

**Legislative Committee
Monday, May 23, 2016
James P. Coughlin Center**

Present: David Albrecht, Chuck Farrey, Tom Ellis, Bill Roh, Paul Eisen, Bill Wingren, Jerry Finch, Joel Rasmussen, Tom Snider, Lawrence Smith, Robert Warnke and Tom Egan

Also Present: Mark Harris, County Executive; Jennifer Garner, from Senator Baldwin's office; Rep. Gordon Hintz; Rep. David Murphy; Rep. Amanda Stuck, John Casper, President/CEO Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce; Chris Kniep, Director of UW Extension; Supervisors: Mike Norton, Robert Keller and Larry Lautenschlager.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Albrecht and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made of all members present.

Motion by Supervisor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting. Carried by Voice Vote.

Public Comments:

Supervisor Paul Eisen reported of his attendance at a WCA workshop on May 13, 2016. He touched on highlights of the conference. He encouraged members to read the May issue of the WCA magazine regarding the wrap up of the 2015-2016 legislative session.

Election of Officers:

Chairman Albrecht called for nominations for Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded by Supervisor Finch to nominate Supervisor Egan for Chairman. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for Supervisor Egan.

Chairman Albrecht called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Motion by Supervisor Roh and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to nominate Supervisor Finch for Vice-Chairman. Nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for Supervisor Finch.

Vice-Chairman Finch called for nominations for Secretary.

Motion by Supervisor Ellis and seconded by Supervisor Wingren to nominate Supervisor Smith for Secretary. Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Snider to nominate Supervisor Warnke for Secretary. Paper ballots were distributed. Vote Count: Larry Smith – 6; Robert Warnke – 6. By the flip of a coin, Supervisor Smith was elected Secretary.

Update from County Executive Harris:

Executive Harris reported that the County is in the early process of the budget for 2017. He feels that health insurance will be one of the major concerns for this budget along with the net value that is placed on new construction. The removal of personal property taxes and computer aid by the State is another concern.

Update from State Legislators:

- Rep. Gordon Hintz – Departments are currently preparing their budgets to be submitted this fall. He feels all levels of the economy need to be looked at, local, state and federal.

Rep. Hintz voiced concerns regarding Shared Revenue, Education and Family Care Changes. He encouraged Supervisors to contact their Legislators and voice their concerns regarding these issues.

- Rep. David Murphy – Personal Property taxes are a concern. Governor Walker will not allow personal property taxes to be added to real estate taxes. During the last budget session, the state is at the lowest level of bonding in almost 30 years. He touched on sales tax for local and county roads and that there may be a referendum tied to this. Rep. Murphy stated that the DOT has an audit going on right now, that there may be ways to cut the DOT budget and they might find ways to make the transportation budget more sustainable.
- Rep. Amanda Stuck – Voiced concern regarding Shared Revenue, water issues and closure of plant in Menasha.
- Discussion in regard to the UW System between Legislators and Supervisors.

Update from Senator Tammy Baldwin

- Jennifer Garner, Regional Representative to Senator Tammy Baldwin, reported that she is the Senator's eyes and ears here in Wisconsin and reports back to her in Washington. Water issues and the Asian Carp Issue are big concerns to Senator Baldwin. She is trying to provide more training from the federal level to local municipalities' 1st responders. Other concerns are Opiate Addiction amongst inmates in jails, Health Care for Veterans, and Prevention Crisis Treatment. Ms. Garner reported on the committees that Senator Baldwin serves on, she passed out her business card and invited the Supervisors to contact her with any questions or concerns.

Chairman Egan thanked the Legislators for attending the Legislative meetings.

No Correspondence.

Topics to be discussed at next Legislative meeting

- Supervisor Smith is concerned about the cost of required publication for County Activities.
- Supervisor Eisen is concerned about voting changes in regard to County Board Rules, how it affects voting on resolutions at the Legislative Committee and when and how it affects the vote at the County Board meetings.

Next meeting date: Monday, June 27, 2016.

Chris Kniep, UWEX Director, reported of a meeting to be held June 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at UW Fox Valley regarding changes of Extension offices. Supervisor Finch asked for this to be put on the next agenda for the Legislative Committee to stay on top of this issue.

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Julie Barthels
Recording Secretary