

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 23, 2022
James P. Coughlin Center
625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh

Present: Thomas Egan, Chuck Farrey, David Albrecht, Steven Binder, Robert Keller, Larry Lautenschlager, Michael Norton, Koby Schellenger, Morris Cox and Bryan Stafford.

Also Present: Ethan Hollenberger

Excused: Andy Buck

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairman Egan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Public Comments:

None

Election of Officers:

Discussion was held as to how to conduct the election of officers.

- For Chairman: Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to nominate Chuck Farrey for Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Motion by Supervisor Norton to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- For Vice-Chairman: Motion by Supervisor Binder and seconded by Larry Lautenschlager to nominate Michael Norton for Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Motion by Supervisor Binder and seconded by Larry Lautenschlager to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
- For Secretary: Motion by Supervisor Cox to nominate Supervisor Binder. Binder declined. Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Binder to nominate Koby Schellenger for Secretary of the Legislative Committee. Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Robert Keller to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Correspondence:

Letter received and read by Chairman Farrey from County Board Supervisor Don Nussbaum to County Board Chairman Egan. Should Winnebago County create a resolution to oppose masking in regards to international pandemic regulations? This is an international issue and not a pending Winnebago County issue, therefore this will not be addressed in any future meeting.

Discussion/Action: Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Affirmation to Denounce Healthcare Choice Discrimination Against Citizens by Sawyer County Government, Businesses, and Employers:

A brief and informal discussion of this resolution. Motion by Robert Keller and seconded by Supervisor Norton to table this resolution as this was from November 9, 2021 and only applies to Sawyer County. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Jefferson County Resolution 2022-11; Price County Resolution 12-22; and Vilas County Resolution 2022-15; Request State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula:

A brief and informal discussion of this resolution. Supervisor Cox asked if this would concern us here in our County. Chairman Farrey discussed some points and feels this would affect our county as well. Supervisor Schellenger voiced his opinion and concerns regarding this matter. He would like to know a bit more before he would feel comfortable moving forward with this. Supervisor Binder stated if we do refer it back, he would like a follow up on why this change would take 41 years before people started to take a look at this. Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to refer back to Judiciary & Public Safety Committee. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Polk County Resolution No. 08-22: Resolution Urging State Elected Officials to Use Expected 2021-2023 Budget Surplus to Fund Rural Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services:

A brief and informal discussion of this resolution. Motion by Supervisor Albrecht to amend line 33 to delete "volunteer" and change to "all". After further discussion, Supervisor Albrecht withdrew his amendment. Back to the original resolution. More discussion amongst members. Chairman Farrey speaks about the question that might

become, is Polk County providing fire service to the towns within its county? Chairman Farrey is not aware of any county providing fire service so he assumes that this is on behalf of the towns within that county. With that being the case, that would bring it back specifically to the financial need of these smaller counties and rural towns within that county. Motion by Larry Lautenschlager and seconded by Robert Keller to approve resolution as its written and forward to the Winnebago County Board. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: La Crosse County Resolution # 45-12/21: Advisory Referendum on Clean Water

Motion by Robert Keller to table this resolution as this resolution was asking for a referendum to take place for the April 5, 2022 election and we are past that date. Seconded by Larry Lautenschlager. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Monroe County Resolution No. 03-22-01: Monroe County Resolution on Clean Water

A brief and informal discussion of this resolution. Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Larry Lautenschlager to take no action on this resolution. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Town of Clayton Resolution 2022-009; Town of Utica Resolution No. 2022-03; Town of Vinland Resolution No. 006-2022; and Town of Winneconne Resolution No. 004-2022: A Resolution to Support NACo's Position on Defining the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and Regulations with Agricultural Considerations:

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Larry Lautenschlager to table this resolution. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Town of Omro Resolution 2022-4-2: Resolution opposing the mapping of a flood storage district for Sawyer Creek

This was pulled at the last County Board meeting and is a hot topic. Discussion among members on this resolution. Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Cox to refer back to Planning & Zoning Committee. Supervisor Binder, Supervisor Egan and Supervisor Schellenger all voiced their opinions regarding this matter. More discussion among members. Chairman Farrey called the question. Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Cox to refer back to Planning & Zoning Committee with disposition and comment of "No support of the mapping of the City of Oshkosh by the members of the Winnebago County Legislative Committee". CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. 8 Ayes - 1 Nay (Schellenger).

Discuss proposed State and Federal Legislation from the Legislative Committee members

Supervisor Norton will bring something in the near future when legislators will be in attendance.

Discuss Proposed / Potential State Legislation as Presented by Local Legislators and Committee Members

No one present.

Update from County Executive Jon Doemel

The County Executive was not present.

Update from State Legislators:

No legislators were present.

Update from Federal Representatives:

No representatives were present.

Topics to be discussed at next Legislative Committee Meeting

Next Meeting Date and Time: Discussion among all members. Decision to continue to meet quarterly unless an emergency issue would need to be addressed, then a meeting would be scheduled. Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Cox to keep the time of the meeting at 8:30 am with date to be determined. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Larry Lautenschlager to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Recording Secretary