



Legislation Committee
Agenda
Kenosha County Administration Building
2nd Floor Committee Room
April 10, 2017, Monday, 6:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Citizen Comments**
3. **Chairperson Comments**
4. **Supervisor Comments**
5. **Communications**
6. **Approval of Minutes**
- a. **January 17, 2017 Minutes**

Documents:

January 17, 2017 Minutes.pdf

7. **Resolution Supporting the Ruling Invalidating State Legislative Maps and Ordering New Ones**

Documents:

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8. **Resolution in Support of the Preservation of Tax-Exempt Financing**

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9. **Other matters as may be appropriately brought before the committee**

10. **Adjourn**

There may be a quorum of other Committees of the County Board.

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 17, 2017

Present: Boyd Frederick, Dayvin Hallmon, John Franco, Andy Berg, Michael Skalitzky, John Poole, Erin Decker

YIG Present: Emma Heller-Cavener YIG Not Present: Alexandra Harrah

Also present: Jeff Wamboldt

6:00pm

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Boyd Frederick in the second floor committee room at the Administration Building. Emily Bruno did roll call.

6:01pm

2. Citizen Comments: None

6:01pm

3. Chairperson Comments: Chair Frederick is attending the Legislative Conference for WCA and will miss the next County Board meeting. Explained that the resolutions that we work on are matters that affect Kenosha County and are in support of Kenosha County.

6:02pm

4. Supervisor comments: None

6:02pm

5. Communications: None

6:02pm

6. Approval of November 15, 2016 minutes: **Supervisor Poole made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Decker. All aye. Motion carried.**

6:03pm

7. Biography/ Letter to Legislator Discussion: Chair Frederick said that he has drafted an introductory letter to the Legislators and wants to have the Supervisors to add a brief biography to the letter which will be sent to the Legislators that they were paired with. Chair Frederick will send them out during the Legislative Conference.

6:03pm

8. Guest Speaker, Chelsea Fibert from WCA: Chelsea Fibert recapped the 2016 Election and highlighted the changes made in Wisconsin government due to the election. She discussed the new Senate and Assembly members, the new Assembly Committees and the next steps that Wisconsin Counties Association is taking. The WCA's Legislative Agenda for 2017-2018 was also introduced. Discussion ensued.

6:35pm

9. Resolution in Support of UW System 2017-2019 Biennial Budget Request: Supervisor Andy Berg explained the resolution. He introduced UW Parkside Assistant Chancellor for University Relations and Advancement, John Jaraczewski and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Melvin Klinker. Jaraczewski and Klinker explained the repairs that need to be made to Wyllie Hall and UW Parkside's budget request. They also explained how they run a lean operation by ways such as consolidating the marketing budget and cutting middle management. Supervisors asked questions and discussion ensued. **Supervisor Poole made a motion to table. Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky.** Supervisor Berg stated that if the resolution is tabled, it won't be talked about until February and sent to the Count Board in early March. The budget requests will probably already be voted on by then with no influence from us. **Roll call vote to table resolution: Aye: Supervisors Decker, Poole, Skalitzky; No: Supervisors Frederick, Hallmon, Berg, Franco; YIG: no. Aye: 3; No: 4. Motion failed.** Discussion on resolution continued. **Supervisor Berg made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon. Roll call vote to approve resolution: Aye: Supervisors Frederick, Hallmon, Berg, Franco; No: Supervisors Decker, Poole, Skalitzky; YIG: aye. Aye: 4; Nay: 3. Motion carried.**

7:21pm

10. Other matters: None

7:21pm

11. Adjourn: **Supervisor Berg made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky. All aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Bruno
Executive Assistant

County of Kenosha

Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. ____

Subject: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RULING INVALIDATING STATE LEGISLATIVE MAPS AND ORDERING NEW ONES			
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Date Submitted:		Date resubmitted:	
Submitted by: Supervisor Leah Blough and the Legislative Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached: <input type="checkbox"/>		Legal Note Attached: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Prepared By: Supervisor Leah Blough			

WHEREAS, Voting is a responsibility which highlights the importance of choosing the government; and

WHEREAS, Voters must have meaningful choices and a fair chance to win representation, to exercise their voices, and to be active citizens; and

WHEREAS, Both political parties must be held accountable to ensure legislative districts have a fairly equal amount of voters and that all voters in all districts have an equal say in the political process; and

WHEREAS, There was a recent 2 to 1 ruling by the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, which said the Wisconsin Legislature's 2011 re-drawing of the Wisconsin State Assembly districts violates both the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because it aimed to deprive Democratic voters of their right to be represented; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the 2 to 1 ruling, the Federal Court ordered the Wisconsin State Legislature to draw new maps by November 1, 2017, to be ready in time for the November 2018 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin, representing the Elections Commission, has indicated their intent to appeal this ruling and the Republicans in the Wisconsin Legislature has voted to retain outside counsel to represent them as "friends of the court" at taxpayer expense in any such appeal; and

WHEREAS, The Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, as elected representatives of the people, have a responsibility to ensure that all voters should be able to choose their representatives and not the other way around;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors supports the 2 to 1 ruling of the United State District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin to have the State Legislature draw new maps by November 1, 2017, to be ready for the November 2018 election cycle and opposes any further appeal of the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors finds that adoption and support of this ruling will ensure that all voters have an equal say in the political process and will save the needless expenditure of taxpayer dollars on expensive legal fees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, Attorney General Brad Schimel, and Kenosha County's representatives in the Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah Blough", written over a horizontal line.

Leah Blough

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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County of Kenosha

Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION OF TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING

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Date Submitted: _____		Date resubmitted: _____	
Submitted by: Legislative and Finance/Administration Committees			
Fiscal Note Attached: <u> </u>		Legal Note Attached: <u> </u>	
Prepared By: Supervisor Boyd Frederick			

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WHEREAS, tax-exempt municipal bonds are the primary means by which state and local governments finance three quarters of the critical infrastructure of our nation, including roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, and utility systems; and

WHEREAS, through the tax exemption, the federal government continues to provide critical support for the federal, state and local partnership that develops and maintains essential infrastructure, which it cannot practically replicate by other means; and

WHEREAS, the municipal tax exemption has enabled state and local governments to finance more than \$1.65 trillion in infrastructure investment over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, this tax exemption is part of a more than century-long system of reciprocal immunity under which owners of federal bonds are, in turn, not required to pay state and local income tax on the interest they receive from federal bonds; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha County and Kenosha County taxpayers have benefited from this tax exemption through substantial savings on the interest cost of borrowed money; and

WHEREAS, tax exempt bonds benefit state and local governments who need the support of investors to finance critical infrastructure, taxpayers across the country who depend on this infrastructure for reliable transportation systems, schools, public health facilities, energy, clean water and affordable housing, the federal government, who gets quite a bargain on their partnership with state and local

government to provide the nation's infrastructure through the exemption; and investors who buy bonds for many reasons, including the safe nature of these financial products; and

WHEREAS, municipal bonds are the second safest investment, aside from U.S. Treasuries, with state and local governments having nearly a zero default rate; and

WHEREAS, 72.4 percent of the total outstanding muni debt is held by individual investors, either directly or through mutual funds and money market funds (Source - 2010 Thomson Reuters); and

WHEREAS, Congress and the President have proposed legislation to reduce or repeal the tax exemption on municipal bonds; and

WHEREAS, these proposals to reduce or repeal the tax exemption would have severely detrimental impacts on national infrastructure development and the municipal market, raising costs for state and local borrowers and creating uncertainty for investors;

WHEREAS, if the proposal to cap the exemption on municipal bonds at 28 percent had been in place over the last 10 years it would have cost state and local governments an additional \$173 billion in interest costs; and

WHEREAS, total repeal of the exemption over the last decade would have cost state and local governments over \$495 billion in additional interest costs; and

WHEREAS, the municipal tax exemption has a long history of success, having been maintained through two world wars and the Great Depression, as well as the recent Great Recession, and it continues to finance the majority of our nation's infrastructure needs for state and local governments of all sizes when no other source exists to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors opposes any efforts by Congress and the White House to reduce or repeal the federal tax exemption on interest earned from municipal bonds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose any action that would reduce or repeal the exemption on tax-exempt bond interest, and affirm that there should be no legislative action to apply any changes retroactively to current outstanding bonds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to our Congressional Representatives and key members of the Administration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Finance and Administration Committee

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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