

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: March 20, 2012 @ 2:00 pm

Present were: Merri Berlage, Kim Monk, Margie Montelius and Terry Stoffregen

Others were: Gary Diedrich

Absent were: Daniel Sheridan, Bill Cooper and Marvin Schultz

1. Citizens' Comments.

2. Minutes. The minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting will be carried over until next month.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) **Update from Sacia's Office on draft proposed Prevailing Wage Act Bill** – Merri Berlage reported that the prevailing wage proposal HB4537 was referred to the Rules Committee on March 9, 2012 and no additional action has occurred since.
- b) **Update on Action Alert Program** – The action alert program is on the website and is being tested.
- c) **Voting Record of Representative Sacia/Senator Bivins** – A report was reviewed by the committee.
- d) **Update on proposal on blockage of railroad crossings** – The committee discussed what would be included in a possible legislative proposal. The committee is going to research contact names for the Central Railroad, Burlington Northern Railroad, Sante Fe Railroad and IEI Barge.

4. New Business

- a) **Open discussion on other items that may not be listed** – Kim Monk asked if any additional information has been received regarding the new additional \$50 foreclosure fee that goes to Cook County from Court Services. Merri Berlage will contact Sharon Wand and see if she would have any information. Kim Monk stated that once testing has been completed on the action alert program he will write a press release informing the community of the new program and the procedures to be included in the action alert program.
- b) **Discussion regarding new/other legislation** – Kim Monk discussed that the prevailing wage law is not good economics for small counties. Monk suggested that the Legislative committee contact the other Illinois counties with a population of 30,000 or less and ask them to support HB4537 and to send any resolutions or letters showing support. It was discussed that IACBMC (Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners) should be contacted and asked for their support of HB4537. Merri Berlage will draft a letter that can be sent to the counties and email to the committee for review.

5. Citizens' comments.

The next legislative committee meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 @ 2:00 pm.

Kim Monk made a motioned to adjourn at 2:52 pm and was seconded by Margie Montelius. Motion passed.