

**Legislative Committee**  
**January 27, 2014**  
**JAMES P. COUGHLIN CENTER**

Present: Pat Brennand, Bill Wingren, Ken Robl, Tom Ellis, Tim Hamblin, Chuck Farrey, Nancy Barker, Larry Smith, Robert Warnke, Mike Norton, Paul Eisen and Tom Snider

Also Present: Mark Harris – Winnebago County Executive, State Representative Michael Schraa – 53<sup>rd</sup> District, State Representative Gordon Hintz – 54<sup>th</sup> District, State Representative Dean Kaufert – 55<sup>th</sup> District, Senator Rick Gudez – 18<sup>th</sup> District and Robert Keller

Excused: David Albrecht and Bill Roh

Absent: Jerry Finch, Shiloh Ramos, Patrick O'Brien, James Koziczkowski, Representative Penny Bernard Schaber

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Brennand. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey and seconded to approve the minutes from November 25, 2013. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

**UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:**

State Representative Mike Schraa reported they are currently working with Governor Walker to cut property taxes. They are expecting \$500,000,000.00 worth of property tax deductions. Representative Schraa authored an Airport bill and currently has 9 co-sponsors. He also worked with SB112/ AB122. The Ag Committee chairman was not willing to budge. This is in regard to Farmland Preservation.

Senator Rick Gudex stated that he supports the direction that Governor Walker is taking. He commented on the structural deficit. Senator Gudex spoke in regard to the husbandry bill, SB509, regarding widths and weights on roads for farm equipment. The Wisconsin Towns Association and the Farm Bureau are working on this also. Senator Gudex commented on the \$912,000,000.00 projected surplus. He feels that some of the effects of Dodd/Frank will probably have an affect in the future for our economy. There has been talk between the Senate and Assembly in regard to the structural deficit.

State Representative Dean Kaufert feels that the revenue growth in the state will help everyone. Sales tax collections are up and income tax and corporate taxes are also up. He commented on the passing of the heroine bills and the ability of paramedics to use naloxone for overdoses.

State Representative Gordon Hintz commented on the surplus and the future revenue growth. Representative Hintz is involved with the Local Regulation of Mining. He is working with taxpayer funding of private schools and charter schools. He is a co-sponsor with a TIFF bill – to allow districts that have lost value to be assessed at a lower rate.

Time was allowed for questions and discussion to the Senator and Representatives.

**UPDATE FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

County Executive Mark Harris talked about Communication Companies voluntarily supporting a bill for enhanced 911 systems at one time. Monies have been shifted from 911 to replace General Purpose revenue. He urges our Representatives to support LRB3078-1 regarding the enhanced 911 system and how it is funded. Executive Harris discussed the surplus and deficit. He touched on how this affects Fox Valley Technical College and monies that are received from the State for housing Probational inmates at our jail.

**SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 349 / SENATE BILL 259 – AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A FOX CITIES REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS**

Representative Penny Bernard Schaber was absent from this meeting. Questions arose again in regard to the processing of this tax. Mike Ellis is a co-sponsor of this bill. Executive Harris felt that if the municipality doesn't vote to accept this tax, they could lose the service. No action was taken on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Chairman Brennand is looking for items to be put on the agenda for Monday, February 24, 2014. This will be the last Legislative meeting until after the spring election of new supervisors.

It was moved by Supervisor Smith and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Bill Wingren  
Secretary

Recorded By:  
Julie Barthels  
County Clerk's Office