

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, April 6, 2015

PRESENT: K. Tracy, J. Minner, N. Petrillo, J. Kuhn

ABSENT: J. Dodd, M. Walters, B. Roosevelt

OTHERS: J. Parente, D. Mendoza

Mr. Minner moved, seconded by Ms. Kuhn, to approve the February meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

J. Parente and the committee discussed the following:

Senate Bill 59-Juror fee increase. The cost is \$25.00 for the first day, \$50.00 every day after. Currently jurors are paid \$10.00 per day plus mileage. It will increase our cost \$75,000.00 a year.

Senate Bill 86-Gives the States Attorney the ability to retain services of a private collection agency to collect fines.

Senate Bill 764-This bill would require AED devices in police stations. It would require to have the device along with requiring a certain number of personnel be trained to use them. We currently have the device and the people trained to use them in the Sheriff's office.

Senate Bill 1362-Animal Control database. This requires us to generate a database and put it on a website of vicious dogs in the area.

J. Parente also informed the committee that we are keeping our eye out on the state's financial problems that they are having. Some of their decisions could affect us if certain grants or MFT money has been frozen or cut.

D. Mendoza discussed a few election bills with the committee:

Senate Bill 1265-this bill deals with online voter registration. This would change the date on registering to vote online. Currently you have up until 28 days prior to election to register. This bill would allow 14 days prior.

Senate Bill 172-This bill deals with electronic poll books and same day registration at the polling place. This is unfunded and would cost the county approximately \$900,000 to supply each precinct with the appropriate equipment and workers.

House Bill 1434-This bill states that an elected official can only hold one elected office at a time.

She also mentioned that there is a requirement being passed that are requiring local governments that have a population more than 5,000 people, they have to have an internet website.

D. Mendoza gave a few updates on the early voting and absentee totals for this election.

Ms. Kuhn moved, seconded by Mr. Petrillo, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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