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COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Monday, September 21, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B
MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Borkowski, Weishan, Broderick, Dimitrijevic and Schmitt (Chair)

EXCUSED: Supervisor Holloway -1 **NOT PRESENT:** Supervisor Cesarz-1

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 09IR6 Discussion on SB 66 and AB 283 relative to OWI Legislation. Invited testimony from the Sheriff, DA and Chief Judge and local fiscal impact. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE(S):

Jeffrey Kremers, Chief Judge
Ed Bailey, Deputy Inspector Office of the Sheriff
John Chisholm, District Attorney
Leslie Jorgensen, Liaison for Senator Sullivan
Carol Reinieking, Liaison for Representative Staskunas

A lengthy discussion ensued. Each representative for the respective departments gave a review of potential cost increases that have no associated offsetting revenue. There is a perception that Wisconsin is lenient on OWI laws, but when comparing time served for these charges, Wisconsin is close to the national average. The department representatives feel the legislation is needed but have questions on how it will be enforced. There is no previous statistical analysis to fall back on for possible associated costs.

ACTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Refer to the Chief Judge, Office of the Sheriff and District Attorney in conjunction with the Department of Administration and County Board Staff, requesting they work together on real cost estimates, and assemble the information and provided it to IGR staff to share with the State legislature. Vote 5-0

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Broderick, Dimitrijevic and Schmitt (Chair)-5

NOES: None

2. 09-358 From the County Treasurer, a resolution in opposition to AB-349, which would prohibit search ability of county government property records by name.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPEARANCE(S):

Daniel Diliberti, Treasurer

Dennis John, Director, Risk Management

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of finding this information via the internet through other sources. The Treasurer's office had a significant reduction in phone inquiries once this information was available on-line. This change in legislation could adversely affect the Treasurer's Office with additional calls that could require the need for additional staff.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic would like to have language added to address cases that may involve domestic abuse situations so their names could be removed from the search. It was later decided to have an amendment prepared for consideration on the Board floor.

Mr. Johns spoke to the Committee relaying his experience whereby, it is possible to keep the data intact but have the search available only by an address, not by name.

ACTION BY: (Broderick) Approve as requested. Vote 4-1

AYES: Weishan, Broderick, Dimitrijevic and Borkowski (Chair)-4

NOES: - Schmitt-1

3. 09IR7

Discussion on Governor's proposed Regional Transit Authority principles for Legislative action. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE(S):

Dan Kanninen, Representative for Governor Doyle

Discussion ensued regarding how the RTA legislation proposal will look. At this time Mr. Kanninen is visiting local communities to gather questions from them to bring back to the Governor.

The referendum from Milwaukee County included funding for Transit, Parks and EMS. By approving only a half percent sales tax for an RTA there is a fear that the local transit system will be short sided. Additionally, a need to include property tax relief is vital to Milwaukee County. Other questions raised included the governance, funding and the timeframe.

The Governor's representative said the timeline is very aggressive. The goal is to have a bill presented by the end of October.

Committee members thanked Mr. Kanninen for his appearance today.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

4. 09IR8 Update on Legislative matters. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE(S):

Roy de la Rosa, Director, IGR
Kelly Bablitch, Deputy Director, IGR

Mr. de la Rosa said there are two items they are working on:
Dedicated sales tax from referendum
Income Maintenance's move from the Coggs Center to the Coakley building.

The Committee took no action on the informational/verbal report.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Kremers, Chief Judge
Ed Bailey, Deputy Inspector Office of the Sheriff
John Chisholm, District Attorney
Daniel Diliberti, Treasurer
Dennis John, Director, Risk Management
Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division, IGR
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division
Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst

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Length of meeting: 9:10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Carol Mueller
Committee Clerk

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