

Legislative Committee
June 25, 2012
JAMES P. COUGHLIN CENTER

Present: Stan Kline, Bill Wingren, Pat Brennand, James Kozokowski, Tom Ellis, Tim Hamblin, David Albrecht, Ken Robl, Jerry Finch, Guy Hegg, Patrick O'Brien, Bill Roh, Chuck Farrey Kathy Lennon and Larry Smith

Also Present: Representative Spanbauer, John Casper – Chamber of Commerce, State Senator Jessica King, Representative Penny Bernard Schaber, Mark Harris – County Executive, Gregg Underheim representing Congressman Petri, Ernie Winters – Winnebago County Highway Commissioner

Excused:

Absent: Shiloh Ramos

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present introduced themselves.

The committee then focused on electing a Chair Person, Vice Chair and Secretary. Nominations were opened and B. Wingren nominated Stan Kline. This was seconded. C. Farrey nominated Jerry Finch and that motion was seconded. The nominations were closed and a vote taken. Stan Kline won with a vote of 9 – 6. Nominations were then taken for Vice Chair. C. Farrey nominated Pat Brennand and it was seconded. There were no other nominations. Pat Brennand was elected Vice Chair. Nominations were taken for secretary. Jerry Finch nominated Bill Wingren and it was seconded. There were no other nominations, Bill Wingren was elected Secretary.

Chairman Kline asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

State Senator King discussed with the committee work place safety in correctional institution. This is becoming a larger problem as the inmate population increases. Ms King's represented area has the largest number of correctional facilities in the state. Ms. King has had listening sessions in Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Waupun.

Representative Schaber is concerned over problems with hard to place Alzheimer's patients. There are few places that are equipped to handle the extreme behavioral problems some of these patients struggle with.

Representative Spanbauer discussed his hopes for more civility in the upcoming Legislative terms. He has been having meetings within his district and some of the concerns are zoning, highway maintenance, and veteran's issues.

Executive Harris brought forth his concerns regarding tax credits for the manufacturing and agriculture sections of the economy and its impact on Winnebago County and the State of Wisconsin. He is meeting Senator King's staff regarding this issue. Mr. Harris feels the estimates are \$50 - \$60 million off.

Gregg Underheim talked about the redistricting plan in Wisconsin. The minority party had little say in the redistricting plan. State Senators Obey and Ryan did the majority of the redistricting for Wisconsin. Mr. Underheim also told the committee that Congressman Petri is holding town meetings and the biggest concerns he is hearing is regarding the budget and health care. Mr. Underheim discussed bi-partisanship issues in Washington with the committee.

The next meeting will be August 27, 2012. There is no meeting scheduled for July.

Chairman Kline asked if there was anything the committee would like to look at or change. Jerry Finch asked if it was possible to invite Department Heads to the meeting to discuss their departments. Mr. Finch would like to hear from the department heads what their department is responsible for and the needs and concerns of the department heads. It was also mentioned re-examining the meeting date as well as the time the committee meets.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9: 42 AM

Respectfully Submitted By:
Bill Wingren
Secretary

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