

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: John Lang
DATE/TIME June 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
PRESENT:

☒ John Lang ☐ Dan Holcomb ☒ LaDon Trost ☒ Darcy Wild
☒ John Schultz ☐ John Creighton ☐ Don Zillig

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

Others: Mary Althof

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Lang called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval:**
 - a) Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting – **John Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Legislative Committee Meeting. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion carried by voice vote.**
3. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) Review the status of bills of interest to County Government discussed at the May 11, 2023 meeting – The committee briefly reviewed the status of bills from the May meeting. John Lang updated the committee on HB1286 which was passed on May 19th. HB2088 and HB2154 are both on hold.
5. **New Business:**
 - a) Legislative session extended to May 27th over budget – The Illinois General Assembly was extended to May 27th.
 - b) Governor budget summary – The committee reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget from the Office of the Governor which was included in the packet. This budget is going to be fiscally responsible and compassionate. The FY24 budget assumes transfers into the Local Government Distributive Fund to increase by 6.47%.
 - c) Break down of budget and laws from Sheriff Association – The FY24 budget funds three new state police cadet classes and includes a \$200 million increase for three Criminal Justice Information Authority grants and \$30 million for the LETSB camera grant fund. HB3908 and SB424 passed both houses and head to the Governor's desk.
 - d) The State budget income short fall – Illinois lawmakers plan to short pension funding by \$4.4 billion in FY2024. \$802 million evaporates from Illinois revenue projections. Personal income tax and sales tax are down. Corporate income tax is up.
 - e) Illinois gas tax going up 6.2 cents per gallon July 1st – The gas tax is going up because they held off on the increase. Also the grocery tax will be going back on July 1st.
 - f) No funding for low income students to attend private schools – They were looking to fund low income students to attend private schools but that funding never got there.

6. **Legislative issues Committee members or County Officials want the Committee to be aware of and take action on:** None.
7. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
8. **Board Member Concerns:** LaDon Trost reported that we had a meeting yesterday afternoon with Baird about the selling of our bonds and we agreed we would go forward with it. They put them out yesterday and we got pretty lucky. We were oversubscribed which means more people wanted them than we could sell them to. This allowed them to lower yields. This increased the amount of project funds to the County by \$50,400. Earlier this morning Trost signed the document for 8.766 million dollars.
9. Next regular meeting - No July meeting, UCCI Annual Meeting July 23 – 25, 2023.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. following a motion made by John Schultz. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion passed following a voice vote.