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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Joint Meeting of the County Special Committee & City Special Committee**
DATE/TIME: July 19, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Jo Daviess County Board Room, Galena, IL
CHAIRPERSON: Steve McIntyre
PRESENT: Todd Lincoln, Jerry Westemeier, Robert Hahn, RJ Winkelhake, Brad Petersburg
ABSENT: none
GUESTS: approx. 35 guests in attendance

1. **Minutes Approval**

a) Brad moved to approve the June 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Robert seconded; motion carried.

2. **Citizens' Comments** – The following people offered comments supporting the original election of the inaugural DMO board and moving forward with plans for a single DMO in Jo Daviess County: Patrick McCarthy, Bill Murphy, Tim Althaus, Cindy Carton, Tammy Trebian, Dave Anderson, Mike Dittmar, Carol Gebelt, Tasha Scott, Paul Mikol, Dave [last name?], Jean Carlson, Fred Bonnet, and Erin Murphy. Brad reported on a letter from Becky Riedl also encouraging acceptance of the original election and moving forward with the process. Todd reported on letters he received from 5 other individuals with similar comments. There were no public comments supporting a new election.

3. **Unfinished Business** – Steve provided a brief review of recent developments leading up to this joint meeting of the Special Committees. On July 11th, the County Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the County Board reject the proposed DMO Services Agreement and cease discussions on creating a new DMO. The primary argument for this recommendation related to dissatisfaction with the unconventional process used for conducting the election of the inaugural DMO board. On July 12th, the County Board voted 8 – 6 against the Executive Committee recommendation. The DMO Services Agreement was referred back to the Executive Committee and the matter of possibly conducting a new election was referred to the Special Committees. During discussion of this matter by the Special Committee members, Robert and Jerry expressed a firm position against conducting a new election. Todd, Steve and Brad expressed positions supporting the original election but were open to considering a new election if there was overwhelming support for doing so. RJ expressed his disapproval of the election process. After considerable discussion, the committees voted 5 – 1 to recommend that the County and the City accept the original election and move forward under the Letter of Intent.

4. **New Business - none**

5. **Citizens Comments** – several of the same people offering comments earlier expressed support for proceeding towards a unified DMO.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. following a motion made by Jerry, which was seconded by Robert. Motion passed.