

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Nancy Robillard called the Monday, January 20, 2020 meeting of the Legislative Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Door County Government Center.

Establish a Quorum – Roll Call

Committee members present – Nancy Robillard, Linda Wait, Bob Bultman, Alexis Heim Peter and David Enigl.

Others present – Supervisor Susan Kohout, Administrator Ken Pabich, Assistant Corp Counsel Karyn Behling, Senator Andre Jacque, Representative Joel Kitchens, Transportation Director Pam Busch, County Clerk Jill Lau, and public.

Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed

Motion by Wait, seconded by Bultman to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Minutes of September 16, 2019 Legislative Committee Meeting

Motion by Bultman, seconded by Heim Peter to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Communications

No communications were presented.

Public Comment

The following persons commented:

- Pat Scieszinski, Representative of the League of Women Voters
- Jack Fiedler, Sister Bay
- Karen Wilson, Juddeville
- Don Freix, 8305 Quarterline Road, Fish Creek
- Susan Kohout, District 6 County Board Supervisor
- Christine Reid, Forestville

Supervisor Response

None given.

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Meeting with State Legislator(s) – Representative Kitchens/Senator Jacque

Senator Jacque updated the Committee on a number of bills he is involved with. The Senate plans to be in session until at least March.

Representative Kitchens updated the Committee on a number of issues relative to Door County including affordable housing, Airbnb draft legislation, clean water bill, and other legislation he is involved in.

Senator Jacque noted he is in support of addressing redistricting issues and concerns to improve the redistricting process. A constitutional amendment would need to pass before any changes to the redistricting process could take place. Representative Kitchens noted he supports redistricting reforms. Assembly version LRB 3797 and Senate version LRB 5162 legislation have been introduced and address redistricting reforms.

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

Redistricting

Sawyer County, Outagamie County – Redistricting

Trempealeau County, St. Croix County – Advisory Referendum on Creation of Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps

Administrator Pabich explained the redistricting agenda item is before the Committee because of requests from the public to move forward on a county-wide referendum. A referendum would be an advisory referendum. The Committee needs to determine what the best route is to pursue the issue. What is more powerful and what sends a stronger message; what is most effective way to get the message to our Legislators. Historically, the philosophy has been not to hold an advisory referendum. The Committee can act and make a recommendation to the County Board to hold or not hold a referendum or the Committee can defer the matter to County Board. Representative Kitchens and Senator Jacque presented their opinions on what is more important, or sends a stronger message – referendums or resolutions. Both noted that generally neither referendum results or resolutions make it directly to the Legislator themselves. The best and more powerful way to lobby is by direct contact with our State Legislators. The question of what the public's option is for petitioning for a referendum and what the costs related to holding a referendum would be was reviewed. Further review and answers at the next scheduled committee meeting tentatively scheduled for March.

Door County Transportation Program

Transportation Director Pam Busch updated the Committee on the annual statistics for transportation.

AB 544 – Workforce Housing Tax Credits

Administrator Pabich reviewed the bill noting WHEDA is hoping to use some of their existing funds, \$10M, to set up a pilot program to be used for rural workforce housing projects. DCEDC has been active in promoting Door County's workforce housing issues. A resolution from the County would be helpful.

Motion by Enigl, seconded by Wait to support the draft resolution as presented and pass on to County Board. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

AB 457 – Various Changes to Statutes Related to Obtaining a Marriage License

County Clerk Lau explained a portion of the bill allows couples to apply for a marriage license in any County. Current law requires Wisconsin residents to apply in the County in which they one or both reside or for out of state residents to apply in the Wisconsin county they are getting married in. Lau expressed concerns related to loss of revenue as out of state residents may be more likely to apply in a bordering county to their home state than travel to Door County where they are getting married. Lau also expressed concerns related to loss of revenue for county residents who may work out of the county so applying in the work county may be more convenient. Lau has sent opposition letters to both of our county's legislators. The bill is expected to be on the floor of the Assembly tomorrow and asked that the committee support her in opposing it. The Committee took no action.

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

Outagamie County – Submit a Waiver Application from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the Medicaid Institute for Mental Disease Exclusion to Allow Federal Reimbursement of Short Term Acute Care and Transition Planning for Persons with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

Door County has addressed. Referred to Human Services Board.

Outagamie County, Eau Claire County, Washburn County, Wood County - Urge the Legislature to revise state statutes for consistency by requiring fees and costs charged by the Register in Probate office and Clerk of Circuit Court office be identical for same item or service as detailed in the attached Fee Structure for Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases

Door County has addressed.

Waushara County - relating to Clerk of Court and Register in Probate Offices Charges for Court Costs, Fees and Surcharges

Door County has addressed.

Wood County – Support proposed revisions to CH. NR 151, Wisconsin Admin Code
Reviewed. Deferred to Land Conservation Committee.

Racine County – In support of 2019 Assembly Bill 33 and 2019 Senate Bill 39 relating to the expungement of criminal and civil conviction and non-conviction records
Reviewed. Monitoring.

Florence County - Right to Bear Arms
Reviewed. Monitoring.

Outagamie County – Attracting & Retaining Workforce in Wisconsin
Reviewed. Monitoring.

Outagamie County – Utility Aid Payments
Reviewed.

Next Meeting Date
March 16, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Per Diem Code
456.

Adjourn
Motion by Enigl, seconded by Heim Peter to adjourn. Time: 2:51 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jill M. Lau, County Clerk