Florence County Legislative Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room, Courthouse, Florence, WI

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ed Kelley. Members present: Ed Kelley, Ron Yadro Fred Erwin, Larry Neuens, Ed Wenger, and Holly Stratton. Absent: None. **Approval of Agenda**: On a motion made by Ed Wenger, seconded by Ron Yadro and voted unanimous, the agenda was approved moving item 6A after item 8 on the agenda. **Minutes**: It was moved by Fred Erwin and seconded by Ron Yadro to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Resource Center Building Partnership: Holly Stratton discussed with the committee her impressions of conversations from the recent Forestry and Parks Committee meeting. Communications between Economic Development Coordinator Wendy Gehlhoff and Paul Strong of the USFS were shared and discussed. Ed Wenger discussed USFS priority of Access to Public. It was moved by Larry Neuens and seconded by Holly Stratton to request a meeting with Paul Strong either prior to or after the Sustainable Forestry Conference and request that he attend a meeting of the Florence County Forestry & Parks Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Department and Partner Agency/Organization Recommendations:

Town Concerns/Legislation**:** Mining: Fred Erwin reported that the Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Towns Association are developing a model ordinance for use by the Townships and Counties to address mining concerns. Mr. Erwin also discussed issues with special use permits during seasonal weight limit periods.

Legislation: No discussion.

A.N.S.W.E.R.S. Meeting/Agenda: Discussion was held on the next A.N.S.W.E.R.S meeting. The need to put on the agenda the purpose and representation from neighboring Counties on the agenda was discussed. The next meeting date was also discussed with Supervisor Stratton requesting that the meeting be delayed until May. After discussion it was moved by Ron Yadro and seconded by Fred Erwin to put purpose and representation on the next A.N.S.W.E.R.S agenda with the next meeting date being set for April 25, 2018. Motion carried. Ayes: Five (5). Nayes: One (1) Supervisor Stratton.

School Legislation: Governor's School Safety Package School Superintendent Ben Niehaus reported that the Governor did sign the School Safety Package (AB843). This allocates 100 million dollars for distribution to school districts for equipment and training. The exact distribution method has not been determined however schools have been asked to submit letter of interest with projected costs and possible plans to use funds if awarded to them. Supervisor Stratton complimented Mr. Niehaus for the schools proactive approach to school safety. Mr. Niehaus also reported that Secure Rural Schools has been reauthorized and that Sparsity Aide has been signed into law. There are still concerns with the lack of funding to continue with the mental health services through CESA 8.

Committee Concerns For Future Agenda Items: Committee Chair Ed Kelley thanked Supervisor Ed Wenger for his dedication and service to the Committee. This will be Mr. Wenger's last meeting as he has chosen not to seek re-election. It was then moved by Fred Erwin and seconded by Holly Stratton to thank Ed Wenger for his unselfish service as a County Board Supervisor. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment: The next meeting date will be set at the discretion of the Chairperson. It was moved by Ed Wenger and seconded by Larry Neuens to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edwin Kelley, Chairperson