

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig
DATE/TIME: April 1, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

Other Board members:
Others: Kevin Turner and Dan Reimer.

1. Call to Order – Don Zillig called the meeting to order at 11:05 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 February 18, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting, seconded by Merri Berlage, and motion passed.**
4. Citizens' Comments - None
5. Unfinished Business
 - a) **Update on Sunset Clause:** Legislation regarding sunset clauses for referendum questions has not yet been introduced by State Representative Brian Stewart.
 - b) **Update on prevailing wage:** Merri Berlage reported that HB 1525 regarding prevailing wage was introduced by State Representative Brian Stewart. The bill was scheduled for a hearing with the Labor Committee. Committee members from the Jo Daviess County Legislative Committee were in route to Springfield when Berlage received a call that the bill had been pulled from the session. Berlage reported that bill was referred to the rules Committee.
 - c) **Update on 9-1-1 funding:** Sheriff Turner reported that he recently attended the Sheriff's winter training conference in Peoria, Illinois. Several pieces of legislation were discussed at the conference including: Court Security Fee Study SB 804 – allows for the county to do an appropriate cost study to raise court security fees. Turner discussed other proposed legislation that would have an impact on Sheriffs of Illinois including: a proposal to raise the wireless surcharge from \$0.79 per month to \$0.87 per month and consolidation of dispatch centers in counties with 2 or more PTAB's. The Committee discussed the three county 911 consolidation study.
 - d) **Update on Economic Development/But For Clause:** Berlage reported the Economic Development/But for Clause was sent to the rules committee.
 - e) **Update on UCCI lobbyist:** The Committee discussed the shared lobbyist assistance provided by UCCI.
 - f) **Update regarding possibility of increasing Hotel/Motel tax to help cover other County Expenditures-** The Committee discussed the possibility of proposing

legislation that would allow Jo Daviess County to impose an additional increase to the local hotel/motel tax which could be used to offset critical service expenditures such as public safety and emergency services.

6. New Business

- a) **Discussion and possible action on Railroad Derailment** - Ron Smith reviewed the status of the Galena train derailment and some of the meetings he has attended with the railroad, federal, state and local agencies. Local agencies are in the process of preparing cost recovery requests to submit to the railroad.
- b) **Discussion and possible action on request for more government oversight regarding railroad "Tanker Cars"**- the Committee discussed the need for more government oversight regarding railroad tanker cars containing hazardous materials.
- c) **Discussion and distribution regarding latest Prevailing Wages per published information**- The Committee discussed prevailing wages in Jo Daviess County. Randy Jobgen discussed that it was his understanding that it might be possible to freeze prevailing wages at their current level.
- d) **Report on possible assistance from the Governor's office regarding prevailing wage issue**- The Committee discussed that it appears the Governor is not a supporter of prevailing wage.
- e) **Discussion and possible action on a Resolution Supporting the Protection of the Health, Safety, and Economic Well-Being of Local Citizens from the Potential Impact of Crude Oil and Other Highly Flammable Materials Rail Traffic.** Dan Reimer discussed that the City of Galena adopted an ordinance stating their concerns with the transportation of highly flammable and hazardous shipments by rail through the city and the county. The City is asking the county and other county municipalities to adopt a similar ordinance. Reimer reviewed the resolution which if adopted would be sent to various high ranking officials including: Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, Senator Richard Durbin and President Obama. **Randy Jobgen made a motion to approve a Resolution Supporting the Protection of the Health, Safety, and Economic Well-Being of Local Citizens from the Potential Impact of Crude Oil and Other Highly Flammable Materials Rail Traffic. Seconded by Steve McIntrye and motion passed 5-0.**

7. Legislative Looking Glass: The looking glass gives the committee the ability to look up bills and their status online.
8. Citizens' Comments: Sheriff Turner discussed First Net –First Responder Network Authority. This will be mandatory by 2017.
9. Board Member Concerns:
10. Next regular meeting - Wednesday, April 15, 2015 @ 11:00 am
11. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m. following a motion by Randy Jobgen and a second by Merri Berlage.