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COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: June 16, 2009 @ 1:30 pm

Present were: Terry Stoffregen, Kim Monk, Merri Berlage, Bill Cooper and Margie Montelius
Others were: None
Absent were: Dan Sheridan

Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

1. Citizens' Comments. None.

2. Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2009 and Kim Monk seconded. Motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Regional Superintendent of Schools funding per capita vs. assessment. Merri Berlage reported that she was trying to set up a meeting with Marie Stiefel, Tim Bivens and Jim Sacia and would like to review this topic at that time.

b. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Future Funding. No discussion

4. New Business

a) Discussion on how our committee can be more effective in a timely manner. Merri Berlage discussed that the County Board agreed that the Legislative Committee could communicate by email to individuals to keep them abreast of any new legislation that should be watched and the procedures that the Committee should take for this process. Merri Berlage will contact the Galena Gazette to see if they could place an article in the paper letting constituents know this procedure. Bill Cooper has agreed to be the designee for sending out the emails.

b) Discussion on Future goals for Legislative Committee. It was discussed the committee will go over with the Administrative Office the procedures that need to be followed for future handling of proposed legislation.

c) Discussion on SB1513 – IMRF contributions and PTELL. Kim Monk discussed that we need to continue to watch this bill because in 2003 the IMRF contribution by the County was \$147,000 and this year it will be at least \$560,000. Kim felt that if we could separate out the IMRF from the PTELL then the tax levy could be changed differently to help reflect this change. This item is to stay on the watch list.

d) Discussion of other bills to be on the watch list. The committee discussed that the following bills need to be on the watch list HB952 – Prevailing Wage, HB3664 – Certificate of Error, HB3746 – Wind Tower and HB4120 – Property Tax Vacant Facilities. **Merri Berlage made a motion to place the following bills on the Legislative Committee watch list; HB952, HB3664, HB3746 and HB4120. Margie Montelius seconded the motion and motion passed.**

e) Open discussion on other items that may not be listed. Merri Berlage brought to the table, that the committee should be pro-active in the issue of the school legislation and that the schools are not receiving the state and federal monies that are due to them. The

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committee members will contact the school Superintendents to gather information on the delinquent monies and discuss drafting a letter to the Representatives showing the committee's support. Merri Berlage will contact Warren, Stockton and Elizabeth schools, Terry Stoffregen will contact Galena School, Margie Montelius will contact East Dubuque School and Kim Monk will contact Scales Mound School and bring a list of what they are dealing with as a loss of income from State and Federal monies to the next meeting. Hopefully, this can be a positive venture to help our county schools with their financial problems. Margie Montelius discussed that the committee keep a look out for any legislation to help with the funding from State or Federal toward medical and health delinquent money.

5. Citizens' comments. None.

Margie Montelius made a motioned to adjourn. Terry Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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