

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
March 21, 2023

Members Present: Brian Thomas, John Poole, Andy Berg, Zach Stock, Daniel Gaschke, Monica Yuhas

Excused:

YIG: Excused:

YIG: Present: Sona Hawkins, Abigail Nosalik

Others Present: Joseph Cardamone, Brian Bashaw, Chairman Nudo, Tami Rongstad, John Franco, David Geertsen, Tim Stocker

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Thomas

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2. Citizen comments: Jodi Meerhoff 722 1st Ave- Urges Kenosha County to start any meetings after traditional office hours.

7622 18th Ave- Agrees with Jodi regarding the meeting times in the evenings. Thanks Supervisor Gaschke for responding to her emails even though she does not live in his district.

Peter Power 59th Place- He is in support of changing the times to evenings.

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3. Reports from Chairperson: None

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4. Reports from Committee Members: None

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5. Communications: None to the committee.

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6. Approval of January 17, 2023 minutes: **Supervisor Poole made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Gaschke. All aye. Motion passes.**

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7. Resolution to Request the State of Wisconsin To Revise the Law on Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of Promissory Notes: Supervisor Yuhas summarized the history behind this Resolution from 2009.

Supervisor Yuhas feels this Resolution came back around because of last year's budget cycle. Supervisor Gaschke speaks in opposition to this Resolution. Supervisor Decker believes the County Board should be able to make a cut or change in the Budget, she feels it is not just the County Executive Budget.

Supervisor Nedweski spoke informally with some members of the Assembly to see if they would take it up, she stated they relayed it would be highly unlikely.

Supervisor Berg makes a motion to table this resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Stock. All Aye. Motion Passes.

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8. Resolution to Request the State of Wisconsin To Revise the Law on Amending Adopted Municipal Budgets – **Supervisor Gaschke made a motion to table, seconded by Supervisor Nedweski. All Aye. Motion Carried**

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9. Resolution Regarding Substitute Care Collections: Dustin Finney, Ken CO CS Manager speaks about the resolution and brought up studies for potential future issues. 74% current percent rate for Care. **Supervisor Gaschke made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All Aye. Motion Carried**

Supervisor Geertsen would like to thank Dustin and Nina for their work within the agency and for the County. Supervisor Nedweski inquires about the work group mentioned in the Resolution and the goal of the intended work group. Supervisor Gaschke asks if making these changes is what is best for the children and if Dustin is comfortable with this resolution. Supervisor Geertsen speaks for this Resolution to be what is best for the children and is in support of the amendment. Supervisor Nedweski thanks all involved for their help in this resolution.

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10. Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding: Dustin from Child Support discusses the resolution. Communication with clients has gone up substantially, which results in more training and staffing. Supervisor Thomas inquires about case numbers now vs. 5 years ago. Dustin states the cases have gone down. He states that other services have started with greater protections to their clients. **Supervisor Stock made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All Aye. Motion Carried**

7:00 PM

11. Resolution to Adopt a Policy Regarding In-person Meeting Attendance: Supervisor Rodriguez presents the resolution and stresses how important in person attendance is for County Government. Attorney Joseph Cardamone clarifies that only two bodies that are in question. One is the REEC that permits virtual attendance, approved by County Board. The two individuals utilizing virtual attendance have resigned. The Board of Health by laws also permits virtual attendance and he is unsure if it has occurred on a regular basis. He lets the Committee know he will work with the two Commissions to adapt their bylaws to reflect. Supervisor Rodriguez states the bylaws were approved during Covid and the purpose of the Resolution is for uniformity across the board. Supervisor Franco inquires if there is another pandemic, how would it work if needed a virtual meeting. Joseph Cardamone states that we can deal with that when it comes but voting on this resolution would not affect that in the future. Supervisor Nedweski asks if the Commission members have been informed of this resolution and if they have voiced their opinion on it or if this will cause issues with the members on the Commissions. Supervisor Nedweski asks if the authors of this Resolution have consulted with any other Counties or the WCA for guidance? Supervisor Bashaw and Supervisor Franco stated they had not reached out to other counties but were advised by Corporation Counsel, who reached out to WCA, and drafted the Resolution together. Supervisor France stated as a County Board, we work for the Community and they should be entitled to attend each meeting desired. Supervisor Nedweski asks if the authors are open to amending the time to 5pm? Supervisor Bashaw states there is language in the Resolution to accommodate in extenuating circumstance. Supervisor Rodriguez feels this resolution will not accomplish what the

authors want it to accomplish. **Supervisor Poole made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Stock. All Aye. Motion Carried**

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12. Amendment of MCKC Chapter 2.05 (4) – Standing Committees: Supervisor Bashaw presents this resolution regarding standing Committee Meetings of the Board. It establishes a standard that is consistent and brings all Committees of the Board to the obligation to meet after 6pm. Accessibility is important as well as consistency. Supervisor Yuhas asks Supervisor Rodriguez why Judiciary and Law changed the meeting from 6pm to 4pm. Supervisor Rodriguez stated a Resolution needed to be passed immediately before the County Board meeting. Supervisor Rodriguez needed to schedule an emergency meeting and 4:15p on a Thursday worked for everyone involved. The agenda item passed, and the Committee was in favor of meeting at 4:15p. It was voted on at the next meeting and all agreed. He states that the day to day operations of the County is the bulk majority of the agenda items and the public does not show for these types of meetings; however, an agenda item of huge importance, the Judiciary and Law Committee will meet after 5:30p to accommodate. **Supervisor Nedweski made a motion to defer this to the next meeting, seconded by Supervisor Berg.**

Thomas-Nay

Poole- Yay

Nedweski- Yay

Stock-Yay

Berg-Nay

Gaschke-Nay

Yuhas- Nay

Supervisor Stock makes a motion to Amend to “not to begin any earlier than 5:30p, without permission from the County Board Chair.”

Roll Call vote on original resolution

Thomas-Aye

Poole- Yay

Nedweski- Nah

Stock-Yay

Berg-Aye

Gaschke-Aye

Yuhas- Nay

Motion passes

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13. Other matters as may be appropriately brought before the committee: April 18th 6:30p

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14. Adjourn **Supervisor Stock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Yuhas. All Aye. Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Peralta
Corporation Counsel