

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 22, 2019

James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Jerry Finch, David Albrecht, Paul Eisen, Robert Keller, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Tom Snider, Robert Warnke and Bill Wingren

Also Present: Senator Dan Feyen, Representative Michael Schraa, Representative Gordon Hintz, Mary Anne Mueller - Corporation Counsel, Mike Elder – Director of Facilities and Property Management, Julie Mabry – Child Support Office Supervisor and Karen Marone – Town of Wolf River Attorney

Excused: Tom Egan, Tom Ellis, Chuck Farrey, Maribeth Gabert, Jim Koziczowski, Patrick O'Brien and Aaron Wojciechowski

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

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Norton to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Public Comments:

No comments.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Eisen attended a listening session for Senator Glenn Grothman. Testimony was heard from sixty residents. It was held at the Village of Fox Crossing Municipal Center. Supervisor Eisen submitted a written statement referring to the National Flood Insurance Program and Mental Health Issues to be read at this session.

Discussion/Action: Door County Resolution No. 2019-20 – “Supporting a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Designation for Northeast Wisconsin”

Supervisor Snider reported that this resolution was sent to the Land Conservation Committee. This meeting was held on April 4, 2019. The Land Conservation Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to support this resolution and send it back to the Legislative Committee for further consideration. Motion by Supervisor Snider and seconded by Supervisor Norton to support this resolution. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (9-0)

Continued Discussion on Supervised Release Law in regards to Sex Offenders

Corporation Counsel, Mary Anne Mueller, updated the committee regarding the supervised release law. The offender has currently been placed in the Town of Wolf River. Mike Elder, Director of Facilities and Property Management is working on placing a cement pad at the County Road Y location and is taking bids for a new or used trailer to put on that pad. The plan is to have everything in place by August 1, 2019. There was another person petitioning to be released, that petition was denied. Ms. Mueller commented on the fine that could be assessed if the time frame to find and provide housing is not met.

Senator Feyen reported that the requirement should be changed to 180 days with a good faith effort. The 1,500 foot rule requirement should go away and it will be up to the judgement of the specific committee appointed. He met with Andrea Palm with the Department of Human Services regarding this issue.

Representative Schraa has met with Department of Human Services and his Legal Counsel to try to move forward with this issue, fix the problems and complete this law.

Representative Hintz explained the process of trying to get this law passed.

Discussion/Action: Assemble Resolutions that the County Board has passed which a Winnebago County Board Supervisor can verbally testify for or can deliver a copy for Joint Finance Committee (JFC) information. We would need to be aware that the County Board did not directly authorize us to speak supporting or opposing the issue.

Supervisor Eisen addressed this item. The State Joint Finance Committee will be having a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at UW Green Bay. Supervisor Eisen has researched and reported that there were five resolutions that passed the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors asking for Wisconsin State action. Four of those resolutions are in the Governor's budget for 2020 - 2021. The public hearing allows a representative two minutes of time for testimony or to provide written request to present their case to the Joint Finance Committee to be forwarded to the Governor for consideration. Supervisor Eisen asked if Winnebago County would be interested in having a committee member be present at the Joint Finance Committee hearings to represent the County.

Supervisor Norton reported that he attended a WCA Health and Human Service Steering Committee meeting where he learned that more money had been put into the budget for Child Support funding. He introduced Julie Mabry, Child Support Supervisor. She said that the state had requested \$1,500,000.00 to be included in the Child Support Budget. It appears to be in the budget, but there is also legislation to stop birth cost repayment. The increased funding from the budget and the implementation to put birth cost recovery back in place are totally separate items. The County could stand to lose \$176,000.00 if they lose the birth cost recovery and \$75,000 if the increased funding does not go thru. E-filing has changed from Clerk of Courts to Child Support. They would like to add administrative paternity where they could subpoena for DNA testing instead of having to go thru the Courts.

Update from County Executive Mark Harris

County Executive Mark Harris was not present.

Update from State Legislators:

Senator Dan Feyen – District 18:

- The last Joint Finance Committee hearing will be held in Green Bay
- Budget is consuming most of their time
- Meeting as a caucus once a week - hoping to put together a budget that the Governor will sign
- He is working with the Workforce Development and Economic Development Committees

Representative Michael Schraa – District 53:

- Starting to submit budget requests and budget motions to budget buddies
- After meeting in Green Bay, Joint Finance will start on Executive process
- As Chair of Corrections, he will have a lot of budget motions regarding correctional issues to submit
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager bill floor date is May 15, 2019
- Assembly Bill 55
- 980 Bill
- Tour of Prairie du Chien and Boscobel prisons – stunned at vacancy rate of employees

Representative Gordon Hintz – District 54:

- Gearing up for budget hearings
- Special Education and Medicaid
- No Gas Tax – Where would road funding come from
- Feels budget will pass on time
- Bills regarding the vaccine issue

Update from Federal Legislators:

No Federal Legislators were present.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Wingren to adjourn. Motion FAILED.

Discussion: Medicaid Re-entry Act, Bill Number HR1329

Motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Norton to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discuss proposed/potential state legislation as presented by local legislators and committee members

No items brought forward.

Topics for Next Meeting – Nothing.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2019.

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Keller to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie Barthels, Recording Secretary