

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Nancy Robillard called the January 8, 2019 meeting of the Legislative Committee to order at 1:01 p.m. at the Door County Government Center.

**Establish a Quorum – Roll Call**

Committee members present – Nancy Robillard, Kathy Schultz, Linda Wait, Bob Bultman, and David Enigl.

Others present – Supervisor Susan Kohout, Administrator Ken Pabich, Corp Counsel Grant Thomas, Family Court Commissioner/Register in Probate Jennifer Moeller, County Clerk Jill Lau, and Public.

"These minutes have **not** been reviewed by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting."

**Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed**

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Enigl to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Approve Minutes of October 9, 2018 Legislative Committee Meeting**

Motion by Wait, seconded by Bultman to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Communications**

- Email received from Don Freix distributed

**Public Comment**

- Don Freix commented regarding his disappointment that there is no agenda item related to the December State Extraordinary Session and some form of communication expressing the County's disappointment with the vote of our State Representatives. Questioned if there is a process for a citizen to be placed on an agenda so they can participate in discussion of an issue. Reviewed anticipated upcoming legislation. Requested a resolution from the County Board regarding non-partisan redistricting. Commented on the upcoming Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days.

**Supervisor Response**

Administrator Pabich addressed comments made by Mr. Freix in regards to not adding items to the agenda; citizens involved in/on an agenda – citizen can contact the Chair of the committee who decides if the topic will be placed on the agenda. A resolution was passed previous regarding non-partisan redistricting. Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days includes topics unique to Door and Kewaunee Counties and does not look at issues that are statewide.

**Old Business**

No old business was presented.

**New Business**

**Court Fees and Costs in Probate Cases and Juvenile Court**

Jennifer Moeller explained fees and costs in the courts are determined by statutes. The fees are different between the Clerk of Courts and Family Court/Register in Probate. Jennifer is requesting county support in asking the Legislators to amend the statutes to adjust fees and costs to be the same across the board in the courts and to add fees where there are none now. Jennifer has shared her thoughts and discussed the proposed changes with her peers. Administrator Pabich suggested Jennifer work with Assistant CC Behling to draft a generic resolution (not tied to specific numbers or fees) with an addendum outlining suggested fees that could be used by us and sent to other Wisconsin counties. It was suggested the Register in Probate Association sign-on in support. Counties can work with the Association in support of a resolution.

Motion by Bultman, seconded by Wait to support Jennifer's efforts and move forward with a resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days Planning**

DCEDC has a link to submit a topic of interest. Submittal can be made through the end of the month. There is criteria for submitting topics. Issues should be unique to Door and/or Kewaunee County. Looking to schedule D/K Days for the second week of April.

### **J-1 Visa Program**

Supervisor Susan Kohout explained the Sister City Committee discussed the J-1 Visa program. In the past the Legislative Committee lobbied on behalf of the J-1 Visa program. The discussion at the Sister City Committee was to inform the Legislative Committee in an effort to monitor the Visa Programs. It was also noted the importance of other Visa Programs for businesses such as the Kinnard and Brey Farms. It was suggested the Committee contact our Legislators to let them know how important this program is to Door County and ask them to also monitor the programs. Administrator Pabich offered to work with DCEDC and reach out to our federal Legislators to inform them of the importance of the Visa Programs to Door County and ask them to monitor any proposed changes to the programs.

Motion by Bultman, seconded by Schultz to direct Administrator Pabich to work with Jim at DCEDC to send a letter to our federal Representatives to remind them of the importance of the Visa Programs to Door County. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **County Levy Limits**

Information included in the meeting packet were reviewed. Review of how levy limits are calculated.

### **Energy Assistance Program – Timing on Payout for Crisis Funds**

Administrator Pabich presented the background. The issue arose at the Human Services Board meeting. There wasn't time between the HS Board meeting and this meeting to have HS Director Krebsbach write a memo. Pabich asked that this issue to be deferred to the next meeting.

### **Review Resolutions from Other Counties and Refer to Appropriate Committees for Recommendation as to Action of the County Board**

#### **Jackson County – Requesting Increased Funding and Oversight Reforms for Wisconsin's Child Protective Services System**

Door County has already adopted a resolution.

#### **Columbia County, Marathon County, Oconto County – Support Increasing the Compensation for Defense Counsel Appointed by the Wisconsin Public Defender's Office**

Door County has already adopted a resolution.

#### **Lincoln County – In Support of Increased County Child Support Funding**

Reviewed. CC Thomas will contact Child Support Director Dequaine for follow-up and will report back if needed.

### **Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official, or Employee**

Nothing as of this meeting.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Tentatively - February 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Per Diem Code**

801.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Enigl, seconded by Wait to adjourn. Time: 2:12 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jill M. Lau, County Clerk