

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig
DATE/TIME: June 17, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

Other Board members:
Others: Dan Reimer and Katherine Walker.

1. **Call to Order** – Don Zillig called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.
2. **Roll call and establishment of a quorum** – Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – **Brad Petersburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting, seconded by Steve McIntyre, and motion passed.**
4. **Citizens' Comments** - None
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) Update on Sunset Clauses for Referendum questions - No update at this time.
 - b) Update on prevailing wage legislation by Merri Berlage and discussion of current prevailing wages - No report at this time.
 - c) Update on 9-1-1 funding - An overview of SB96, Amendment No. 3, was discussed. The Bill has passed the House and Senate and is on the governor's desk. SB96 is a Surface Mining Bond bill, the 911 system portion of the bill (Amendment No. 3) is an amendment so supporting the bill is problematic unless we understand the whole bill. The committee discussed that Mike Moser or Sheriff Turner should either be present at the next meeting or send an email to the Legislative Committee and County Board to help the Committee better understand the bill, how it will affect us and why we should support it. The Committee discussed that if the Bill is signed by the governor Jo Daviess County should submit an application for a member of the Legislative Committee to be appointed to the State 911 committee as described in the bill.
 - d) Update on Economic Development/But For Clause - Nothing new to report at this time.
 - e) Update on UCCI lobbyist - Ron Smith reported that Merri Berlage found out that UCCI does have a lobbyist who is available. No other details at this time.
 - f) Update regarding possibility of increasing Hotel/Motel tax to help cover other County Expenditures - Don Zillig shared an article on how other cities are approaching hotel/motel tax spending for purposes other than promoting tourism. Don Zillig will follow up with John Hay for a possible recommendation on how the County can pursue an increase, whether by state legislation or local referendum.

6. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on possible correspondence/invitation to Representative Brian Stewart - After discussion with John Hay about the hotel/motel tax this will be revisited and invite our State representatives to a future Legislative Committee meeting.
- b) Discussion and possible action on possible correspondence/invitation to Senator Bivins

7. Legislative Looking Glass - Don Zillig remarked that UCCI emails provide a synopsis of pending bills. Other committee members also receive these emails.

8. Citizens' Comments - None

9. Board Member Concerns - None

10. Next regular meeting - Wednesday, July 15, 2015 @ 11:00 am

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. following a motion by Steve McIntyre and a second by Terry Stoffregen.