

Winnebago County Board
Legislative & Lobbying Committee Meeting
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Conference Room 510
Rockford, IL 61101

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
5:30 PM

Present:

Jaime Salgado, **Chairperson**
Paul Arena
Aaron Booker
Valerie Hanserd

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Marlana Dokken, Director, Chairperson's Office of
Criminal Justice Initiatives
Ann Johns, Purchasing Director

Absent:

Tim Nabors
John Penney
John F. Sweeney

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2023 Minutes
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Legislative and Lobbying Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Federal Lobbyist Final Scoring and Selection
- F. State Lobbyist Selection Process
- G. Future Agenda Items
- H. Adjournment

Call to Order

Chairperson Salgado called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Roll Call

Chairperson Salgado yes, Mr. Arena yes, Mr. Booker yes, Ms. Hanserd yes.

Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Arena.

Chairperson Salgado called for any questions or comments.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Salgado omitted reading the Public Comment Section of the Agenda due to no one present to speak.

Federal Lobbyist Final Scoring and Selection

Ms. Johns discussed the final scoring of the Federal Lobbyist presentations on June 9, 2023.

Chairperson Salgado advised due to scheduling issues with some Federal Lobbyists and committee members unable to attend the June 9, 2023 presentations, the decision was made for final scoring based on the presentations and not the written or the RFQ grading.

Discussion followed on the Federal Lobbyist presentations and scoring to determine the justification for selecting the finalist.

Motion: Ms. Hanserd made the motion to accept Mercury as the Federal Lobbyist for Winnebago County. Second: Mr. Booker. Chairperson Salgado called for discussion.

Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

State Lobbyist Selection Process

Ms. Johns shared the scoring for the State Lobbyist proposals.

- Discussion followed.

The consensus of the committee is to schedule in-person presentations with the four State Lobbyist firms chosen from the proposals that were submitted. Based on scoring, the committee will reach out to State Representatives after the presentations.

Chairperson Salgado called for any other questions or discussion.

Future Agenda Items

None reported.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Arena.

Motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant