

# COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Special Development & Planning (D&P)  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Merri Berlage  
**DATE/TIME:** October 8, 2014

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John O'Boyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Heuerman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Rutz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake

Other Board members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Al Griffiths and Betty Roliardi

1. **Citizens' Comments**
2. **Unfinished Business**
3. **New Business**

Discussion and possible action regarding an application for an Enterprise Zone in Jo Daviess County. Merri Berlage reported on recent development regarding the application process for new enterprise zones. Berlage reported that she was told that if an enterprise zone was granted a new enterprise zone would be put in place and the old enterprise zone would be eliminated. Jo Daviess County would not be eligible for continuity of current properties in the enterprise zone. The committee reviewed an email from Lee Trotter which indicated that the benefits of a current enterprise zone would continue until 2020. It was discussed that because of the confusion and unanswered questions that further research would need to be completed. Berlage will contact by email the Mayors of Jo Daviess County communities, Lisa McCarthy, Sharon and Andy Pepin with an update of where Jo Daviess County is at with applying for a joint application with Stephenson County/Freeport for an Enterprise Zone. **Merri Berlage made a motion for Jo Daviess County Board to reconsider and apply jointly with Freeport/Stephenson County for a joint enterprise zone application in 2015 giving us time to gather data and information from all communities in Jo Daviess County in effort to submit a successful application. Seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.**

4. **Other Business**
5. **Citizens' Comments** – Al Griffiths stated that TCEDA will work with Jo Daviess County to proceed with either application for the most advantages way for Jo Daviess County. Griffith also informed the committee that Robert Shaw made application for trade adjustment assistance which is a federal program.
6. **Board Member Concerns**

**Steve Rutz made a motion to adjourn at 5:59 pm, seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.**