

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig
DATE/TIME: September 16, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

Other Board members:
Others:

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** – Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting, seconded by Terry Stoffregen, and motion passed.
4. **Citizens' Comments** - None
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) Update on prevailing wage legislation and discussion of current prevailing wages – No legislation at this time. Don Zillig advised that he has made repeated attempts, to no avail, in reaching The Alliance of Illinois Taxpayers regarding effects on state government by current Prevailing Wage Laws. A Wisconsin study by The Alliance of Wisconsin Taxpayers reported that the state of Wisconsin could have saved \$200-\$300 million dollars if they paid market based rates.
 - b) Update on 9-1-1 funding – Governor Rauner has signed the SB-96 bill and the surcharge on cell phones has been increased.
 - c) Update on Economic Development/But for Clause – Further Clarification is needed on exact offers from Iowa or Wisconsin that must be matched by Illinois in order to get funding.
 - d) Update on UCCI lobbyist – We have access to a lobbyist through UCCI and the Illinois County Board Association. They have lobbyists hired that will help us through our membership.
 - e) Update regarding possibility of increasing Hotel/Motel tax to help cover other County Expenditures – This item is pending legal opinion from UCCI regarding the use of Hotel/Motel Tax for other County Expenditures. Also discussed the possibility of imposing a few on Hotel/Motel use.
6. **New Business**
 - a) Discussion and possible action on committee assignments from the 2015 County Board retreat – The committee reviewed and commented on the assignments from the Board retreat. Propose legislation for record issues. This is pending advisement from SA John Hay.

- b) Invitation to State Representative Brian Stewart to attend Legislative Committee meeting and/or County Board meeting – Discussed above. Merri Berlage has advised Don Zillig that she has been making repeated attempts to Representative Brian Stewart to attend Legislative and or County Board Meetings without result.
- c) Discussion regarding submission of legislative items and/or resolutions to be considered for the 2016 Legislative Agenda – Submission of legislative items and/or resolutions to be considered for the 2016 Legislative Committee to be handled by Merri Berlage.

- 7. **Legislative Looking Glass** - Don Zillig reminded each committee member that they have access to view various Legislative Bills. The bills, provided they affect Jo Daviess County, can then become a topic at the Legislative Meetings.
- 8. **Citizens' Comments** - None
- 9. **Board Member Concerns** – None
- 10. **Next regular meeting** - Wednesday, October 21, 2015 @ 11:00 am
- 11. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m. following a motion by Steve McIntyre, seconded by Brad Petersburg, and motion passed.