

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: July 17, 2012 @ 2:00 pm

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

Others were: Kay Weibel

Absent were: Daniel Sheridan and Marvin Schultz

1. Citizens' Comments.

2. Minutes. Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Margie Montelius and motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

a) Update from Representative Sacia's Office on proposed Prevailing Wage Act Bill – Merri Berlage reported that she contacted Representative Sacia's Office and discussed meeting with Jim Sacia. Stephenson County and Carroll County will be invited. Kim Monk discussed that he contacted the Galena Gazette about the article he submitted on behalf of the Committee for publication regarding the actions taken so far by the Legislative Committee on the proposed Prevailing Wage Act Bill.

b) Update on Action Alert Program – Kim Monk discussed the action alert program with the Jo Daviess County IT Department. Citizens can sign up for the program on the Jo Daviess County website.

c) Voting Record of Representative Sacia/Senator Bivins – There were no new voting records for review. This item will remain on the agenda.

d) Update on proposal on blockage of railroad crossings – Berlage reported that she has received correspondence from affected municipalities documenting blockage of railroad crossings. Berlage will contact the Townships and get updates on their process. Berlage will also contact States Attorney Kurt for information on why fines have been discontinued to the Railroad Companies and will also contact Sheriff Turner to see if a local fine could be established.

4. New Business

a) Open discussion on other items that may not be listed – Kim Monk reminded committee members that all elected officials are required to register on the Attorney General's website and complete the Open Meetings Act survey.

b) Discussion regarding new/other legislation – The committee discussed SB1849 Gambling Expansion.

5. Citizens' comments.

The next legislative committee meeting will be held on August 21, 2012 @ 2:00 pm.

Bill Cooper made a motion to adjourn at 2:52 pm and was seconded by Terry Stoffregen. Motion passed.