

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 5, 2017

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IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE
STURTEVANT, WISCONSIN 53177

Chairman Bernberg called the meeting of the Government Services Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was attended by Supervisors: Buske, Maier, Dawson, Kaprelian-Becker and Roanhouse. Supervisor Johnson-Harden joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Also present was Youth Rep Craig.

Excused: None Absent: Youth Rep Goldammer.

Also attending was Bev Baker and Jen Reese of UW Extension, Tyson Fettes, Racine County Register of Deeds and M.T. Boyle, Racine County Chief of Staff.

#1 – Public Comments

None.

#2 – Chairman Bernberg Comments

Chairman Bernberg announced the absent member and requested youth member Craig read the Youth in Governance Statement.

#3 – Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)

Action: To approve the minutes from the August 1, 2017 meeting as printed. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Maier. Seconded: Supervisor Buske. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

#4A. Racine County Register of Deeds, Tyson Fettes spoke on the disaster response to the Burlington Flood in July 2017.

Before speaking about the flooding Mr. Fettes spoke to two vital records questions which Chairman Bernberg asked. The first was the change in legislation recently made that Mr. Fettes advocated for. In the State of Wisconsin, it is a felony to copy a certified birth certificate. The State Department began requesting that passport applicants send two birth certificates with a passport application, one of which could be a copy. The result of Mr. Fettes' working with the legislature is that it is now legal for the County Clerk's office to make a copy of the certified birth certificate for a passport application; it must be stamped "for passport use only". The second issue currently being worked on is the automatic filing of a property deed when a foreclosed property is purchased. Currently it is up to the new owner to file the deed. The process Mr. Tyson is advocating has been in place for years in Milwaukee County, it makes the deed filing an automatic process when the property is purchased. It not only takes the pressure off the new owner and guarantees that the former owner will no longer be billed for back taxes since he will no longer be listed as the owner in the Register of Deeds records.

The Register of Deed's office has a system called GIS run by ESRI that was a tremendous aid in the July flooding in Racine County. Mr. Fettes was in San Diego at the time of the flood at a convention with ESRI which is a geography mapping service. Once he was notified of the Racine County flooding he worked with the ESRI Disaster Recovery Group and a Damage Assessment App was created specific to the affected areas in Racine County. Mr. Fettes showed the committee on the ESRI maps how the app worked. The app was loaded to a user's smart phone with a password and id then that individual could begin inputting damage information for a property by answering the preprogrammed questions. Once it was entered it then created a 'pin' on the map in either city or town of Burlington. Photos could accompany the information as well. Data for all the disaster team to see on the app included things like road closures, flood levels and where sandbags were located for picking up. Any public calls made to 211 regarding the disaster also went into the app data base. This made it very thorough for reporting all the facts to FEMA.

This app was non-public facing and did not cost anything extra to the County of Racine other than what is already paid for ESRI service.

Kim Christman along with David Maack will organize this app to have it at the ready for any future disaster use. There will be an 'after action report' issued by Racine County Chief of Staff M.T. Boyle and David Maack, Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Fettes then answered questions from the committee.

#5A. – 2017 Resolutions of the Wisconsin Counties Association. Resolutions 1 through 51; M.T. Boyle will discuss resolutions that pertain to our committee to get committee's recommendations.

2017 Resolutions of the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Discussion began on resolutions 1-61 with the Committee and Racine County Chief of Staff M.T. Boyle. The chart of resolutions provided by Ms. Boyle had Racine County's position on each resolution. The committee reviewed and discussed each making the following changes.

Resolution 5 by Menominee County Supporting the Paris Climate Agreement.

The county was listed as opposed. The committee discussed the resolution; some members felt it was important for the county to support the Paris Climate Agreement because it shows that the committee believes in climate change and that it is an important topic.

Action: To support Menominee in Resolution 5 and recommend changing Racine County's Position from Oppose to Support. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Seconded: Supervisor Dawson. Vote: Supervisors Johnson-Harden, Roanhouse, Dawson, Kaprelian-Becker, Bernberg Voted Aye. Supervisors Buske and Maier Voted Nay. Youth Vote: Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 13 by Eau Claire County Supporting Creation of a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

Resolution 14 by Lincoln County Creating a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

Resolution 15 by Dunn County Supporting Creation of a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans

The county was listed as neutral on all three resolutions. The committee discussed the resolutions; members felt it important to have a nonpartisan group prepare redistricting plans in the future.

Action: To support Eau Claire, Lincoln and Dunn Counties in Resolutions 13, 14 and 15 respectively and recommend changing Racine County's position from Neutral to Support.

Motion Passed. Moved Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Second: Supervisor Dawson. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

Resolution 24 by Walworth County Requesting Adequate Funding from the State and Federal Government for Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement to Skilled Nursing Facilities

Resolution 25 by Vernon County Requesting the State Legislature Increase Nursing Home Medicaid Funding

Resolution 26 by Bayfield County Requesting an Increase in Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

Resolution 27 by Dunn County Urging the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor to Enact Legislation to Increase Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

The county was listed as Neutral on all four resolutions. The committee discussed the resolutions and determined each had merit. Each resolution addressed the Medicare and Medicaid monetary issues from a different angle. The committee wanted to support each one.

Action: To support Walworth, Vernon, Bayfield and Dunn Counties in Resolutions 24, 25, 26 and 27 respectively and recommend changing Racine County's position from Neutral to Support.

Motion Passed. Moved Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Second: Supervisor Buske. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

Resolution 37 by Marinette County Requesting the State Legislature Enact Legislation Authorizing Counties to Impose up to .1% Sales Tax Exclusively for Economic Development, Tourism and Infrastructure for the Same

The county is listed as N/A because Racine County does not have a sales tax now. The committee discussed this resolution and the possible future implications for Racine County. The committee determined the tax option would be good for Racine County to have access to especially as it pertains to Economic Development, tourism and Infrastructure. **Action:** To support Marinette County in Resolution 37 and recommend changing Racine County's Position from N/A to Support. **Motion Passed.** Moved Supervisor Buske. Second: Supervisor Dawson. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

Action: The list of 2017 WCA Resolutions amended as noted above are approved by this committee and will be provided to County Board Chairman Rusty Clark as Racine County's representative at the Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Meeting. **Motion Passed.** Moved Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Second: Supervisor Dawson. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.

#6A. - Bev Baker and Jen Reese will present a full scope of the application, interview and Youth in Governance policy for the committee to review; Group 4 Evaluation Summaries from the May Orientation and June Tour; Program Overview and Foundation and map of Racine County Board Districts and School Districts.

Bev Baker and Jen Reese presented YIG Group 4 Evaluation Summaries from the May Orientation and June Tours; Program overview and Foundation and Map of Racine County Board Districts and School Districts. Handouts were given to the committee from Group 4 of the YIG program, one covered the youth's opinions on how the orientation prepared them for their role as a representative in the YIG program. The bus tour the group took in June was also evaluated by answering three questions. The results were reviewed by the committee. The handout 'Racine County Youth in Governance Program Foundation and Overview' information given to the committee to evaluate and discern the information. They were asked to bring changes and suggestions to the next meeting. The committee also discussed the 9th through 12th grade population as it resides in the county from the map and school population presented. Discussion regarding selection process and new strategies needed were brought forth. It was agreed the information should be brought to the next meeting in October.

#7. - Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Kaprelian-Becker. Seconded: Supervisor Buske. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. Youth Vote: Aye.