

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Special Social and Environmental Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Brandon Behlke  
**DATE/TIME:** May 12, 2015 @ 6:05 pm

**PRESENT:**

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

A quorum was established.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Dittmar and Randy Jobgen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Althof, Dan Reimer, Angie Kaiser and Roger Kelzer.

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** – Angie Kaiser discussed that the County Board is required to adopt an ordinance each year authorizing the County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County. **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 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant** – Angie Kaiser reported that this is a grant that we are eligible to apply for when our vehicles reach a certain mile limit. Two years ago we applied for three medium duty vehicles that we thought we were going to be getting next year. The County was notified earlier this year that we would not be receiving them in 2015. We are reapplying now for four medium duty vehicles and one minivan. The four include the three that we applied for last year plus an additional vehicle to replace another vehicle that has reached its mileage threshold. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for a Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant to apply for four medium duty vehicles and one minivan. Seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.**
  - c) **Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing application for a Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant** – Angie Kaiser discussed that this is a resolution that the County must adopt each year, so that the grantee, the County can apply for Federal and State funds to operate our transportation service. It is commonly known as the 5311-DOAP grant. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the application for a Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant. Seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.**
  - d) **Discussion and possible action regarding various items associated with a FY2016 5311 Rural/Downstate Operating Assistance Combined Application** – Angie Kaiser discussed that next items on the agenda all relate to the 5311/Rural/Downstate Operating Assistance Combined Application and are required documents. They all need approval.
    - i. **FY2016 Application for Federal Assistance** – Kaiser discussed that there are uncertainties with the State budget. The 5311 is the Federal portion of the

combined application and this amount is \$181,875. This amount has not significantly changed for several years. In the past the State legislature has approved a ten percent annual increase over the previous years approved budget. Ten percent over last years approved budget would be \$610,610.00. However, IFDA made an agreement with the State because of the financial situation that they would basically accept less. However, legislation did not change. In effect we have to prepare two separate budgets. Grantees have been asked to prepare two budgets, one a budget application for the legislative amount which is ten percent over last years budgeted amount. The typical formula for that is ten percent over prior year at sixty-five percent reimbursement of eligible expenditures. The second budget is based on the Governor's amount which is \$452,700.00 or reimbursement of fifty-five percent of eligible expenditures. Grantees must justify why they need the Legislative amount. We are making application for the Governor's budget amount of \$452,700.00 and that is with expenses of \$823,091.00. Then we are making application and a budget that is at sixty-five percent reimbursement with the same amount of expenses that comes to \$535,009.00. Kaiser explained that we are asking the County Board to approve both applications. We will sign off on both and send both in.

- ii. **FTA FY2016 Certifications and Assurances document associated with the combined 5311/DOAP Grant** – This document has been reviewed by States Attorney John Hay. It certifies and assurances that we will comply with the applicable provisions of Group 0124.
- iii. **Special Warranty regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by Section 5311 funds**
- iv. **Applicant's Certification of Intent to apply to the State of Illinois through the Illinois Department of Transportation**
- v. **FY2016 Downstate Operating Assistance Application** – This is State as opposed to Federal. This includes the two different budgets.
- vi. **Correspondence with private sector transit operator** – Kaiser reported that it is a requirement to notify private sector transit operators and taxi cab services are now considered private sector mass transportation.

**Bill Bingham made a motion to approve various items associated with FY2016 5311 Rural/Downstate Operating Assistance Combined Application to include i. FY2016 Application for Federal Assistance, ii. FTA FY2016 Certifications and Assurances document associated with the combined 5311/DOAP Grant, iii. Special Warranty regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by Section 5311 funds, iv. Applicant's Certification of Intent to apply to the State of Illinois through the Illinois Department of Transportation, v. FY2016 Downstate Operating Assistance Application, and vi. Correspondence with private sector transit operator. Seconded by Steve McIntyre and motion passed.**

- e) **Discussion and possible action regarding a Certification and Restrictions on Lobbying for federal funding greater than \$100,000** – Angie Kaiser commented that IDOT requested that this certification be filled out for FY15 and they also requested one for FY14. **Steve McIntyre made a motion to move the Certification and Restrictions on Lobbying for Federal funding greater than \$100,000.00 forward to the County Board for signature. Seconded by Ron Smith and motion passed.**

- f) **Discussion and possible action to award a contract in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for the purchase and installation of a furnace and the purchase of an AC condenser unit for the Jo Daviess County Transit Building** – This item was pulled from the agenda for tonight.

6. Citizens' Comments

7. Board Member Concerns

The next Social & Environmental Committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:30 pm by Steve McIntyre, seconded by Robert Heuerman and motion passed.