

THE JULY 11, 2006 SESSION  
OF THE  
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lohrmann at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted and all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Hilbelink and Schaefer.

**Special Order of Business**

- Wisconsin Counties Association
  - Effective Communications with our Legislators

Shane Crawford introduced Craig Thompson, Legislative Director for the Wisconsin Counties Association, and gave a brief history of Mr. Thompson's accomplishments. Mr. Thompson presented a power point demonstration entitled "Effectively Communicating with your Legislators."

Mr. Thompson began the presentation with a list of the most effective methods of communication: phone calls, emails, letters, and face-to-face visits. He said that there is no single form of communication that is the best in all situations. Mr. Thompson said it is important to know what exactly you are trying to accomplish and what specific role your Assemblyman or Senator can play in accomplishing that goal. He said each scenario may dictate a different form of communication. The type of action requested and the level of importance placed on that action should be considered and the probability of that outcome should also be assessed.

Mr. Thompson gave examples of different scenarios and the form of communication to use in each situation.

Mr. Thompson also said that there is strength in numbers and that the Supervisors should remember there are other groups that share their position. He said that those other groups could carry significant clout.

Mr. Thompson summarized his presentation by stating that he feels contacts do make a difference. He gave examples of how contacts worked during the last session of Congress and listed the Assembly Bills from last session.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Supervisor Downing, seconded by Supervisor Muzatko, the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Kimberly S. Bushey  
County Clerk

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I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole for the July 11, 2006 meeting.

(These minutes are not final until approved by the County Board at the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting.)