

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**CLARK, LANGLADE, LINCOLN, MARATHON, PORTAGE,**  
**WAUPACA, WAUSHARA, AND WOOD COUNTIES**

**MINUTES**

**Date and Time: Monday, August 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**

**Meeting Location: Central Wisconsin Airport, Lower Level Room 017, Mosinee WI**

Attendees: Kurt Gibbs, Joe Waichulis, Wayne Hendrickson, Bill Clendenning, Keith Langenhahn, Bill Leichtnam, Fred Zaug, Ed Wagner, Bill Zeitz, Sara Guild, Lance Pliml, Mary Ann Lippert, Senator Tom Tiffany, Dennis Kussman, Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, Nan Kottke, Laura Mazzini, Bob Lee, Randy Scholz, Dave LaFontaine, O. Philip Idsvoog, Mary Palmer

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Silent Cell Phones
4. Approval of the June 5, 2017 Minutes  
**MOTION BY ZEITZ; SECOND BY PLIML TO APPROVE THE JUNE 5, 2017, MINUTES.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Update By and Discussion With Visiting Area Legislators  
**Mary Ann Lippert, Director, Northern Region Office, WI Department of Administration,**  
**Div. of Intergovernmental Relations** –  
FoxConn will be bringing jobs to South Eastern Wisconsin. They also have need for equipment and supplies in their supply chain. It's estimated that many northern companies may supply those needs for FoxConn. There will be information sessions throughout the State. This Friday at NTC at 2:00 p.m. a computer portal where manufacturers/service providers can register. FoxConn has been asked to develop a list of types of things they will need i.e. chain link fences, landscaping, and other manufacturing needs.

Other events – Small Business Summit – September 26 at Stoney Creek. More information to come.

The evening of October 25th local government reception and October 26 full day program - Governor's Northern Community and Development Summit in Trego/Minong area. It will be an interactive summit.

Growing Wisconsin magazine. If you want copies for all your county board members – contact Mary Ann.

After 4 ½ years covering 40 counties, there will be a new colleague handling the Northeast portion of Wisconsin. Mary Ann will lose Lincoln and Waupaca counties but will be more available.

**Senator Tom Tiffany:** No Budget has passed yet. Senator Tiffany is hopeful to get a budget out of committee by the end of the month. The Assembly included an additional \$20 million centered around Technical Colleges above the twenty million already in the budget.

The Senator supports FoxConn and believes it will pass as the Assembly has proposed it.

New homes are tied up in regulations relating to lots purchased separately then merged into one lot so the lots cannot be sold separately, as purchased. This zoning ordinance doesn't make sense. When conditions are laid out on permits and they are met, the permit should not be denied.

The mining bill – iron mining – is geared to a single deposit in Wisconsin in Ashland County. This is the largest iron-ore mine in North America – ferris mining vs non ferris mining. Thirty miles either side of Highway 8 – green gem area – one of three to five of the largest areas in the world.

The Bill would get rid of the mining moratorium (open mine for 10 years and close 10 years successfully before opening another mine). And would change the permit process on environmental impacts. Nothing takes away from local control. Take into consideration the boom and bust cycle. Put a provision in the bill to equalize the community.

If mining goes through, the State should get transportation dollars for rail and roads. Also broadband.

A comment was made that FoxConn doesn't take care of its employees and they work long hours with very low pay. Will they go to a lot of robotics? Corning is looking at building a plant with 500 people to make what FoxConn needs. Jobs should happen before they receive incentives. Concern is that most jobs will be from Illinois. This could reverse brain drain.

6. Updates from Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Representative and Review of 2017 Resolutions

Keith Langenhahn, Field Representative and Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs represented WCA. Things are quiet in Madison.

- There will be a public hearing on the FoxConn bill on Thursday and then a meeting on smaller budgetary items.
- There will be a couple of public hearings this week – Wednesday – counties work collaborative on child welfare services – special legislation is needed to do that. Also a bill to change some child neglect laws.
- Public hearing today in Green Bay regarding administrative rule out of Department of Health Services, FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program doing drug testing. Public comment will be accepted through August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Income Maintenance (IM) implementation and drug testing. Clarification is wanted on what counties will not have to pay for this plus the State will pay for drug treatment as long as there are no other payer source. If a person comes to FSET for county services, will the State reimburse them? DHS will pay rates no higher than Medicaid.
- Following rule closely. Applications to grievance process as a follow up to ACT 10 – not introduced yet.
- Sheriff's sales – requires Clerk of Courts (COC) to notify Register of Deeds when a home is sold and deed should be transferred to new property. COC opposes this but the Sheriffs and Register of Deeds support this along with WCA supports.

- Delinquent property taxes – working with the Treasurers Association. When does the 5 day grace period start? When it falls on the weekend does it start on Monday?  
Answer: Looking at when starts on a weekend, ends the following Friday.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

There were 61 Resolutions this year. 44 were recommended for adoption; 3 were referred to the Board of Directors; and 14 not recommended.

Later this week each county will receive a copy of the resolutions.

#### 7. Update On Federal Issues By Senate And Congressional Representatives

##### **Sarah Guild – Congressman Sean Duffy's Office –**

- Gray wolves are not being removed from endangered species. Congressman Duffy is working to get that changed. Over the summer at least two calves have been killed by wolves this summer.
- He is working with veterans who are having problems with their VA cases – getting benefits, awards, etc. reaching out to their office.
- Tax reform on the docket, congressional budget, healthcare,
- Working on renewal of national flood insurance program – scheduled to have the insurance renewed by end of September or early October.
- Chairs and elected officials received an e-mail today for a discussion this Thursday on drug enforcement activities to try and get someone from each County, to talk about local, state and federal levels across the northern third of Wisconsin. Where is funding going and where does it need to go. It will be at NTC.

Supervisor Zeitz – The Department of Justice is looking into national health care fraud charges. There have been about 115 medical doctors who are pushing opioids that are the gateway to heroin. Supervisor Zeitz feels the CIA is sponsoring the opium. Worried about sanctions being put in place that will probably lead to war. We need to change foreign policy.

#### 8. Thank you Clark County for Hosting Today's Meeting

#### 9. Next Meeting Date December 11, 2017, Hosted by Waushara County

#### 10. Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. **MOTION BY IDSVOOG; AND SECOND BY CLENDENNING TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mary Palmer