

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig
DATE/TIME: February 18, 2015 @ 11:00 am
Elizabeth Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Merri Berlage

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Didricht, Lisa McCarthy

1. Call to Order – Don Zillig called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Roll call and establishment of a quorum – Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
3. Approval of Minutes – **Randy Jobgen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting, seconded by Steve McIntyre, and motion passed.**
4. Citizens' Comments - None
5. Unfinished Business
 - a) Update on Sunset Clause: State Representative Brian Stewart is working on a number of items including Sunset Clauses for Referendum questions.
 - b) Update on prevailing wage: State Representative Brian Stewart is also working on the Prevailing Wage issue. Members from the Legislative Committee (Merri Berlage and Randy Jobgen) will travel to Springfield when the bill is presented.
 - c) Update on 9-1-1 funding: The Committee discussed 9-1-1 funding.
 - d) Update on Economic Development/But For Clause: The Committee discussed Economic Development being a real problem due to the “But for Clause”.
 - e) Update on UCCI lobbyist: The Committee discussed the need of a full time rather than a shared lobbyist to lobby for Jo Daviess priorities.
6. New Business
 - a) Discussion and possible action on proposed legislation associated with the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety Act: The Committee discussed proposed legislation associated with the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety Act.
 - b) Discussion and possible action on utility taxes paid by governmental entities to other governmental entities: John Hay is checking on utility taxes paid by governmental entities to other governmental entities. Sheriff Kevin Turner questioned this practice.

John Hay is also checking on the possibility of imposing hotel/motel “fees” to offset various underfunded County expenses.

7. Legislative Looking Glass: This gives us the ability to look up various bill numbers for discussion.
8. Citizens’ Comments: None
9. Board Member Concerns: Committee members are concerned with the West Coast Labor Issue that has, and will continue to cause various shortages for Midwest manufacturers.
10. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.
11. Meeting adjourned following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Randy Jobgen. Motion carried.