

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Legislative Committee

**CHAIRPERSON:** John Lang

**DATE/TIME:** April 17, 2019

**PRESENT:**

John Lang     Hendrica Regez     Scott Toot     LaDon Trost  
 Ron Smith     John Schultz     Diane Gallagher     Don Zillig

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members:

Others: Gary Diedrick, Dan Reimer and Sheriff Turner

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Lang called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. **Minutes Approval** –
  - a) John Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Legislative Committee meeting. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.
3. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a) Fiscal year 2019 Strategic Goals and Plans – Dan Reimer commented that all of the committees are taking a look at their individual goals from the 2017 retreat because there will be a report required at the 2019 Board Retreat updating what progress has been made. The committee reviewed their committee assignments from the 2017 County Board Retreat and updated their goals in preparation of the upcoming County Board Retreat.
  - b) Status of HB 2781 (Prevailing Wage) and HB 2780 (Service Tax) – John Lang commented that because they were never called for a hearing they have come back to the rules committee. They are not dead. It is possible next year. Chances of anything happening in this legislative session are very slim. Every bill is alive for two years. Representative Chesney did get a co-sponsor for HB 2781.
5. **New Business:**
  - a) Discussion and possible action on moving the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – John Lang asked the committee to move the June meeting date from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> because he will not be able to attend. LaDon Trost added that he belongs to a golf league on Wednesdays and would like to move the committee meetings to 1:00 p.m. so that he can participate in the league. We moved the meeting dates last year to accommodate him. **Don Zillig made a motion to move the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion carried. Don Zillig amended the motion to a start time of 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Hendrica Regez and motion carried. LaDon Trost made a motion to move the start time of the Legislative Committee meetings from May through September, 2019 to 1:00 p.m. so that he can attend his golf league. Seconded by John Schultz and motion carried.**
  - b) Discussion and possible action on changes to HB 2780 – John Lang handed out the amendment to HB 2780 that Representative Chesney suggested. Chesney feels it has a better chance of passage if he makes the bill just for Jo Daviess County and the bill would have to

come to a local vote. Lang does not see any problem with the people in the county voting for it.

- c) Bills effecting County Government, County Administrator – Dan Reimer commented that HB 0158 amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. This will change the percentage rate of the net revenue transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund. This bill has been referred to the rules committee which is not a good thing. This would have been a huge benefit to the County.
  - d) Bills effecting Law Enforcement - Sheriff – Sheriff Turner commented on several bills that the Sheriff’s Association opposes: HB 1115 Electronic Monitoring, HB 1458 Evidence-Restorative Justice, HB 1468 Juvenile Age of Detention, HB 1613 Traffic/Pedestrian Stop Study, SB 1592 Traffic/Pedestrian Stop Study, HB 1616 Criminal Procedure – Communication, HB 2291 Criminal Law – Tech, HB 2649 Incarcerated Parents – Children. The committee reviewed these bills on the Illinois General Assembly website.
  - e) Results of the Traffic Study – Don Zillig – Zillig commented that we had a good turnout for the safety assessment. The study was conducted on Tuesday through Thursday. Zillig felt it should have been on the weekends as well when there is a greater volume of traffic. It was a good presentation, but it was not what Zillig had hoped it would be. It did not address a four-lane Highway 20.
  - f) Bills Committee members feel we need to address – Hendrica Regez discussed SB 2132 and HB 3624 which are the Clean Energy Jobs Act. She feels it has a lot of opportunities for us as well in regards to careers and development of industry.
  - g) Trying to Bond the State and Chicago out of a Financial Hole – John Lang handed out an article on Illinois and Chicago bonds.
6. **Legislative Looking Glass** – The committee reviewed the current Legislative Looking Glass.
7. **Citizens’ Comments:** None.
8. **Board Member Concerns:** LaDon Trost reported that he attended a meeting last night with Representative Chesney. One thing that affects us is a bill that allows rifle hunting in Jo Daviess County. This will be good for tourism and have an economic impact. There is a Senate bill that if you are a County Board member and accepting IMRF you have to stop using or taking your IMRF until the time that you are off of the County Board.
9. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
10. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. following a motion made by Don Zillig, seconded by John Schultz.