

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 24, 2019

James P. Coughlin Center

Present: Thomas Egan, David Albrecht, Paul Eisen, Tom Ellis, Chuck Farrey, Jerry Finch, Robert Keller, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Tom Snider, Robert Warnke, Bill Wingren and Aaron Wojciechowski

Also Present: Senator Dan Feyen, Representative Michael Schraa, Representative Gordon Hintz, Alan Ott – District Director for Representative Glenn Grothman, Mark Harris – County Executive, Bill Topel – Human Services Director, Douglas Gieryn – Director of Public Health, Niki Euhardy, Public Health Policy and Equity Coordinator, Rob Way – Director of Parks, Mike Elder – Director of Facilities and Property Management and Miles Maguire – Oshkosh Examiner Editor

Excused: Maribeth Gabert, Harold Singstock, Jim Kozickowski and Patrick O'Brien

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

Motion by Supervisor Wingren and seconded by Supervisor Snider to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019 meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Public Comments:

Director Doug Gieryn asked if supporting documentation could be included with the agenda on the website.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Discussion/Action: Burnett County Resolution No. 2019-16 – “County Forest Administration Grant Program”

Motion by Supervisor Snider and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to support this resolution. This resolution is asking for a change to the definition of a Forester. Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (12-0). This resolution will be forwarded to the entire County Board.

Discussion/Action: “Resolution in Support of the Continuation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program”

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Finch to approve and forward to the County Board. The Parks and Recreation Committee has already approved this resolution. This program was created to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Motion by Supervisor Eisen and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to postpone indefinitely. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE; NAYES: 1 – Snider.

Discussion/Action: Polk County Resolution No. 11-19 – “Resolution in Support of a Comprehensive Response to Methamphetamine and Opioid Addiction”

Motion by Supervisor Snider and seconded by Supervisor Ellis to bring this resolution forward. After discussion, the motion FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion/Action: Dodge County Resolution No. 18-73 – “Advisory Resolution Supporting Legislation Addressing Illegal Activities Associated with Adult Entertainment Establishments”

Chairman Egan pulled this item from the agenda after consulting with Corporation Counsel Mueller.

Discussion/Action: Resolution – “Advocate the State Legislature to Expand Medicaid in Wisconsin”

Motion by Supervisor Wojciechowski and seconded by Supervisor Snider to bring this forward and take action. The committee and representatives discussed differences between State and Federal insurance, who it is available to, and the cost for each type of insurance to the State and to the insured. They voiced their opinions if expanding Medicaid would be beneficial or detrimental for the State and County. Vote to approve and forward to the County Board. A roll call vote was taken: AYES: 10; NAYES: 2 – Albrecht and Farrey. CARRIED.

Discussion: Medicaid Re-entry Act, Bill number HR1329

Motion by Supervisor Norton and seconded by Supervisor Snider to bring this forward. After discussion, it was decided to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Discuss proposed/potential state legislation as presented by local legislators and committee members

No items brought forward.

Update from County Executive Mark Harris

County Executive Mark Harris remarked on the expansion of Medicaid in Wisconsin, Healthcare Providers and the Affordable Care Act.

Executive Harris addressed the juvenile detention facility issues that are happening in the State. County Executives from the state met with Directors of Public Health to discuss this matter.

Executive Harris inquired about the Veteran's Affairs Trust Fund and nursing home reserves.

Update from State Legislators:

Senator Dan Feyen – District 18:

- Annual Budget Session – should be going to the Governor by Thursday of this week.
- Education – reported increases that were proposed for this budget.
- Careers and Technology – increases in budget for Technical Colleges and UWEX
- Healthcare – increases for nursing homes and personal care workers
- Workforce – increased by \$25 million
- Corrections – increasing wages for guards at the prisons.
- Transportation – raise registration fee to \$85.00; language for Hybrids cleaned up; title transfer fee raised

Representative Michael Schraa – District 53:

- Stewardship – Bonding \$66.5 Million
- Transportation – General Transportation Aid up 10%
- Education - \$600 increase per students grades K-12
- Corrections – Increase wages for prison guards; Lincoln Hills and Locations for New Facilities
- Pharmacy Benefits Management Bill – this item will be taken up in the fall

Representative Gordon Hintz – District 54:

- Voiced concern of the Governor vetoing the budget
- Funding for K-12 education and special education
- Transportation – first time that more money was placed into the transportation budget
- Health Services - Medicaid
- Lincoln Hills – Be Patient
- Supports Pharmacy Benefits Management bill

Update from Federal Representatives:

Alan Ott - District Director for Representative Glenn Grothman

- Second Trip to the Mexican Border – Humanitarian crisis, Travel advisory
- New replacement for NAFTA – USMCA was delivered to Congress
- Wrapped up town hall meetings – 13 meetings so far
- Bill introduced – Designed to align the laws against age discrimination

Topics to be discussed at next Legislative Committee Meeting – Sex Offender/Trailer Park; Eminent Domain

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2019.

Motion by Supervisor Albrecht and seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie Barthels, Recording Secretary