

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Special Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Brandon Behlke
DATE/TIME: March 08, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Hughes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve McIntyre	<input type="checkbox"/> Martin Werner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Heuerman	

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Althof, Rich Machala and Dan Reimer

1. **Citizens' Comments**

2. **New Business**

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance authorizing the County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County – Rich Machala discussed IDOT requires an Ordinance be adopted each year by the County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County. An Ordinance is needed each year because sometimes FTA and State Regulations change from year to year, IDOT wants a current ordinance. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County. Seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.**
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing application for a Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant – Rich Machala reported that both Federal and State grants are only valid for one year. Therefore, an annual resolution is required. **Dan Hughes made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing application for a Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**
- c) Discussion and possible action on acceptance of the Special Warranty regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by Section 5311 funds – Rich Machala reported that this acceptance is required by the FTA and has to be renewed annually. It applies primarily to union employees but also has some provisions that apply to non-union employees who work in transportation. The only transportation program that employs union workers is JULE, Dubuque, IA who contracts with the City of East Dubuque to provide service between East Dubuque and Dubuque. Jo Daviess County Transit does not provide service between East Dubuque and Dubuque. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Special Warranty regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interest of employees affected by Section 5311 funds. Seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.**
- d) Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing application for a Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant – Rich Machala reported that IDOT usually requests applications for new vehicles on an annual basis. Last year, Jo Daviess County applied for five vehicles and will be awarded two. The primary criteria for vehicle replacements are the mileage logged on a vehicle. Minivans must have at least 95,000 miles and medium duty vehicles must have at least 120,000. The two vehicles approved for replacement last year had 182,332 and 178,643 logged miles. In this year's application, Machala requested four vehicle replacements, three medium duty vehicles and one minivan.

Replacement of three of these vehicles were requested in last year's application and not awarded. The fourth vehicle is a medium duty vehicle which currently has 123,194 logged on it. Machala doubts that a replacement will be awarded for this fourth vehicle. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing application for a Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**

e) Discussion and possible action regarding a public hearing date for

i. FY2017 5311/DOAP Grant

ii. Paratransit Vehicle Grant

Rich Machala reported that a public hearing is required for both of the Operating Assistance Grants and the Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant. He would like to schedule both hearings on Monday, April 11th, the first hearing to start at 6:30 p.m. and second hearing at 6:45 p.m., prior to the County Board meeting. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to hold a public hearing for the FY2017 5311/DOAP Grant on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room and to hold a public hearing for the Paratransit Vehicle Grant on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in the County Board Room. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**

3. **Citizens' Comments** - None

4. **Board Member Concerns** - None

The next Social & Environmental Committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:46 pm by Steve McIntyre, seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.