

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: John Lang
DATE/TIME November 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
PRESENT:

☒ John Lang	☐ Vacant	☒ LaDon Trost	☐ Darcy Wild
☒ John Schultz	☐ John Creighton	☒ Don Zillig	☒ Mike Holt

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

Others: Angela Kaiser

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Lang called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval:**
 - a) Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting – **Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting. Seconded by Zillig and motion passed.**
3. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) Status of County Bills
 - (i) SB1740 – Jo Daviess 1% Service Tax – Assignments – There has been no action.
 - (ii) SB2141 – ATV/UTV – on Public roads – Assignments – there has been no action.
 - b) FY2023/FY2024 Strategic Goals and Plans – The goals and plans were included in the packet and briefly discussed.
5. **New Business:**
 - a) Veto Override, November 12-14 & 19-21 – There are no Governor Vetoes – There are no vetoes to override.
 - b) Lame Duck – First week of January 2025 – This is the most dangerous time for Legislature.
 - c) Results of State Advisory Referendums – State & County – It was discussed that the advisory questions on the November 5th ballot may have been included to keep any other questions off of the ballot.
 - d) The possible results of a Millionaire Tax – There was information included in the packet and it was discussed for a short time.
 - e) State Budget Deficits – The deficit is projected to be in the billions.
 - f) Fixing State of Illinois Tier 2 Pension – What is it and the cost? – It was mentioned that Tier 2 is capped, so you'll never make more than you did when working but Tier 2 violates Federal law.
 - g) Federal Judge rules against Assault Weapons Bans – A Federal judge ruled the bans were unconstitutional. Lang said that he expects it to go as far as the Supreme Court.

- h) The effect of President Trump's Election on State Democratic Issues – There has been no real change in State seats; the balance stays about the same.
 - i) Discussion and possible action on establishing meeting dates and start times for the FY2025 Legislative Committee meetings – **Schultz made a motion to approve the meeting dates and start times for the FY2025 Legislative Committee meetings. Seconded by Holt and motion passed.**
- 6. **Legislative issues Committee members or County Officials want the Committee to be aware of and take action on at another meeting** – Lang spoke about wanting to encourage Senator Chesney to introduce a new bill.
 - 7. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
 - 8. **Board Member Concerns:** Holt spoke about how Democrats took issue with this committee taking sides on things like Title IX and he wants to know if we are staying outside our lane by writing these opinion letters. The Consensus was that as long as the concern is on behalf of the County as a whole and voted on by the full County Board.
 - 9. Next regular meeting – Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
 - 10. Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m. following a motion made by Zillig. Seconded by Schultz and motion carried by voice vote.