

Legislative Advisory Committee

November 1, 2016

Call to Order: Edwin Kelley, Larry Neuens and Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton.

Absent: Edward Wenger, Fred Erwin and Ron Yadro

Approval of the Agenda: Stratton moved, L. Neuens supports. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: L. Neuens moved, Stratton supports. All in favor.

Department and Partner Agency/Organization Recommendations:

School Legislation:

Supervisor Stratton had concerns about the good neighbor rule and the school not receiving money.

Town concerns:

Supervisor Stratton has concerns if anyone will get an answer back from the "Just Fix It Petition" to fix our Wisconsin roads and bridges.

Stratton moved, L. Neuens supports a letter be sent to Senator Tiffany and Representative Swearingen on the lack of funding for our County and State roads and recommend on to County Board for support. All in favor.

Forestry concerns:

Chairman Kelley said the Senate and House Legislatures are considering bipartisan bills crafted to fix the wildfire-borrowing problem.

L. Neuens moved, Stratton supports a letter be sent to Senator Tiffany and Representative Swearingen on segregating fire suppression funds. All in favor.

Answers Committee results: The Committee had concerns of the feds eliminating the SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) funding. Stratton stated the ADRC/Aging Program cannot afford to lose those funds.

Update from area Legislatures:

None

Committee concerns for future agenda items:

Stratton - reported on the UW-Extension Directors meeting she recently attend. She said the new Dean for UW-Extension attended the meeting and sounded like he has similar views as the old Dean. She still has concerns with losing our County programs and staff.

L. Neuens has highlighted several concerns listed in the 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda flier protecting the interests of county government. For those interested he will leave the flier in the County Clerk's Office.

Set date for next Legislative Advisory Committee meeting will be at the discretion of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Kelley

Ed Kelley, Chairman