

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, October 28, 2019
James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Thomas Egan, David Albrecht, Paul Eisen, Tom Ellis, Jerry Finch, Robert Keller, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Tom Snider, Bill Wingren and Aaron Wojciechowski.

Also Present: Senator Dan Feyen, Representative Michael Schraa, Mark Harris – County Executive, Douglas Gieryn – Director of Public Health, Niki Euhardy - Public Health Policy and Equity Coordinator, Kim Goffard – Public Health Supervisor for Communicable Disease Prevention and Control, and John Casper – President/CEO Oshkosh Area Chamber of Commerce

Excused: Chuck Farrey, Maribeth Gabert, Larry Lautenschlager, Patrick O'Brien and Robert Warnke

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

Motion by Supervisor Finch and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Public Comments:

Forty-nine persons spoke in opposition of the Winnebago County Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations.

Correspondence:

Chairman Egan reported on numerous e-mails sent to the County Clerk's Office in opposition of the Winnebago County Resolution requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations.

Discussion/Action: Revisit of Door County Resolution No. 2019-41 – "Urging the Legislature to Revise the Statutes for Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases"

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve Door County's Resolution and forward it to the County Board. Melissa Pingel, Clerk of Circuit Courts, explained to the Committee the purpose of this resolution. Currently, the Probate and Juvenile Case fees and service fees are less than the Clerk of Courts. With this resolution, the charges would be the same for both. Vote on Resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Winnebago County Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Snider to bring this resolution forward for discussion. Supervisor Snider confirmed that a "yes" vote means to do away with the personal conviction waiver, a "no" vote means that the personal conviction waiver would stay in place. Doug Gieryn, Director of Public Health, explained why this issue has been brought forward. He stated that schools are mandated to collect immunization records. Out of 22,000 students, nearly 1,300 students have filed personal waivers. Motion by Supervisor Eisen to postpone this resolution indefinitely. There was no second to Supervisor Eisen's motion. Vote on Resolution: AYES: 5 – Albrecht, Ellis, Keller, Norton and Wingren; NAYES: 6. Motion FAILED. This resolution will not be supported by the Legislative Committee and will not be forwarded to the county board.

Discussion/Action: Winnebago County Resolution: Support the Adoption of the Statewide Bill to Incorporate E-Cigarettes and Vaping into the Clean Indoor Air Law, Presently SB442

Motion by Supervisor Snider and seconded by Supervisor Wojciechowski to support this resolution and forward it to the County Board. The committee and Director Gieryn discussed the circumstances that can occur from vaping. Vote on Resolution: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. NAYES: 1 – Finch.

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

No items brought forward.

Update from State Legislators:

Senator Dan Feyen – District 18:

- Met with Sheriff Matz and District Attorney Gossett regarding gun legislations and overdose deaths and other issues in Winnebago County

- Committee Meetings will be starting again
- Workforce Development Issue – Working with Farm Bureau and Immigrants
- Working with the Department of Trade and Consumer Protection regarding dairy siting

Representative Michael Schraa – District 53:

- Starting Fall Sessions
- 4,200 bills drafted, 2,200 introduced, and little over 30 bills signed for this session
- Pharmacy Benefit Management Bill – 98 co-sponsors for this bill
- Collector Plate Bill – regarding collector license plates for collector vehicles
- Working on Criminal Justice Bills

Update from County Executive Mark Harris

County Executive Mark Harris reported that the budget session for Winnebago County will begin this evening. Mr. Harris provided the equalized rate figures, how it is affected by new construction and how it affects property taxes. The Dark Store loopholes will shift taxes from retail owners to property owners. Manufacturing property values have been decreasing affecting taxes. Property owners should see taxes remain the same or a slight decrease, but because of shifts in other taxes, they could increase.

Update from Federal Representatives:

No one present.

Discussion/Action: 2020 Legislative Committee Meeting Dates

It was decided to meet quarterly. The County Clerk's office will set the meeting dates with the UWEX office.

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

Next Meeting Date – To be determined.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Norton to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie Barthels, Recording Secretary