

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative
CHAIRPERSON: John Lang
DATE/TIME: May 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lang, LaDon Trost, Lynn Gallagher, and Peggy Bastian. John Schultz was present via Zoom.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Dittmar

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Kaiser

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the April 10, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting – **Gallagher/Bastian motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.** After discussion regarding the goals for the upcoming Retreat, Gallagher/Bastian amended the motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting as corrected. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a) Review goals discussed at the April 10 meeting for the County Board Retreat – The Committee reviewed the goals from the discussion at the April 10 Legislative meeting. The County Board Retreat is quickly approaching and the Committee Members feel they have created some important goals that everyone can agree on.

4. New Business:

- a) Legislative deadlines – May 9, 2025, bills out of committee – May 23, 2025, third reading of substantive bills – May 31, 2025, Adjournment – There was discussion on the upcoming deadlines.
- b) April 11, 2025 was the deadline for bills to pass one chamber – Out of 6,700 bills, 378 House bills and 203 Senate bills moved – There was some discussion regarding the extensive amount of bills from this year's session and the bills that had some movement.
- c) Status of bills this Committee took a position on:
 - i. SB42 – Cannabis Motor Stops – passed Senate, in House Judiciary Committee – posted April 29, but no action –
 - ii. SB2504 – Township Consolidation – still in Senate with President Harman as sponsor – no witness slips – action extended to May 9 –
 - iii. SB2160 – Deer hunting – still in Senate – in Appropriations – never been posted or witness slips – action extended to May 9 –
 - iv. SB1661 – Election Judges – the bill was never heard and no witness slips – back in Assignments –
- d) Review on bills selected by Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBM) with current status – Gallagher mentioned some bills that she would like to support: HB2551, SB3140, HB3363 and SB1498. There was discussion on the list provided in the meeting packet.

- e) Articles of interest on the status of government in Illinois – There were articles included in the meeting packet.
- f) There are many demands on the Illinois budget, like Chicago, transportation, and how the state is going to pay for it –
- g) Discussion and possible action on whether to schedule a Legislative Committee meeting on June 12, 2025 – **Bastian/Gallagher motioned to cancel the Legislative Committee meeting on June 12, 2025. The motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Legislative issues Committee Members or County Officials want the Committee to be aware of and take action on at another meeting: Gallagher would like to keep an eye on probation bills.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

7. Committee Member Concerns: Trost thanked Lang for the research he does in preparing for these Committee meetings. Schultz told the Committee that he put in a witness slip opposing high-speed rails.

8. Adjourn: Schultz/Bastian motioned to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.