

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Executive Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Merri Berlage  
**DATE/TIME:** October 6, 2014 @ 7:00 pm  
**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Jobgen	<input type="checkbox"/> Jody Covert
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Rutz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margie Montelius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer

1. Minutes Approval – Randy Jobgen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2014 committee meeting. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake. Motion passed.
2. Citizens’ Comments
3. Unfinished Business
  - a) Update on US EPA Site Stabilization Work at the Bautsch Gray site on Blackjack Road - Nothing new to report at this time
  - b) Update on Jo Daviess County FOIA request – The committee reviewed an updated list of Jo Daviess County FOIA requests.
  - c) Jo Daviess County Strategic Plan – FY2014 Executive Committee Goals – Nothing new to report at this time.
4. New Business
  - a) Discussion and possible action on the procedures for opening closed session meeting minutes - This item will be moved to next month’s committee for discussion/action.
  - b) Discussion and possible action on First Energy Solutions Electric Aggregation Program opt-in letter to be sent to Jo Daviess County residents - The committee reviewed the proposed opt-in letter that would be sent by First Energy Solutions to ComEd customers in Jo Daviess County. **Steve Rutz made a motion to approve a request to send out a letter from First Energy Solutions Electric Aggregation Program opt-in letter to be sent to Jo Daviess County residents. Seconded by Gerald Bennett and motion carried with an abstain by Ron Smith.**
5. Board Member Concerns -
  - Merri Berlage reported that the Development and Planning Committee has been researching the possibilities of Jo Daviess County applying for a new enterprise zone.
  - Steve Rutz reported that the Health Insurance Ad-Hoc Committee is working with Steve Hamilton of TRICOR to research health insurance options for possible recommendation and implementation for the 2016 budget year.
  - Ron Smith reported that he attended a County Board Chairman's meeting on September 30th and one of the items discussed was health insurance. The six counties that are included in the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council will participate in a health insurance survey to gather information that will be

shared with the other counties. Smith reported that the Board of Health is in the process of establishing a Public Health Administrator search committee.

- Randy Jobgen reported that the bridge on Stagecoach Trail has been opened. Jobgen discussed that the Public Works Committee is working on appointing a weed commissioner. The highway department has been working on cleaning out the public works building on West Street in Galena.
- RJ Winkelhake reported that the Law Enforcement and Courts Committee cancelled their regularly scheduled meeting and a special meeting has been scheduled for October 14th for the purpose of discussing a change order for the Courthouse Sidewalk and Railing improvement project. There has been discussion to establish a committee to review courthouse security.
- Margie Montelius reported that bid opening for the Transit Building Addition is scheduled for October 22nd.
- Dan Reimer reported on a pre-construction meeting held on October 6th for the Courthouse Sidewalk and Railing improvement project and the proposed change order includes a larger cap for a portion of the Meeker Street retaining wall. Reimer reported that the County Administrator's Office has received correspondence from Mediacom regarding the Jo Daviess Cable Franchise agreement and how the agreement might be affected as a result of recent changes in Illinois State Law.
- Ron Smith reported that the school facilities sales tax will be on the next County Board agenda and Smith will send out a timeline of past minutes regarding the history of the school facilities tax to the county board for review.

6. Citizens' Comments

7. Closed Session

8. Possible action as a result of closed session.

Merri Berlage stated the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. following a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Margie Montelius, motion carried.