

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, February 12, 2018

PRESENT: D. Moore, M. Madison, E. Harriss, J. Kuhn, M. Holliday
ABSENT: N. Petrillo
OTHERS: D. Mendoza, A. Meyer, D. Krankeola, B. Stawar, C. Ellis

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Presentations from Dan Krankeola, President/CEO of Illinois South Tourism Bureau and Brett Stawar President/CEO of Alton Tourism Bureau. Each president gave an update to the committee on each bureau and how they represent Madison County.

D. Krankeola handed out the 2018 visitors guide. He gave updates on the marketing through social media and what his bureau has done for marketing for Madison County in 2017.

B. Stawar gave history on how his bureau started working with Madison County. He showed how his bureau is different than South Tourism. He showed the marketing strategy behind the Alton Tourism and gave statistics on his bureau.

M. Holliday left the meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

E. Harriss brought attention to HB 4190 regarding the consolidation of townships. The bill would require a cost study may need to be performed before township trustees could take action to put a consolidation proposal before the voters. This has not passed at state level yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Moore discussed with the committee the idea of merging the Recorder of Deeds with the County Clerk's Office. There was a resolution that was presented to him, he felt he would like to have N. Petrillo and M. Holliday's input on this topic as well but he would also like to have more time to look at the resolution and he would like board member Chrissy Dutton, who came up with the idea to come and talk about the facts and information she has found out from other counties in Illinois doing this merge.

D. Moore asked the committee to give their thoughts and concerns regarding if the merge would happen. A. Meyer passed out graphs concerning the deeds of conveyance that come through the Recorder of Deeds. She noted that the deeds are up historically the last 5 years. She also went over with the committee the duties that her office conducts. She did mention that the counties that have consolidated the two offices were in a financial distress and economical decline. D. Moore reiterated that just because our county is not in a financial distress, does not mean we cannot consider or take further action to increase our prosperity or save money to lower taxes.

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

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