

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: August 17, 2010 @ 2:00 pm

Present were: Merri Berlage, Bill Cooper, Margie Montelius, Kim Monk and Dan Sheridan

Others were: Kay Weibel

Absent were: Marvin Schultz and Terry Stoffregen

1. Citizens' Comments. Kay Weibel from the Galena Territory Association commented there is a new association law and it is her understanding that this legislation takes associations out of the condo law. The new legislation is public act 96-1400 Common Interest Community Protection and was signed into law on July 29, 2010. Merri Berlage asked Margie Montelius to review this new legislation and see what impact it might have on the JDC rental program.

2. Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2010 and Dan Sheridan seconded. Motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

a) Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Future Funding. Representatives from FEMA have been meeting in Hanover this week to review the flood damage in Jo Daviess County. Merri Berlage reported that she discussed Motor Fuel Tax with Jim Sacia and he does not anticipate changes in future funding.

b) Proposal of placing assessments on-line. Merri Berlage reported that a letter of support for publishing assessments on-line was sent to Representative Sacia and Senator Bivins and there has not been a reply as of this date

c) Educational article to be published in Galena Gazette. Merri Berlage reported that she is working on the article and will share with the committee as soon as this is complete.

d) Prevailing wage resolution. Can be taken off the agenda.

4. New Business

a) Open discussion on other items that may not be listed. There was discussion regarding the prevailing wage act and the possibility of making changes. The state sets prevailing wage rates by region for various labor classifications. To change or revise a local unit of government can conduct a private study or survey of prevailing wages and submit. Berlage suggested that this committee go to RC&D and join forces with other Counties to appeal the act. Berlage will contact UCCI for a list of other Legislative Committees to possible work together with smaller counties in Illinois regarding prevailing wages. Bill Cooper reported that the Communication Upgrade Committee has concerns with funding for the needed upgrades with the Jo Daviess County communication system. A consultant was hired to complete a Phase I report on the County's communication system but the Upgrade Committee has not been able to identified funding for improvements or upgrades.

b) Discussion on new legislation.

5. Legislative Looking Glass.

6. Citizens' comments.

Bill Cooper made a motioned to adjourn, Kim Monk seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.