

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
DATE: APRIL 22, 2019  
TIME: 5:00 P.M.  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tallier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gretzinger, Tallier, & Tauer

Absent:

Others present: Town of Argonne- Dan Thomaschefskey, Town of Blackwell – Bob Johnson & Mike Carter, Town of Crandon – Rick Huber, Town of Freedom - John Harter, Town of Hiles - Karl Tauer, Town of Laona – Al Murray, Town of Lincoln – Larry Sommers & Ryan Wilson, Town of Nashville – James Anderson, Town of Wabeno – Cheri Collins, Mike Monte, Christy Conley, Jean Fannin, Annie Krawze, & Nora Matuszewski

### ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and named the town they were representing.

### APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the agenda, seconded by Tauer. All present voting AYE.  
Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21, 2019 MEETING

Motion by Gretzinger to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting, second by Tauer. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION ON THE FIRE NUMBER PROCESS

The Zoning Administrator, Jean Fannin talked to the towns about the process of issuing a fire number and was looking for suggestions to make the process faster. The process starts in the Zoning office, then goes to Emergency Management, then to the Treasurer's office, then to the towns. She feels the process is taking too long and she is getting a lot of calls on it and had a suggestion to have it all done in the Zoning office and then they could collect all of the money as other counties do, order the signs, and then send the towns \$20 from the permitting process for them to put the signs up; The towns in attendance were interested in this process.

### DISCUSSION ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Al Murray explained the maps that he had printed and sent to all towns, city, and tribes, and explained that he is looking for input from the towns on the maps where businesses are located. He handed out a list of businesses that he knows about in Forest County, and he is hoping that updating these maps will help in identifying areas for businesses that may want to move into our area. The maps will show where business sites could be, what is available at them, and show what kind of supplies are available, electric, gas, infrastructure, trails, campgrounds, and lakes and then the county and the towns, city, tribes can market our county.

#### DISCUSSION BROADBAND GRANTS AND CURRENT BROADBAND PROJECTS

The USDA has grant money coming available for broadband and the county is working on this. There is a business named Northwoods Connect that is working on bringing broadband to smaller areas, and the county has 32 sites that have been noted that do not have broadband. The need for broadband is very important for tele-medicine and emergency management. The biggest hurdle is MFL land that do not allow towers on them and easements. There is a meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Crandon High School. There are a few towns already working on broadband.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION THE TOWN OF BLACKWELL IS TRYING TO OBTAIN FOR AN ADA HANDICAP FISHING PIER

Motion by Gretzinger to recommend the Intergovernmental committee send a letter of support for the grant application, second by Tauer. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION ON OTHER ISSUES AS IDENTIFIED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This committee will recommend that the fire number issue be forwarded to the Emergency Management Committee for discussion and then mail out a recommendation to the towns.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE – (5:00 P.M.)

Have another meeting with the towns, city, and tribes in few months, and have a meeting with the Potawatomi Executive Council tomorrow, April 23, 2019.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Tauer to adjourn meeting, seconded by Gretzinger. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Intergovernmental Relations meeting.