

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: February 3, 2009. 1:30 pm

Present were: Merri Berlage, Bill Cooper, Margie Montelius, Terry Stoffregen, Kim Monk, Daniel Sheridan

Others were: Joe Mattingly

Absent were: Marvin Schultz

Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

1. **Citizens' Comments.** Joe Mattingly noted that the Galena Territory is not pressuring for incorporation.
2. **Minutes.** Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the January 6, 2009 minutes as presented. Terry Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.
3. **Unfinished Business.**
 - a. **Regional Superintendent of Schools funding per capita vs. assessment.** There has been no answer as of yet.
 - b. **Concealed Carry of Firearms.** Municipalities can ban concealed carry. After some discussion it was concluded that an email will be sent to Mark Mountain asking for more information and clarification.
 - c. **Illinois Election Code.** Berlage stated that the only thing that can be changed is the time of notification. Cooper is taking care of drafting bills.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) future funding.** Can the County get 3-4 more cents from MFT?
 - b. **Downstate Public Transportation Act Amendments.** Read the Act and discuss at next month's meeting
 - c. **Historic Sites and Parks – update.** Kim Monk made a motion to contact the Governor and ask for Jo Daviess County historical sites to be paid from the allocated funds. Cooper seconded and the motion passed.
 - d. **Open discussion on other items that may not be listed.** Contact Bivins and Sacia to invite them to meet with the Committee after May, 2009 possibly at their office in Freeport. Dates for upcoming UCCI events were discussed.
 - e. **Discussion on new legislation.**
 - f. **Proposal of any legislation.**
5. **Legislative Looking Glass.** New bills to be added: HB1 Motor Fuel Tax Surcharge, HB37 Lease Closed State Parks, HB62 PTELL Referendum, HB81 PTELL –

Township Taxes, HB87 Election Day Registration (oppose), HB146 County Law Library Fee, HB172 Firearm Owners ID, HB173 Firearm Transport, HB219 Property Tax – Senior Freeze, HB220 Property Tax Exemptions, HB223 Homestead Exemptions, HB242 PTELL Debt Service Extension, HB267 Elections – Grace Registration, HB273 Property Tax – Disabled Vet, HB296 Homestead Exemptions, HB329 County Code Referenda,

6. Citizens' comments.

_____ made a motion to adjourn. _____ seconded and the motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Next regular meeting: March 3, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.