revenue growth, increased inflation, education, and gas taxes. If one item is increased, who else will be affected or cut. He encourages questions from County Supervisors.

Update from Federal Representatives:

Alan Ott, Representative from Glenn Grothman's office, reported that their office has moved to 24 W. Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac, WI. Congressman Grothman has received three of the four committees that he was on last year. They are the Budget Committee, Education and Workforce Development Committee and Government Oversight and Reform Committee. Issues of Concern: Regulatory Relief – Disapproval of rules put into place at the last minute; Repeal and Replace ObamaCare; Tax Reform; and Border Security.

Correspondence – Supervisors Jerry Finch and Bill Roh asked to be excused from the meeting.

Supervisor Farrey reported that Winnebago County is required to adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan. DATCP requires this to be done on an involuntary placement. Supervisor Farrey will be in touch with Legislators regarding this issue.

Supervisor Smith has concerns regarding publication of notices. Newspaper vs. Website.

Topics for next Legislative Meeting – Paid for Publication/Newspaper.

Next Meeting Date – March 27, 2017

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Smith to adjourn. Carried by Voice Vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Julie Barthels
Recording Secretary