

ANOKA COUNTY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR THE NOVEMBER 22, 2016, COUNTY BOARD MEETING

The Intergovernmental & Community Relations Committee meeting was held on November 17, 2016, in Master Conference Room #772, Anoka County Government Center, Anoka, Minnesota.

Persons Present: **Committee Members** – Commissioner Braastad (Chair), Commissioner Gamache (Vice Chair); and Commissioner Schulte

Absent: Commissioner West

Others Present: Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah; Jerry Soma, County Administrator; Karen Skepper, Community and Government Relations Director; Dee Guthman, Deputy County Administrator; Doug Fischer, Transportation Division Manager; Jonell Sawyer, Property Records and Taxation Division Manager; Marcy Crain, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager; Martha Weaver, Public Information Manager; Troy Olson, North Metro Mayor's Association; Tim Kelly, Byron Westlund, Warren Hoffman, and Anthony Wilder, Coon Creek Watershed District; and Tina Pedersen, Principal Administrative Secretary

*Action Items

*1. The committee recommends the county board approve the 2017 Anoka County Legislative Platform. See attached list of items.

*Requires county board approval.

Informational Items

2. For informational purposes, a joint meeting was held between the county board and the Coon Creek Watershed District Board. Byron Westlund, Coon Creek Watershed President; Warren Hoffman, Coon Creek Watershed Board member; Anthony Wilder, Coon Creek Watershed Board member; and Tim Kelly, Coon Creek Watershed District Administrator provided an overview of activities occurring within the district and discussed future plans.
3. For informational purposes, the committee reviewed the 2017 budget for the Governmental Relations department.
4. For informational purposes, the committee discussed the agenda for the Wednesday, December 7 Legislative Delegation Workshop. The workshop will take place at the State Capitol from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
5. The next Intergovernmental and Community Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016 starting at 9:00 a.m. The first meeting in January will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2017.

**Anoka County Legislative Platform Ideas for 2017
County Board Decision-Making Chart**

Active

Active				Inactive		
Potential Issues for 2017	Staff Expert	Summary Group	Legislative Topics Area	Platform	Committee	Summary
Gen 1	Fiscal Disparities – No change without comprehensive property tax reform	Jonell Sawyer		Tax/Fiscal Policy		
Gen 2	Comprehensive Property Tax Reform					
Gen 3	Metropolitan Council Governance Reform	Jerry Soma				
Parks 1	Technical amendment for appropriation reallocation funding from Regional Parks FY 2015 projects to FY 2017 projects	Jeff Perry		Environment		
Trans 1	Funding for TH 10 Expansion in Coon Rapids	Doug Fischer		Transportation		
Trans 2	Funding for TH 10 Hybrid Freeway Conversion in Anoka and Ramsey	Doug Fischer		Transportation		
Trans 3	Funding for Hanson Blvd./BNSF Railroad Grade Crossing	Doug Fischer		Transportation		
Trans 4	Funding for Columbus Interchange and Local Roads	Doug Fischer		Transportation		
Trans 5	Protect the Current Apportionment of the Leased Motor Vehicle Sales Tax	Doug Fischer		Transportation		
HS 1	Exemption for Family Members of Licensed Family Day Care Providers of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Abusive Head Trauma Training	Jerry Pederson		Human Services		

Support With Others

Include in AC Platform

Potential Issues for 2017	Staff Member	Supporting Groups	Legislative Items Area	Yes	No	Other	County Support
Gen 5 Expand the time period in which Direct Absentee Balloting occurs from 7 days prior to each election to 14 days prior to each election	Cindy Reichert	MACO, LMNC, etc.					
Parks 2 Continued Support of Funding for Regional Parks System – Capital Improvements (State Bonding)	Jeff Perry		Parks				
Parks 3 Continued Support of Funding for the Regional Parks System – Operations and Maintenance	Jeff Perry	Met Council	Parks				
Trans 6 Funding for Local Road Wetland Replacement Program	Doug Fischer		Transportation				
Trans 7 Funding for Local Road Improvement Program	Doug Fischer		Transportation				
Trans 8 Funding for Local Bridge Bonding	Doug Fischer		Transportation				
HS 2 Eliminate Cost Shifts to Counties	Cindy Cesare		Human Services				
HS 3 Funding for Rapid Development of Reliable MNSure/Medical Assistance Eligibility System	Jerry Vitzthum		Human Services				
Monitor							
Compassionate Care for Terminally Ill Patients	Gary Alberts						
Exempt counties from Direct Care Wage Increases 5% COLA for providers	Jerry Pederson						
Family Leave	Mike Roff						

*Yes, Lobby for it – means that Anoka County will lobby for the item and obtain chief authors and co-authors on legislation.
 **County "Supports it" – means that another entity will actively lobby for the issue, but that Anoka County will assist others in supporting the issue.