

## APRIL 21, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Chelsea Filbert – WCUTA Tax and Finance Lobbyist WCA, William Goehring – Sheboygan County Board, Chuck Hoffman – Manitowoc County, Robert Keeney – Grant County Board Chair, Alice O’Connor – WCUTA Executive Director, Linda Sinkula – Kewaunee County Board Supervisor, John Tramburg – Columbia County Supervisor, Lawrence Wilkinson – Chippewa County Supervisor, Bob Yeomans, Rock County Supervisor. VIA PHONE Don Pazynski, Marinette County Board,

**EXCUSED:** Rick Gundrum – Washington County Board Chair, Nick Osbourne (Asst. to the County Administrator Rock County, Bob Yeomans – Rock County Supervisor. **Staff:** Alice O’Connor.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Chairman Willkom.

The minutes of the February 17, 2016 were approved on a motion by William Goehring seconded by Supervisor Hoffman. Minutes approved.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Supervisor Linda Sinkula**

Balance as of January 30, 2017 is as follows:

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|--|---------------------|
| Beginning check book balance as of January 31 2017 | \$ 40,130.24        |
| CD (#7379279) Next matures July 30 ,2017           | \$ 40,363.78        |
| Interest paid in 2017 YTD                          | \$ 1.70             |
| <b>Total:</b>                                      | <b>\$ 80,493.82</b> |

### **Expenses since October 2017**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| January 2017 (invoice 13-1411) | \$ 2,770.00        |
| February 2017 invoice 13.1438) | \$ 1,950.00        |
| March 2017 (invoice 13.1430)   | \$1,963.00         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>\$6,683.00</b>  |
| <b>Balance:</b>                | <b>\$80,493.82</b> |

At the next meeting, Supervisor Sinkula will have a reformatted report.

### **President’s Report – Supervisor Larry Willkom**

After discussion, it was agreed that Alice has been working off a 2009 contract that will be updated to include a \$200 per month increase, from \$1900/month, effective January 1, 2017. The contract will be reviewed each year. The board assumes if Alice needs additional funds due to extra time invested because of legislative activity, she will present a report to the board to ask for extra funds for a specific period of time. It was agreed the contract should continue to be reviewed every 3 years to allow for planning and transition. A motion by Supervisor Hoffman, seconded by Supervisor Keeney recommended \$200 per month increase, retroactive, effective date of January 1, 2017, updated every three years. Motion carries. The contract will next be renewed in 2020

### **Executive Director – Alice O’Connor**

Governor’s Budget bill, Joint Finance Committee hearings are wrapping up. The JFC starts voting on May 3, 2017. The most controversial item in Governor Walker’s budget is the transportation budget. The GOP in both houses does not appear to be on the same page as Governor Walker as it relates to bonding so preapproved projects can be completed. Without bonding it is likely some projects will be delayed. The Senate and Assembly are at odds. Speaker Vos would support some sort of gas tax, Governor

Walker has said he would veto any gas tax, and Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald has said they are waiting to see what moves forward.

### **WCA report Chelsea Filbert**

Counties have many priorities including adequate funding of transportation fund. WCA wants full funding of 911 E911 and to avoid any policy that preempt county local zoning. They support more money for fraud deduction and more funds for child welfare. WCA does not want to see cuts in K12 or UW funding. Counties get name plate capacity that never really increases while the state takes money off of actual generating capacity so they keep more funds. State has kept more dollars over the years than counties. Chelsea reported that with President Trump signaling he will give states more authority over federal funds by issuing block grants, DHS could end up with different revenue so they will have to rewrite their budget. The Medicaid program currently has a \$300 million surplus.

She stated that 83 policy items were pulled out of the budget. The last time there were enough votes to override a Governor's veto was 1977. Counties are seeing a 13% increase in transportation aids as proposed by the Governor. WCA believes that for every \$1 the state gives counties, counties give \$23 back. She also said that if Rep. Macco proposal to eliminate the personal property tax moves forward this session, the state will need to back fill it to fund public education..

### **SPEAKERS**

Danielle Zimmerman, JFC Member, Rep Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton)

Danielle said she is most senior of all the JFC staff. Discussed budget process, procedures and budget buddy systems. A legislator must submit budget amendments through one of the 16 members of the Joint Finance committee they have been assigned to.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm on a motion by Supervisor Sinkula seconded by Supervisor Tramburg.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date was set for Friday June 16 2017 at the WCUTA offices.**

Minutes Prepared by Alice O'Connor