

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Legislative Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Don Zillig  
**DATE/TIME:** November 18, 2015 @ 11:00 am  
**PRESENT:**

Don Zillig       Merri Berlage       Brad Petersburg       Steve McIntyre  
 Terry Stoffregen       Ron Smith       Randy Jobgen

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None

Others: Hal Gilpin, Gary Diedrick, John Freitag

### 1. Minutes Approval

- a) Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting. Seconded by Terry Stoffregen. Motion carried.

### 2. Citizens' Comments: None.

### 3. Unfinished Business

- a) Prevailing Wage legislation. Discussed under New Business.
- b) Economic Development "But For" Clause. No new information to report.
- c) Possible increase in hotel/motel tax to cover county costs. No response yet from UCCI on legality.
- d) Reviewed Assignments from County Retreat. The committee would like to address concerns about excessive records storage. Need a proposal from John Hay as to a legislative amendment.
- e) Meeting with Sen Bivins and Rep Stewart. Merri Berlage trying to schedule a meeting with them in January.
- f) 2016 Legislative Priorities. Merri submitted the following priorities to IAC: amend prevailing wage law, recovery of costs for satisfying FOIA requests, release of MFT funds from the State.

### 4. New Business

- a) 2016 Meeting Dates. **Terry S moved, Steve M seconded and motion carried to approve the meeting date/time/location for FY 2016: 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the County Board room.**
- b) Update on Prevailing Wage Legislation. Merri and Steve reported on a recent Prevailing Wage seminar they attended. Amending the prevailing wage law will be a major political challenge. However, the law significantly increases project costs for the County and adds bureaucratic red tape. John Freitag of the Foundation for Fair Contracting handed out some materials and argued in support of the prevailing wage legislation.
- c) Regional Econ Dev Freight Study. Don handed out an invitation to a Freight Study Kick-off Meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

- d) Discussion and possible action regarding research on Hotel/Motel tax. Awaiting response from UCCI.

5. **Citizens' Comments:** None.

6. **Board Member Concerns:** None.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. following a motion made by Steve McIntyre, seconded by Terry Stoffregen, and carried.**

The next meeting of the Legislative Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.