

COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 26, 2020

Executive Committee

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rinard at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Jim Braughler, Steve Nass, Conor Nelan, Amy Rinard and Michael Wineke

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator

Others present via ZOOM: Supervisor Anita Martin, Supervisor Mary Roberts, Marc DeVries, Finance Director; Deb Schroedl, County Clerk; Mark Holland, Supervisor Greg David; Supervisor Walt Christensen; Supervisor Kirk Lund; Sarana Stolar; Kirk Dys, Nicholas Rome

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review of Agenda

Move #14 up to accommodate the public in attendance

5. Public Comment

The following people spoke against Resolutions 6, 7, 8 Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the use of personal conviction Waivers for School and day Care Center Immunizations.

Lynn Kraemer, Tina Dahlke, Carie Kendrick, Virginia Kubicek, Mark Holland, Bill Shipley, James Christensen; Barb Walsh

Jan Johnstone talked about a Washington County resolution as a constitutional county and against being a part of the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)

Dina Mueller questioned why the county is a member of the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA).

RaeAnne Scherer believes that everyone should make their own choices.

Frankie Fuller asked the committee to support Resolutions 3,4 and 5

6. Approval of July 29, 2020 committee meeting minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Nass/Nelan to approve the Executive Committee minutes from July 29, 2020 as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Approval of August 11, 2020 county board minutes

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Wineke/Braughler to approve the county board minutes from August 11, 2020 as corrected. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Communications

None

9. Update on Elections – County Clerk

A report was provided. Schroedl reviewed the report. No action taken.

10. Discussion and possible action on standardizing the use of ZOOM for meetings

This was discussed with 11 & 12. A survey was sent out to the County Board to try and plan for future meetings. There was not a consensus among County Board Supervisors. The committee discussed the results of the survey and several options. The group agrees that meetings should be held in the county board room. Risk mitigation will continue to be installed in the county board room with a goal of meeting in the county board room for the October budget meeting. No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on improving the technology for audio and video at meetings

This was discussed with 10 & 12. No action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action on County Board meeting location

This was discussed with Item 10 & 11. No action taken.

13. Discussion on updating/reviewing the Strategic Plan

No action taken.

14. Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Resolutions:

Wehmeier gave the group some background information the resolution process.

The committee reviewed the following resolutions.

- Resolution 1 – Implications of Verso Mill Closures
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
No action taken.
- Resolution 2 – Supporting Changes to Condemnation Process Under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 32
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
No action taken.
- Resolution 3 – Enacting a Two-Year Moratorium on the New Construction or Expansion of Existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and the Establishment of a Large-Scale Livestock Study Committee
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Refer to the Board of Directors
No action taken.
- Resolution 4 – Supporting a Change in State Regulations or Legislation to Require Local Input in the siting of Wind Farms
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Wehmeier made a recommendation for an amendment to the resolutions that focuses on solar and other large-scale utility projects as well as wind farms.
Support with Amendment
- Resolution 5 – Supporting Proposed Water Quality Task Force bills to Improve Wisconsin's Ground and Surface Water Quality
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support
- Resolution 6 – Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Oppose; Support – Nass;
- Resolution 7 – Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Oppose; Support – Nass;
- Resolution 8 – Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature End the Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Day Care Center Immunizations
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Oppose; Support – Nass;
- Resolution 9 – Supporting the Legalization of Medical Cannabis
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely postpone
No action taken.
- Resolution 10 – Asking Governor Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature to Apply for a Waiver from Federal Rules Excluding Institutional Stays from Medicaid Coverage

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 11 – Urging the Governor and Legislature to Submit an Application for a Waiver from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to Allow Federal Reimbursement of Short-Term Acute Care and Transition Planning at Institutes for Mental Disease (IMD)

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 12 – Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Amend the Wisconsin Statewide Standing Order for the Dispensing of Naloxone

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 13 – Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Authorize County-Employed Human Services Professionals to Administer Naloxone in Response to a Suspected Opioid Overdose

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 14 – Supporting Mandatory Minimum Sentences and a Three Strikes Law in Wisconsin

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action taken.

- Resolution 15 – Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Revise Chapter 814 to Make Filing Fees Consistent Between the Clerk of Court and Register in Probate

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 16 – Urging the Legislature to Revise State Statute for Consistency Requiring Fees and Costs Charged by the Register in Probate Office and Clerk of Circuit Court office to be the Identical for the Same Item or Service

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 17 – Urging the Legislature to Revise the Statutes for Court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 18 – Urging the Legislature to Revise the Statutes for court Fees and Costs in Probate and Juvenile Cases

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support

- Resolution 19 – Support of Wisconsin Draft Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) Bill 1522/P1 That Seeks to Restore voting Rights to People on Probation and Parole and Decrease Felony disenfranchisement in the State of Wisconsin

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action.

- Resolution 20 – Supporting Passage of the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.

- Resolution 21 – Support Pending Legislation that Would Require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to Annually Publish on its Internet site Information Related to the Determination of Utility Aid Payments Received by Counties and Municipalities Where Production Plant Property is Located

WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.

- Resolution 22 – Supporting Legislation to Require the Department of Revenue to share Utility Aid Payment Information with Counties and Municipalities
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 23 – Supporting 2019-2020 Senate Bill 576 – Creation of the Chippewa Valley Regional Transportation Authority
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action taken.
- Resolution 24 – Supporting Proposed Legislation AB 612 Establishing Authority for a County to Enact an Ordinance Requiring Registration of Animal-Drawn Vehicles
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
No action taken.
- Resolution 25 – Supporting Building Expansion, and New Equipment and Facility Updates at the State of Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support: Oppose - Nelan
- Resolution 26 – Supporting assembly Bill 544 – Workforce Housing Tax Credits
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action taken.
- Resolution 27 – Opposing the Deportation and Repatriation of Hmong and Lao Residents of Wisconsin to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, as well as the Deportation of Hmong and Lao Refugees Throughout the United States
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action taken.
- Resolution 28 – Urging the Wisconsin Governor and Legislators to Research and Understand the Reasons Behind the Out-Migration of the Millennial Population as well as Why People are not Moving to Wisconsin for Available Job as Detailed in the Three Articles Published by Forward Analytics Regarding Population and Workforce Trends in Wisconsin
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action taken.
- Resolution 29 – Supporting the Establishment of an Intermodal Freight Facility at the Port of Green Bay
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
No action taken.
- Resolution 30 – Requesting the Wisconsin Legislature Act to Protect Refugees Living in the State of Wisconsin
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Indefinitely Postpone
No action taken.
- Resolution 31 – Increased Funding for County Conservation Staff
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 32 – Supporting Budget Priorities to Improve Local Land and Water Resources
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 33 – Enacting Stronger regulations to Limit the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support
- Resolution 34 – Conducting Additional Research on Chronic Wasting Disease to Improve Testing, Treatment and Management Options
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.

Resolutions 35- 48 were supported in mass. If the resolution is pulled the committee will give further guidance.

- Resolution 35 – Increasing the Payments to Towns with County Forest Land
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 36 – Requesting a Grant for Expanding Psychiatric Bed Capacity
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 37 – Supporting Human Services Expansion
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 38 – Supporting 2019 Assembly Bill 33 and 2019 Senate Bill 39 Relating to the Expungement of Criminal and Civil Conviction and Non-Conviction Records
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 39 – Support for Expansion of the Department of Corrections Opening Avenues to Re-Entry Success (OARS) to the Entire State of Wisconsin
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 40 – Action to Address the Mental Health Epidemic in County Jails
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 41 – Creating Financial Incentives for Volunteer Emergency Responders
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 42 – Supporting Legislation to Increase Funding to County veteran Service Officer Grant
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 43 – Affirming the Right of All Wisconsin citizens to Fair and Equal Representation and requesting the Enactment of a Nonpartisan Process for the Preparation of Legislative and congressional Redistricting Plans
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 44 – Requesting Referendum on Question for Fair Maps
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 45 – Supporting a Nonpartisan Redistricting System
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 46 – Urging the State Legislature to Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 47 – Requesting Support for at Least a 20% Increase in Federal Smith-Lever and 1890 Extension Capacity Funding in the USDA's National Institution for Food and Agriculture
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.
- Resolution 48 – Requesting Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Adopt
Support.

- Late Resolution 1 – Calling Upon the State of Wisconsin and All Wisconsin Counties to Make Positive Policy Changes Which Will Work Toward Eliminating Systemic Poverty and Inequality
WCA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Consideration and Adoption
Oppose and refer to Board of Directors.

15. Financial Reports

- Clerk of Courts
- Corporation Counsel
- County Administrator
- County Board
- County Clerk

Financial reports were provided for review. No action taken.

16. County Administrator's monthly report

Wehmeier gave a report highlighting the following: Department Budget meetings; Finance Committee budget meetings will be held the week of September 21st; continue to work on school openings; continuing to monitor COVID-19

17. Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting schedule and agenda items

- a. Approval of August 26, 2020 committee meeting minutes
- b. Approval of August 20th, 2020 joint committee meeting minutes
- c. Approval of September 8, 2020 county board minutes
- d. Financial Reports
- e. County Administrator's Monthly Report

The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th at 9:00 a.m.

f. Adjourn

Motion by Nelan/Braugler to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.