

THE JANUARY 8, 2008 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 Chair Russell 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 Supervisor Schaefer.

- Presentation by the Wisconsin Counties Association Concerning Its Programs and Services to Wisconsin Counties
Mark O'Connell, J. Michael Blaska, John Reinemann, and Jon Hochkammer

Mark O'Connell, Executive Director, began the presentation by thanking the Supervisors for putting the dues back into the budget for 2008. He said he feels there are a lot of ways that the Wisconsin Counties Association can help Walworth County.

Mr. O'Connell presented an overview and distributed materials highlighting the programs and services provided by the Wisconsin Counties Association. He stated that the WCA was created in 1935. All 72 Wisconsin's counties are members but only 23% of WCA revenue comes from County membership dues.

Jon Hochkammer, Insurance Operations, addressed the Board regarding the WCA insurance programs.

J. Michael Blaska, Programs and Services, addressed the Board regarding the WCA public relations services.

John Reinemann, Legislative, addressed the Board and said that the vast majority of WCA services are lobbying both at the State and Federal level on behalf of the Counties. His team is also responsible for the educational seminars. He said that the Legislative Exchange is at the Concourse Hotel, Madison, on February 5 and 6, 2008 and at that exchange the Supervisors are encouraged to go to the Capitol, and talk with legislators to express their views. Resolutions submitted by member Counties are reviewed by the WCA steering committees and the resolutions committee at the Annual Conference. These resolutions help in establishing legislative policy.

On motion by Supervisor Wagie-Troemel, seconded by Supervisor Downing, the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

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 Supervisors Committee of the Whole for the January 8, 2008 meeting.