

Florence County

## LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2013

In attendance: Chairman Edwin Kelley; Supervisors - Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton, Don Gardner, Edward Wenger, and Larry Neuens; appointed - Ron Yadro and Fred Erwin

Also in attendance: Department Administrators - Margie Yadro and Annette Seibold

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the upstairs conference room of the courthouse.

On a motion by Wenger, supported by Wahlstrom-Stratton, all were in favor to approve the current agenda.

Wahlstrom-Stratton moved to accept the June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes as drafted, supported by Neuens. All were in favor.

#### Old Business:

**A – AB 40:** Kelley shared a copy of the state Budget Bill recently passed. R. Yadro continued to express concern about the educational voucher system expanding through financial resources drained from public schools. Kelley asked about PILT monies offsetting some financial losses to the local district. R. Yadro believes that to be true, though he and Wahlstrom-Stratton comment on the lack of educational standards set for private or Charter schools. This will continue to be monitored. (AB-40 Published 7-1-2013)

**B – Replies from County Departments or Outside Agencies:** M. Yadro provided letters requesting County Board Supervisor approval. Local support was given for employment residency; and, to deny the sale or transfer of firearms by only a federally licensed dealer. Also a resolution was passed by the Florence County Board regarding ss. Section 710 on Wisconsin Land Ownership. Senator Tiffany responded that the item was "...pulled from that portion of the budget that would have allowed foreign ownership of Wisconsin land." Information will be sent to the ANSWERS Committee for any follow up.

**C – AB 178:** Operation of Existing Shooting Ranges. No action was taken. Erwin commented that the Bill only appeared to have a date change for existing ranges. (May 31, 2013 referred to Committee on Rules)

#### New Business:

**A – AB 59:** relating to searches by a law enforcement officer of a person on probation, parole, or extended supervision. On a motion by Neuens, supported by Wahlstrom-Stratton, M. Yadro was directed to share the committee's concern about invasion of privacy and request a recommendation by the Sheriff's Department before the ANSWERS meeting later in July. Motion passes: ayes (6), nays (1), Wenger. (Assembly amendment 5 offered by Rep. Bies on June 13, 2013 changes wording from "A person placed on probation" to "If a person is placed on probation for a felony or for any violation of Ch. 940, 948 or 961)

**B – AB 175:** regarding training standards for law enforcement officers responding to domestic abuse incidents and complaints, and law enforcement reports following a domestic abuse incident. On a motion by Wahlstrom-Stratton, supported by R. Yadro, this item will be forwarded to the Sheriff and District Attorney for further comment or recommendation. All were in favor. (Read first time June 17, 2013, referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety and Veterans and Military Affairs)

**C – AB 176:** temporary restraining orders and injunctions for domestic abuse, child abuse, individuals at risk, and harassment, confidential name change petitions, and ex parte orders with a judge substitution. Though Committee member comments are shared in support of victims and maintaining their confidentiality, R. Yadro would like the "threat of stalking" clarified. A motion was made by Erwin and supported by R. Yadro to request recommendations from related county Department that address domestic abuse. Neuens suggested bundling the requests and asking for recommendations by a manageable date. All were in favor.

(Read first time June 17, 2013, referred to committee on Transportation, Public Safety and Veterans and Military Affairs)

**D – AB 187:** admissibility of evidence of other acts of domestic abuse at a proceeding alleging an act of domestic abuse. Most saw merit in trying someone for just the crime committed, but also in knowledge of patterned behaviors. Gardner moves that this item be included in the domestic abuse recommendation requests, supported by Wahlstrom-Stratton. All were in favor. (Read first time June 17, 2013 and referred to Committee on Judiciary and Labor)

**E – AB 190:** travel, association, and residency conditions of release before trial for individuals charged with felony sexual assault of a child. On a motion by R. Yadro, supported by Wahlstrom-Stratton, all were in favor to include this to associated Departments for comment. (Referred to Committee on Rules May 24, 2013)

**F – SB 223:** related to employer access or observation of personal internet accounts, and provide a penalty. Several spoke in opposition of this proposal though others felt that if an employer provides the conduit to the internet, all is corporate property. On a motion by Wahlstrom-Stratton, supported by R. Yadro, all were in favor to send this request for opinion of the IT Department at the county and at the school. (Read first time June 27, 2013 and referred to Committee on Judiciary and Labor)

A regional ANSWERS meeting is planned for July 24 at the Florence Natural Resource Center, beginning at 9 a.m. Several topics were discussed.

Future meetings: M. Yadro included information about a Legislative Field Day planned in Eagle River on Friday, September 6, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Also, the Northern Director of the DNR is planning to meet with interested parties in mid-July. Kelley is involved.

With all business complete, R. Yadro moves for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, supported by Wahlstrom-Stratton. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Yadro

*Additional Comments Received:*

Here are my comments;

1. AB175- mandatory arrest procedures and reporting; I certainly agree with mandatory arrest, unfortunately there is no mandatory prosecution, DA's should not be given the choice to enter into deferred prosecution agreements for DVO arrests, what's purpose of arresting if they are not prosecuted. Putting more duties on the police is not going change that situation.
2. AB176 – A good change to allow stalking scenario's to be addressed by court restraining orders.
3. AB187 – Allowing prior history gives the jury a better idea of what is going on, A good idea.
4. AB190 – Conditional release of alleged sex offenders- another good idea.

Thanks

Jeff