

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, January 27, 2020
James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Thomas Egan, David Albrecht, Paul Eisen, Tom Ellis, Chuck Farrey, Robert Keller, Larry Lautenschlager, Harold Singstock, Tom Snider, Robert Warnke, and Aaron Wojciechowski.

Also Present: Amy Resop – State Legislative Liaison for Senator Ron Johnson, Alan Ott - District Director for Representative Glenn Grothman, Representative Gordon Hintz, Mark Harris – County Executive, Douglas Gieryn – Director of Public Health, and John Casper – President/CEO Oshkosh Area Chamber of Commerce

Excused: Jerry Finch, Maribeth Gabert, Michael Norton, Bill Wingren and Patrick O'Brien.

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

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Public Comments:

Three people spoke in opposition of Florence County Resolution No. 2019-23: "Oppose the Enactment of any Legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful legislative authority."

Correspondence:

None

Discussion/Action: Racine County Resolution No. 2019-57S – "Resolution by Individual Supervisors in Support of 2019 Assembly Bill 33 and 2019 Senate Bill 39 Relating to the Expungement of Criminal and Civil Conviction and Non-Conviction Records"

Motion by Supervisor Wojciechowski and seconded by Supervisor Lautenschlager to support Racine County's Resolution and forward it to the County Board. The committee discussed the benefits of the resolution. Vote on Resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Wood County Resolution # 19-12-20 – "Resolution to support the proposed revisions to Ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code, which will set newer Targeted Performance Standards and Prohibitions to abate pollution on groundwater by nitrate in areas of the state with highly permeable soils that are susceptible to groundwater contamination."

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Snider to support Wood County's Resolution and forward it to the County Board. The NR 151 revision process will allow for local input and give local stakeholders the opportunity to be part of the rule making and develop a rule that is designed to protect both surface and groundwater. This initiative is by a group of counties in southwestern Wisconsin and to be applied in counties with sand regions primarily, and it would give authority to each county to review it. Vote on Resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Florence County Resolution #2019-23: "Oppose the Enactment of any Legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful legislative authority."

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to bring this forward for discussion. Discussion was held including concern of the verbiage of the resolution, referral to county board, and sanctuary counties. Supervisor Albrecht withdrew his second to the motion. Vote on Resolution: AYES: 3; NAYES: 8. Motion FAILED. This resolution will not be supported by the Legislative Committee and will not be forwarded to the County Board.

Discuss Proposed/Potential State Legislation as presented by Local Legislators and Committee Members

No items brought forward

Update from County Executive Mark Harris

County Executive Mark Harris reported concerns regarding an additional property tax cut, specifically the possibility of removing more of the technical college's levy to the general purpose revenue. The TIFF districts throughout the county could be negatively impacted.

Update from State Legislators:

Rep. Gordon Hintz –District 54:

- Legislative calendar includes 3 to 4 floor meetings
- Lincoln Hill proposal unanimous vote, will be multiyear effort
- Positive steps regarding groundwater
- Mike Schraa continues to work on the Pharmacy Benefit Reform Bill. He has support from 100 co-sponsors of the bill
- Personal property tax repeal, should be repealed but not without something in place
- Tax revenue currently \$818,000,000 and 80% of new revenue from corporate income tax
- Discussion regarding bringing marijuana into Wisconsin
- Discussion on a summary of bills to help farming and agriculture
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Update from Federal Representatives:

Amy Resop, State Scheduler - Senator Ron Johnson's Office

- Report on impeachment trial
- Trade agreement for agriculture and manufacturers passed, President Trump will be signing this week
- Senior White House staff in Milwaukee to observe success of the Joseph Project

Alan Ott, District Director—Rep. Glenn Grothman

- Participating in town hall meetings within district
- United States – Mexico – Canada Agreement - passed the house with a vote of 385-41
- Introduced Bipartisan Veterans and Consumer Fair Credit Act
- Co-sponsor of a bill that passed the house in December to reduce “robo” calls
- Coronavirus update

Topics to be discussed at next Legislative Committee Meeting – Nothing noted.

Next Meeting Date – May 18, 2020 or to be determined with election of supervisors and Committee on Committee decisions.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie Barthels, Recording Secretary