

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Legislative Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Jody Covert  
**DATE/TIME:** February 12, 2014 @10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jody Covert	Ron Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	Dan Reimer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margie Montelius	Steve McIntyre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig	

Jody Covert called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and explained the emergency evacuation route from the Jo Daviess County Boardroom.

1. Minutes Approval – **Don Zillig made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 Legislative Committee meeting. Seconded by Steve McIntyre. Motion carried.**

2. Citizens' Comments - No citizens were present.

3. Unfinished Business

a) Update on Parliamentary services

It was agreed upon to schedule professional Parliamentarian Nancy Sylvester's presentation on March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. **Motion to approve scheduling the Parliamentarian presentation on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. made by Steve McIntyre, seconded by Don Zillig. Motion carried.**

4. New Business

a) Discussion and possible action regarding Parliamentarian presentation attendees and invitation letter

The committee discussed sending invitations to a compiled list of people, as well as publishing announcements in *The Galena Gazette* and *The Flash* in order to inform the general public of the event. **Motion to approve sending invitations to those on the list as well as publishing announcements in The Galena Gazette and The Flash made by Merri Berlage. Seconded by Terry Stoffregen. Motion carried.**

b) Discussion and possible action regarding G.R.I.T.(Graduated Rate Income Tax)

The committee discussed the Graduated Rate Income Tax. There is pending legislation which must pass the House and Senate in order for the question to be placed on the November 2014 general election ballot for a public referendum. Passage by public referendum would allow for a change to the Illinois Constitution which currently mandates the use of a flat rate to calculate income tax. The committee agreed upon the importance informing the public. The committee will issue an Action Alert and submit an article to The Galena Gazette.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding 911 funding

Committee discussed inviting ETSB (Emergency Telephone System Board) members to attend the March legislative Committee meeting in order to pool our ideas and efforts in addressing the 911 funding issues. Jody Covert will contact to invite them to speak with us at our March meeting.

a) Other Items Not Listed

5. Committee Member Concerns

6. Citizens' Comments

No citizens were present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Steve McIntyre made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margie Montelius. Motion passed.** Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**The next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Boardroom.**