

Legislative Advisory Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ed Kelley. Members present: Ed Kelley, Holly Stratton, Larry Neuens, Ed Wenger, Fred Erwin and Ron Yadro. Absent: None. Also attending were Ben Neihaus and Barb Bauer.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion made by Ed Wenger, seconded by Holly Stratton and voted unanimous, the agenda was approved as posted. **Minutes:** It was moved by Holly Stratton and seconded by Ron Yadro to approve the minutes of the Oct. 3, 2017 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Department and Partner Agency/Organization Recommendations:

School Legislation: School Superintendent presented information on AB477 which will not benefit the School District of Florence County. Sparsity Aide was also discussed. It was moved by Holly Stratton and seconded by Ed Wenger to send letter of support for increase in Sparsity Aide. Motion carried. (Ben Neihaus will draft and forward). Mr. Neihuas also discussed mental health services provided thru CESA 8 previously funded by a federal grant. The federal grant was not received this cycle. Mursua is working to get funds for this. Mr. Neihuas also explained AB496 – no action needed.

Towns Concerns/Recommendations: Fred Erwin reported on town road funding (TRIP) and road projects. He will bring more information back to the next meeting.

PACE Wisconsin: Information on PACE as published in the Wisconsin Counties magazine was discussed. It was moved by Ed Wenger and seconded by Fred Erwin to send this to Economic Development for more information and ask that Economic Development Coordinator Wendy Gehlhoff come to the next meeting with information. Motion carried.

Pending Legislation: Discussion was held on SB119 - Industrial Hemp Legislation. It was moved by Larry Neuens and seconded by Ron Yadro to support. Ayes: Neuens, Wenger, Erwin and Yadro. Nays: Kelley - Supervisor Stratton abstained. Discussion was held on SB387 Home Owners Bill of Rights. It was moved Holly Stratton and seconded by Fred Erwin to table this to December meeting and ask Zoning and Economic Development for comments. Motion carried. SB392 concerning the operation of ATV/UTV's on Highways was discussed with no action taken.

Committee Concerns For Future Agenda Items: Ed Wenger requested that HR 2936, HR 595 and HR 1493 concerning Federal Forest Management be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment: Being that there was no further business to be discussed at this time, it was moved by Ed Wenger and seconded by Larry Neuens to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edwin Kelley, Chairperson