

Legislative Committee
Monday, February 22, 2016
James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Bill Wingren, Chairman; Bob Warnke, Larry Smith, Ken Robl, Tom Egan, Tom Widener, Tom Ellis, Paul Eisen and Chuck Farrey.

Also Present: Mark Harris, County Executive; Alan Ott, from Congressman Grothman's office; Rep. Michael Schraa; Rep. Gordon Hintz; John Casper, President/CEO Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Bougie, Director of Planning and Zoning; Cary Rowe, Zoning Administrator and Brian O'Rourke, Planning Administrator; Supervisors: Mike Norton, Robert Keller and Larry Lautenschlager.

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

Motion by Supervisor Robl and seconded by Supervisor Smith to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting. Carried by voice vote.

Jerry Bougie, Director of Planning and Zoning reported on the State Mandated Farmland Preservation Planning Process. Mr. Bougie elaborated on the process, time and money spent obtaining DATCP certification for both the Farmland Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. He estimated the cost at over \$100,000 to prepare the plan and ordinance. A state grant for \$30,000 helped to offset the cost. A total of eight towns are certified for Farmland Preservation Zoning (2 under County Zoning – Neenah and Nekimi and 6 under Town Zoning – Vinland, Wolf River, Winchester, Clayton, Utica and Nepeuskun.) The Plan is certified through the end of 2017 and the Ordinance is certified through the end of 2018. Mr. Bougie touched on legal issues that occurred with DATCP regarding the County's Shoreland Zoning jurisdiction. The process is beginning all over again for the next round of certifications. Mr. Bougie then took questions from the committee.

Update from State Legislators:

- Rep. Michael Schraa – Reported on the following bills that were brought to the floor:
 - AB210 – Allow Counties to increase sales tax by ½% to aid in repair of roads. This bill did not pass.
 - SB707/AB707 - Prohibiting a legislator from concurrently holding office as county executive. This bill passed and will go to the Governor's desk to be signed.
 - AB666 – Regarding the Child Internet Porn Bill. This bill passed.
 - AB670/671 – Relating to drones: AB670 - prohibiting them from flying over correctional facilities; AB671 – using a drone as a lookout would be a penalty enhancer. Both bills passed by voice vote.
 - AB839 – Regarding the 24/7 Sobriety program. Will allow judge to look over records and pre-sentence the criminal directly to the program. This bill passed.
 - AB867 – Regarding the Coroner/ Medical Examiner's bill. This bill passed.
 - AB497 – Regarding Violent Sexual Offenders bill. Wording of this bill has been defined and made clearer. This bill passed.
 - A High Capacity Well bill passed. It involves fixing and transferring current wells, that if a well breaks and needs to be fixed, it can be done without going thru the DNR.

- Rep. Gordon Hintz – reported on the process of how bills are brought forward to the floor. Mr. Hintz touched on a few bills that were brought to the floor:
 - Veteran’s bill, Sales Tax bill, 17 year old Juvenile bill, 24/7 Sobriety, Shoreland Zoning bill, High Capacity Well bill and SB707/AB707.

Representative Schraa reported that money was allotted to update and improve the Mendota and Winnebago Mental Health Institute women’s facility.

Update from Congressman Glenn Grothman – Alan Ott, Congressman Grothman’s representative, reported on a vote to override President Obama’s veto for full Obama Care repeal. There were not enough votes to pass it. Congressman Grothman is very busy with the Budget Committee and the House Oversight Committee. He has been assigned to the task force on Public Housing.

Update from County Executive Mark Harris – Executive Harris commented on Farmland Preservation. He touched briefly on SB707 regarding his run for State Senate and his County Executive position. He hopes that Family Care will be closely monitored at the state level. He is concerned as to how retirement funds will be reimbursed from the borrowing that took place.

No Correspondence.

Next meeting date: Monday, April 25, 2016.

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Julie Barthels
Recording Secretary