

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
May 17, 2022

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

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Others Present: Joseph Cardamone, Gabe Nudo, Mark Nordigian, John Franco, Brian Bashaw, Tami Rongstad

6:00 PM

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

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2. Citizen comments: None

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3. Reports from Chairperson: No Reports

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4. Reports from Committee Members: None

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5. Communications: None

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6. Approval of March 15, 2022 minutes: **Supervisor Nedweski made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Poole. All aye. Motion passes.**

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7. Introductions: Chair introduces himself and the committee take turns introducing themselves.

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8. 2021 Senate Bill 352/600- Chair Thomas stresses the numbers of Fentanyl related overdose deaths and other statistics related to ambulance calls. About 1 person per day is overdosing and 1 out of 10 die. Chair Thomas would like to refer this topic to the Human Services Committee as it is an epidemic. Supervisor Nedweski reports she is the Chair for the Human Services Committee and the committee has been working on this issue and has an opioid report and findings from the report are in the February minutes. Chair Thomas would like to have statistics each meeting as if these were homicide deaths, they would be on the news. Discussion ensues regarding how Legislation solves the Opioid crisis. Supervisor Nedweski states this Senate Bill in Legislation is not to curb drug use, it is to save lives.

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9. Discussion of topics and potential speakers for future meetings- Chair Thomas has 3 topics he would like to discuss. The first topic is the solar panel farm in Paris. He would like the products to be

manufactured in the USA and not outsourced from China. His reasoning is the life span of these solar panels run about 20 years so he would like to keep business in USA. The back up batteries would also be purchased within the USA. The second topic is the Election aspects and vetoed Legislation. He has an interest in the Lawsuits filed within the County. The final topic is Curriculum in schools at the sexual education level associated with Child enticement Laws specifically if Library and Educators are immune to 948 statute, then statutes need to be reviewed.

Supervisor Nedweski would like to tour Brookside and help with the staffing shortage, specifically looking into the Legislation regulating licensing that states a Nurse Practitioner can not practice without a Doctor overseeing their shift. She will bring the vetoed Legislation for a future meeting.

Supervisor Berg would like to invite Local Legislatures to the meeting to know what is on the floor currently and what is on the horizon. Supervisor Nordigian suggests bringing in Former Senator and new County Executive Samantha Kerkman first, then inviting Senator Wanggaard, McGuire, and Onstead. Supervisor Poole states the WCA has come in the past to speak at Legislative Committee meetings. Chair Thomas would like to know what statutes were in place when the Riots took place, what activates with emergency management and what follows. Supervisor Yuhas states the county has an emergency management team that could come in and brief the committee; Horace Staples would be the person to reach out to as he was head of the Emergency management team at the time of the riots. Supervisor Yuhas would like to find out what happened with the house being renovated for the Human Trafficking victims and where the funding cost was allocated. Supervisor Nedweski is interested in the Legislation for the road closures and construction. Supervisor Yuhas responds with each project has an emergency plan before they start. Supervisor Berg suggests asking DOT to come to a future meeting to speak about upcoming and current projects.

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10. Objectives Discussion- Chair Thomas states to email him at any time or call to discuss any topic for future meetings.

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11. Other matters as may be appropriately brought before the committee: none.

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9. Adjourn: **Supervisor Berg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Yuhas. All Aye. Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,
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