

Florence County Legislative Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse, Florence, WI

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Edwin Kelley. Members present: Ed Kelley, Fran Modschiedler, Charles Kellstrom and Fred Erwin. Absent/ Excused: Ron Yadro and Chad Hedmark. Also attending was Barb Bauer Deputy County Clerk.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Charles Kellstrom to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Fran Modschiedler. Motion carried with all ayes on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes of Feb. 2, 2021 Meeting: A motion was made by Fran Modschiedler and seconded by Charles Kellstrom to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting as printed. Motion carried with all ayes on a voice vote.

Department and Partner Agency/Organization Recommendations:

School Legislation: No action needed at this time.

Town Concerns/Recommendations: Fred Erwin shared information on the EMS situation. Supervisor Kelley would like to see an update on this at County Board. Fred Erwin also shared that he is hopeful that Wisconsin Towns Association will have a meeting soon.

Pending Legislation: Bauer distributed information from the Wisconsin Counties Association on County-related highlights of the Governor's two-year spending plan. This included information on the sales tax option. Some of the 2021-2023 State Biennial Budget investments in counties include (per the WCA article): 0.5% sales tax option for counties (subject to voter referendum), 2% increase in 2021 and 2% increase in 2022 in Shared Revenue, 2% General Transportation Aids (GTA) increase in each year of the biennium, \$3 million for county GIS grants and 7.5 million in second year of the biennium for county 911 grants, 11.8 million in additional funding for county child support agencies, 10 million in increase in each calendar year for the Children and Family Aids appropriation, increased appropriations for broadband costs as well as investments in other programs run by county government. This will be put back on the agenda for the April meeting.

Judicial & Public Safety: No action is needed at this time.

Committee Concerns for Future Agenda Items:

Update on EMS under township reports and State budget – funding for Counties.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date was tentatively set for April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m..

Adjournment: It was moved by Fran Modschiedler and seconded by Charles Kellstrom to adjourn. Motion carried with all ayes on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edwin Kelley, Chairperson