

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Special Executive Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:** Merri Berlage

**DATE/TIME:** April 7, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

**PRESENT:**

Merri Berlage

Randy Jobgen

Jody Covert

Steve Rutz

Ron Smith

RJ Winkelhake

Margie Montelius

Gerald Bennett

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Kevin Turner, Melisa Hammer, Jim Francis and Skip Schwerdtfeger.

1. Call Order – Chairman Berlage called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens' comments
4. New Business
  - a) Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Upper Mississippi River International Port District to support (monetarily and/or in-kind contributions) for grant application for an EDA Technical Assistance & Planning Grant - Jim Francis a member of the Upper Mississippi River International Port District(UMRIPD) Board of Directors informed the Committee that the UMRIPD, in partnership with Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, is in the process of applying for federal funding assistance grant through the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Technical Assistance Program to conduct a study for the purpose of identifying possible port development sites along the Mississippi River in Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties. This is a 50/50 match grant and the total amount of the grant will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000. The UMRIPD would like to request financial support from Jo Daviess County. Francis reported that so far the UMRIPD has received monetary pledges in the amount of \$5,500 and in-kind contribution pledges in the amount of \$30,000. **Steve Rutz made a motion to pledge \$5,000 from the Economic Development & Investment Fund plus in-kind contributions to be determined to help with the request from Upper Mississippi River International Port District for support of grant application for an EDA Technical Assistance & Planning Grant. Seconded by Margie Montelius and motion passed.**
5. Citizens' Comments
6. Closed Session - **Randy Jobgen made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:08 pm for the purpose of personnel section 2(c) 1 "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity". With topic of discussion: Reclassification review request for Chief Deputy position and Operations Lieutenant position. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion passed. At 6:23 pm Jody Covert made a motion to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Randy Jobgen and motion passed.**
7. Possible action as a result of closed session. **RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve the reclassification of the Operations Lieutenant position from a pay grade 12 to pay grade 13,**

**approve reclassification of the Chief Deputy position from a pay grade 14 to pay grade 15. Seconded by Steve Rutz and motion passed. RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve a request per Sheriff Turner to hire a Chief Deputy at pay grade 15, step 5. Seconded by Jody Covert and motion passed.**

8. **Adjourn - Margie Montelius made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Seconded by Jody Covert and motion passed.**

Merri Berlage stated the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for May 5, 2014.