

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

AGENDA

Date and Time: Monday, March 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Central Wisconsin Airport, Lower Level Room 017

Legislators & Delegates Invited: Sen. Tammy Baldwin; Rep. Kathleen Bernier; Sen. Robert Cowles; Sara Guild, Cong. Sean Duffy's Office; Rep. Mary Felzkowski Cong. Sean Duffy; Gov. Tony Evers; Sen. Ron Johnson; Cong. Ron Kind; Rep. James Edming; Rep. Scott Krug; Rep. Bob Kulp; Rep. Jeff Mursau; Sen. Luther Olsen; Rep. Kevin Petersen; Sen. Jerry Petrowski; Rep. Steve Potter; Rep. Katrina Shankland; Rep. Pat Snyder; Rep. John Spiros; Rep. Gary Tauchen; Sen. Patrick Testin; Sen. Tom Tiffany; Rep. Nancy VanderMeer; Kelly Westlund, Sen. Tammy Baldwin's Office

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Silent Cell Phones
4. Approval of the December 10, 2018 Minutes
5. Update By Visiting Area Legislators
6. Updates from WCA Representative
7. Update On Federal Issues By Senate And Congressional Representatives
8. Update on the Transition of Extension to the UW and Regionalization of Extension
9. Thank You Lincoln County for Hosting Today's Meeting
10. Next Meeting Date June 10, 2019, Host Waupaca County
11. Adjourn

"Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Kurt Gibbs
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MINUTES

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Attendees: Kurt Gibbs, Joe Waichulis, Wayne Hendrickson, Mary Kay Poehlman, Bill Clendenning, Brent Vruwink, Keith Langenhahn, Bill Leichtnam, Sara Guild, Dennis Kussman, John Durham, Fred Zaug, Bob Lee, , Sen. Tom Tiffany, Jason Hake, Dora Gorski, Julie Allen, Pat Voermans, Daniel Bahr, Hans Breitenmoser, Paul Gilk, Al Haga, Mary Palmer

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Silent Cell Phones
4. Approval of the August 20, 2018 Minutes
MOTION BY CLENDENNING; SECOND BY DURHAM TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 20, 2018, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Update By and Discussion With Visiting Area Legislators
Senator Tom Tiffany

Voting changes – The Senator was interested in changing the date because he wants our presidential preference early. Generally the earlier you are the more likely you will have an impact on who is elected as President. There is a constitutional provision that says keep your partisan elections away from the non-partisan election because it can skew the elections.

Voting law changes – 2 weeks before elections for early voting.

Due to a lack of staff rural areas don't have the ability to do early voting for 6 weeks prior to the election. It's a problem keeping town clerks. Two weeks should be standardized. This would not affect absentee or military voting.

Governor Walker wanted to crimp the incoming governor on welfare reform. Able bodied people need to work; no assistance if doing drugs. Evers doesn't like that and may not take the 2019 waivers. The welfare reform requirements have been codified and will be carried out.

WEDC (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation) –The Senate will control this Board for 8 months. Papermill Print Pak will stay in Rhinelander due to work WEDC has done. Also Foxconn – Speaker Voss is concerned about Governor-Elect Evers and perhaps undermining what is going on there. That's part of the reason WEDC guidance will come from the legislature. Senator Voss wants to make sure it continues. There are no existing tax dollars going to Foxconn. They receive no incentives if they do not hire the people and follow through on their agreements.

Tiffany is in favor of transparency rules and guidance policies to the legislature of what is going on with the Executive Branch. (Act 21 in 2011 did this to Gov. Walker and also again this year on reining in agencies)

There are 15 to 20,000 more people working in the state vs. being on welfare. People take more pride in themselves when they are working.

6. Updates from Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Representative

Dan Bahr, Legislative Committee and Keith Langenhahn, Field Agent –

Proposal related to elections and transportation. There are three large and some smaller transportation projects with the Department of Transportation which include federal dollars. The concept of SWAP which results in efficiencies by exchanging (swapping) federal dollars for state dollars in the local surface transportation program.. State dollars are easier to work with.

He talked about the proposal related to moving up the elections. Nothing happened with this bill. Clerks didn't want an extra election. It would have cost 7 million dollars if a March election would be held.

Non-partisan redistricting –it's possible the courts may draw the maps unless the Governor and Legislature can agree on maps. The state should be looking at a non-partisan procedure and WCA should be promoting to further that cause. Hopefully eliminate lawsuits. Under state law legislature has power to accept or reject the maps.

Increase child support funding 1.5 million.

Green Book is good reading but needs updating. Dale Knapp from WCA formerly with Tax Payer Alliance is a great source.

Juvenile Justice – Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake – Gov. Walker wanted to reorganize so juveniles would be closer to their support system in their regions. Rehabilitation is the goal. County will reimburse 99% of brick and mortar. 2021 is the target to move to regional facilities and convert to an adult facility.

7. Update On Federal Issues By Senate And Congressional Representatives

Sara Guild – Congressman Sean Duffy's Office –

The 2019 budget will be passed by December 21st.

The Farm Bill is on the same path as the budget. No vote taken yet.

Flood Insurance Bill – (Housing And Insurance Subcommittee Chair under Finance) it's a coastal vs inland issue

Has been working on the Gray Wolf legislation. Wants to get controls back to the states. Need a healthy balance in the state. Encouraging people to contact Senators Baldwin and Johnson to support this.

Portage County – CDL's you have to be 21 to obtain CDL's. Can this be loosen this up for INTRA state CDL's for dump truck, etc. and eliminate semi's. You should contact your local legislators.

Tariffs are hurting the people in the 7th district. This is not a wealthy district. Congressman Duffy is hopeful that in the end the new negotiating tactic will result in a better trade deal for Wisconsin. He's watching this closely. He was encouraged with USMCA (milk).

8. Thank you Marathon County for Hosting Today's Meeting

Brian Hegadorn introduced himself and he is running for Supreme Court. Currently on the Court of Appeals. He wants to see politics out of the courts. He's pro law.

Thank you also to Senator Tiffany, Dan Bahr, Keith Langenhahn, and Sarah Guild for attending today's meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date March 11, 2018, Hosted by Waupaca County

10. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. **MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Palmer