

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017
8:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Supervisors Matthew Budde, Heather Gibler, Ed Kleckner (arrived at 8:11 a.m.), Dave LaShay (arrived at 8:15 a.m.) and James Stecker.

Also Present: Alice Connors, County Board Chair; Todd Romenesko, County Administrator; Kimberly Tenerelli, Corporation Counsel; and Patricia Winkler, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Todd Romenesko called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced, roll call taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chair - Nominations by voice vote. Supervisor Matthew Budde received nomination; there were no other nominations.

Moved by Supervisor Stecker and seconded by Supervisor Gibler to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Matthew Budde as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Budde assumed the role of Chair of this committee.

Election of Vice Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Supervisor Gibler received nomination; there were no other nominations.

Moved by Supervisor Connors and seconded by Supervisor Stecker to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Gibler as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Stecker and seconded by Supervisor Gibler to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Connors and seconded by Supervisor Gibler to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no reports.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS' GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Chair Budde indicated the need for the committee to stay focused on the State Budget during the budgetary process in order to give legislators timely feedback on both fiscal and non-fiscal issues.

The County Ambassador Program (CAP) provides several opportunities for County Board

Supervisors and staff to interact with legislators during the biennium, including the following which are held in odd-numbered years:

- January meeting – Discussion of WCA Legislative Agenda / priorities for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session.
- April meeting – Discussion of 2017-2019 State Biennial Budget / Human Services Day at the Capitol.
- October meeting – Discussion of individual pieces of legislation. Coincides with the Fall Floor Period.

It was noted the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) provides issue papers to address topics at the CAP Meetings.

Discussion was held concerning the best way to relay legislative concerns to legislators when we have legislative concerns coming from various sources, such as: home committees, Department Heads, municipalities, associations, Wisconsin Counties Association, etc. It was suggested that any committee bringing forward a resolution regarding legislation provide the resolution to the Legislative Services Committee prior to presentation to the County Board.

Todd provided committee members with a copy of the form available to Department Heads that serves as a tool for them to: outline specific budget issues, the potential impact to Calumet County and the State, talking points, and requested action on the issue. A copy of the form was placed on file. This form will be used in the future to relay information to the Legislative Services Committee and legislators.

It was suggested that legislators could be invited to the semi-annual County/Municipal Intergovernmental Meetings if there were legislative topics on the agenda that may impact municipalities.

It was noted that in cases where last-minute legislation comes up, it may be necessary to call an emergency committee meeting. The notice for an emergency meeting requires 24 hour advance notice.

DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Since the Governor will present the 2017-2019 State Biennial Budget in February, the Legislative Services Committee should meet in early March after departments have had a chance to review the budget. Department Heads will be asked to compile talking points (using the form provided) regarding specific budget issues they wish to address. These talking points will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee and legislators prior to the meeting in early March. A follow-up meeting with legislators should be planned before legislative hearings are held in May.
- The committee should share information with CAP Team members. 2017 CAP Team members are: Alice Connors, Merlin Gentz, Mary Schwalenberg, Heather Gibler, Ed Kleckner, Patrick Laughrin, and Todd Romenesko.
- It was suggested that there may be times a formal letter to legislators from the Legislative Services Committee may be appropriate.
- Committee members may act as individual citizens and may contact their legislators directly at any time on specific issues.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was tentatively set for Friday, March 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Staff will poll legislators to see if they are available for the March 3 date. Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. may be offered as a backup date.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:45 a.m., **moved** by Supervisor Stecker and seconded by Supervisor LaShay to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Patricia Winkler
Recording Secretary