

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: John Lang
DATE/TIME June 10, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.
PRESENT:

☒ John Lang	☒ Hendrica Regez	☒ LaDon Trost	☒ Darcy Wild
☒ John Schultz	☒ Diane Gallagher	☒ Don Zillig	

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: Don Hill

Others: Scott Toot

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Lang called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval:** None.
3. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
4. **Unfinished Business:** None.
5. **New Business:**
 - a) Legislative Session ends – John Lang reported that during the last Legislative session there were 7,849 bills introduced and 634 of those have passed. One of the bills is to keep two Exelon nuclear power plants open in Illinois. One of the nuclear power plants is located in Cordova and one is located in Byron, they are scheduled to close in the fall. Exelon currently has six power plants in Illinois. Exelon also provides 50% of the electrical power in our state. New possible FOID card policies were discussed.
 - b) ComEd bribery investigation – Nothing new at this time.
 - c) Bills that passed related to County Government – There was a bill passed that requires closed session meetings minutes to be reviewed every six months. The County's process of reviewing and approving closed session meeting minutes was discussed. HB2454 was introduced that would allow a county board, by resolution, to waive costs for businesses due to COVID-19 hardships. The primary election date has been changed to June 28th and circulating petitions for election will not begin until January. This year every County Board seat will be open due to the 10 year reapportionment. Every board member will be up for reelection. HB2449 amends the counties code to allow special meetings of the board be held when requested by any chairman of the board.
 - d) Bills that passed of local interest – SB2066 amends the retailers occupation tax act – live auctions do not need to collect sales tax. This does not include internet auction listings. SB0058 reduces the flat rate tax for Class TA utility trailers from \$118 to \$36. HB2553 allows police to get a warranty to get access to your video doorbell footage. HB3097 requires driver's education courses to include a course of instruction in law enforcement procedures during traffic stops.
 - e) Bills that passed that you questioned why – HB1879 designates *Penicillium rubens* as the official State microbe of the State of Illinois.

- f) Bills committee members or County officials would like to bring to the committees attention – None at this time.
- g) Bills the committee would like to request the Governor to take action on – None at this time.
- h) UCCI Annual Meeting at the Galena Territory – July 25-27 – UCCI is planning their Annual Meeting at the Galena Territory July 25-27. This is a great opportunity to meet with other Counties.

6. **Citizens' Comments:** None.

7. **Board Member Concerns:** LaDon Trost expressed concern over the two Exelon power plants closing. Diane Gallagher expressed thanks to John Lang for taking the time to research and follow up on all the bills. John Lang thanked John Schultz for his continued help with research. Lang also advised there will most likely not be a meeting in July due to lack of new business.

8. Next regular meeting TBD – July and/or August

9. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m. following a motion made by John Schultz. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed following a roll call vote that resulted in all ayes.