

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Jody Covert
DATE/TIME: March 19, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jody Covert Steve McIntyre
Merri Berlage
Ron Smith
Terry Stoffregen
Don Zillig

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Margie Montelius

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Reimer
Gary Diedrick
Aaron Abt
Mike Moser
Ben Petitgout

Jody Covert called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and read the third floor evacuation policy.

1. Minutes Approval – Don Zillig made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 Legislative Committee meeting, seconded by Terry Stoffregen, and motion passed.
2. Citizens' Comments- None
3. Unfinished Business
 - a) Update regarding Prevailing Wage legislation - Merri Berlage reported that she had spoken with Rep. Stewart and that the Prevailing Wage amendment, HB2888 had been pulled in order to amend the sponsor name to Rep. Stewart and the bill is currently waiting to be re-filed. The committee discussed this issue and was concerned by the lengthy process and that no action can be taken to advance the bill until it is re-filed. The committee discussed the idea of sending a letter from the Jo Daviess County Board to Rep. Stewart outlining their concerns. Steve McIntyre made a motion to move forward to the County Board a recommendation to send a letter to Rep. Stewart regarding the re-filing of HB2888. Seconded by Merri Berlage.
 - b) Update regarding G.R.I.T. legislation- There was no additional information reported at this meeting.

4. New Business

Discussion with ETSB Committee members regarding 911 funding legislation- Mike Moser, Aaron Abt, and Ben Petitgout discussed pending legislation that will affect 911 funding. In addition, there was discussion regarding required ETSB equipment and software upgrades which will need to be implemented in the near future. The committee requested a list of specific needs in order to facilitate reviewing potential grant funding opportunities.

Possible action following discussion with ETSB Committee members- Merri Berlage mentioned the possibility of inviting Rep. Stewart and / or Senator Bivins to attend a Legislative Committee meeting along with ETSB committee members, for further discussion on the impact of 911 funding legislation. The committee will follow up on this and try to schedule.

5. Committee Member Concerns- Merri Berlage mentioned the importance of getting signed up on the Illinois General Assemble website. In addition, she suggested that a live demonstration during the next County Board meeting may be helpful in showing how to navigate through the website. In addition, she brought to the committee's attention HB5637, HB5604, HB5603, and HB 5814. Don Zillig wondered if the Legislative Committee meeting time should be reconsidered. This item will be place on the April agenda for discussion and possible action.
6. Citizens' Comments: None
7. Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Terry Stoffregen, and motion carried.