



WCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 16, 2018

Jefferson Street Inn
Wausau, WI

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gregg Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Gregg Moore, Lance Pliml, Allen Buechel, Marty Krueger, David Albrecht, Colleen Bates, Paul Decker, David Frohling, Sherri Hawkins (via conference call), Staci Hoffman, Dennis O'Loughlin, Willie Johnson, Jr., O. Philip Idsvoog, Mary Kolar, Robert Kopisch, Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. (via conference call), Scott McDonell, Troy Streckenbach, Paul Susienka, Dick Miller, Steven Rasmussen, Randy Tatur, Donald Taylor, John West, Gus Wirth, Jr., Lee Rymer, and Peggy West. **EXCUSED:** Rick Gundrum and Cindy Joosten. **WCA STAFF:** Mark D. O'Connell, Lynda Bradstreet, Kyle Christianson, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Marcie Rainbolt, Chelsea Fibert, Keith Langenhahn, and Amy Dias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Board of Directors and others present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME: Lance Leonhard, Marathon County Deputy County Administrator, welcomed members of the board to Marathon County on behalf of Marathon County Board Chair Kurt Gibbs and Marathon County Administrator Brad Karger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Johnson, Jr., second by Wirth, Jr., to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2017 and February 20, 2018 meetings. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Moore reported on the following events he recently attended: NCCAE Presidents and Executives Meeting; WCA Legislative Exchange; and the NACo Legislative Conference, which included Hill visits with all members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation. Chair Moore opened the floor for members to reflect on what worked well with the board transition, what could have worked better, and suggestions for the future. Chair Moore hoped that everyone felt three things at the

end of their two-year term: a sense of accomplishment, meaningful engagement, and that members had an enjoyable experience with good camaraderie and friendship.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mark D. O'Connell reported on the following topics: opioid litigation – over 60 Wisconsin counties have filed suit; Aegis Corporation likely to be acquired by York Risk Services Group; County Board Chairs Forum scheduled for July 30-31, 2018; legislature is not moving the county executive bill – WCA recommending a committee to discuss issues related to the legislation; WCA to engage in a digital counties effort; mining handbook to be released in the coming months; county fact book in development in partnership with the Wisconsin Policy Forum; Dale Knapp to join WCA staff in May as the Director of Research and Analytics; WCA Board Member Rick Gundrum was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly; Great Sauk State Trail Fundraiser; seven WCA board members not running for re-election; Gregg Moore's service to WCA – expressed gratitude and appreciation for all of Chair Moore's efforts over the years.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: WCA Director of Government Affairs Kyle Christianson reported on the following topics: the final days of the legislative session and the uncertainty surrounding several outstanding issues; WCA's remaining legislative priorities – cause standard and the publication of legal notices; WCA's opposition to pre-emption legislation; changes to juvenile corrections; WCA Phone2Action.

NACo DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dennis O'Loughlin reported on the following NACo meetings he attended: NACo Legislative Conference, NACo Board of Directors, the Audit Committee, and Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee.

PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Juvenile Corrections: Secretary Jon E. Litcher, Wisconsin Department of Corrections and Administrator John Paquin, Division of Juvenile Corrections, Wisconsin Department of Corrections spoke about the legislation introduced regarding the possible closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools, as well as recent action undertaken to improve safety, security, and programming at the schools.
- b. Continuation of the HOPE Agenda: Wisconsin State Representative John Nygren spoke on the heroin epidemic in Wisconsin; the passage of nearly 30 bills to date that were part of the HOPE agenda; partnerships with the PEW Charitable Trusts and Attorney General Brad Schimel; and the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse.

PROVIDING SERVICES WITH LIMITED STATE FUNDING: David Frohling, Chair of the WCA Taxation and Finance Steering Committee, reported on a discussion

that occurred at a recent Taxation and Finance Steering Committee meeting on cost containment strategies and prioritizing services.

ASSOCIATION ISSUES:

- a. Consideration of Chair's Constitutional Officer and Diversity Appointments to the WCA Board of Directors: Motion by Rasmussen, second by Idsvoog, to appoint the following individuals to the WCA Board of Directors for the May 15, 2018 to May 14, 2020 term: Willie Johnson, Jr., Milwaukee County; Alice Connors, Calumet County; Sherri Hawkins, Green County; Staci Hoffman, Jefferson County; Cindy Joosten, Wood County; Scott McDonell, Dane County; and Paul Susienka, Bayfield County. Motion carried.
- b. Consideration of Chair's Appointment of the WCA Executive Committee as the 2018 Conference Rules Committee: Motion by Johnson, Jr., second by Frohling, to appoint the WCA Executive Committee as the 2018 Conference Rules Committee. Motion carried.
- c. Consideration of Chair's Appointments to the 2018 Audit Committee: Motion by J. West, second by O'Loughlin, to appoint the following individuals to the 2018 Audit Committee: Allen Buechel, Fond du Lac County; Marty Krueger, Sauk County; Sherri Hawkins, Green County; Dave Hintz, Oneida County; Bill Voight, Sawyer County; Edmund Wafle, Juneau County; Colleen Bates, Eau Claire County; Gus Wirth, Jr., Ozaukee County, as well as the Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer of the WCA Board of Directors. Motion carried.
- d. Consideration of Chair's Appointments to the 2018 Resolutions Committee: Motion by Bates, second by Buechel, to appoint the following individuals to the 2018 Resolutions Committee: Mark Anderson, Marinette County; Donna Kalata, Waushara County; Jim Metz, Taylor County; Donald Taylor, Burnett County; Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Milwaukee County; Kimberly Breunig, Kenosha County; Sharon Corrigan, Dane County; Robert Keeney, Grant County; Roger Larson, St. Croix County; Dwight Jelle, Pepin County; Jeff Nooyen, Outagamie County; Linda Sinkula, Kewaunee County; Tara Johnson, La Crosse County; Dennis Brault, Vernon County; as well as the five steering committee chairs whose terms begin June 1, 2018. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED: Each of the retiring members of the WCA Board of Directors took a moment to thank everyone and reflect on their years of service with county government.

ADJOURN: Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.