

Legislative Committee
Monday, January 25, 2016
James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Bill Wingren, Chairman; Bob Warnke, Larry Smith, Ken Robl, Bill Roh, Tom Egan, Tom Widener, Tom Ellis.

Also Present: Mark Harris, County Executive; Alan Ott, from Congressman Grothman's office; Glenn Grothman, Congressman; Mark Rahmlow, Fox Cities Chamber; Rep. Michael Schraa; Rep. Gordon Hintz; Joe Aulik, Veterans Service; John Casper, President/CEO Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce; Rep. Amanda Stuck, Supervisors: Guy Hegg, Robert Keller.

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

Motion by Supervisor Rohl and seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting. Carried by voice vote.

Resolution to support Oconto County 2015 Senate Bill 204 (2015 Assembly Bill 284) relating to causing or threatening bodily harm to certain child welfare and juvenile justice workers and providing a penalty: No action taken.

Shawano County Resolution to urge amending the law concerning county payment for library services: Supervisor Widener doesn't recommend any action on this. It involves library materials distributed across county lines and charging back to county of user. No action taken.

Updates from Mark Harris: The state is proposing a map of extension districts and suggesting multiple counties be in a single extension area. Proposal would combine Winnebago with Outagamie and Calumet counties. Downfall would be a lot of time and expense to travel between counties and loss of local interaction. There is also a proposal to combine veteran services.

Update by Joe Aulik: In the proposal to combine veteran services, you would lose local touch and control with your veterans. The new proposal does not require the Veterans Service Agent to be a veteran which is a benefit. It is not recommended that Veteran Services be regionalized.

Update from State Legislators:

- Rep. Michael Schraa -- Authored the following bills. One: Referendum bill – school districts have to do referendums on regularly scheduled elections. Two: Drones cannot be flown over a correctional facility. And there would be a penalty regarding using a drone involved in a crime. Need statutes to keep up with technology. Third: Coroner Medical Examiner Bill. Have training for all medical examiners. (Now 350 of 550

medical examiners have no training.) Cost for training was a factor. Bill is asking for a 40-hour training seminar per year. Counties would pick up travel cost. State would pay for seminar.

- Rep. Amanda Stuck – Gave an update on Housing Committee proposals.
- Rep Gordon Hintz – Take bills seriously, but many will be put off until next session. Revenue update will be given in January and will determine expenditures that take priority and which bills will be passed.

Update from Congressman Glenn Grossman – Washington is very different than Madison. We passed a budget bill. There is a 5% increase in one-third of the budget which included military spending. At this time four people (two from each party) set the budget. In the future there will be a more open process--as each bill comes to the house, congressmen will have an opportunity to make an amendment.

Next meeting date: Monday, February 22nd.

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Tom Ellis
Recording Secretary