

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 6, 2017

PRESENT: D. Moore, M. Madison, J. Kuhn, N. Petrillo, E. Harriss

ABSENT: M. Holliday

OTHERS: T. Gibbons, C. Doucleff, M. Parkinson, D. Mendoza, C. Ellis, J. Zoelzer, R. Dorman, L. Ciampoli, P. McRae, M. Walters, B. Stawar, D. Krankeola

PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. Doucleff of Planning and Development addressed the committee regarding a proposed Senate Bill 1561. This bill pertains and amends the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to permit a county with a population of less than 2,000,000 residents the power to regulate the operations of pollution control facilities or recycling centers. This bill could greatly limit the county's ability to regulate the 2 landfills in the county. Planning and Development along with Chairman Prenzler drafted a letter in opposition to this proposed bill to be sent to the 3 State Senators, Bill Haine, Sam McCann and Kyle McCarter. Senator McCarter sent an email back saying that the concerns are being addressed and the amendment is being sent to the floor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution Concerning the County Board.

This resolution was approved last month in committee and was tabled at the full county board meeting.

M. Parkinson voiced his concerns concerning the resolution. He states that this resolution is amending an ordinance and that cannot be done. He also stated that this resolution was not written by our States Attorney who is not in favor of this resolution. M. Parkinson urged the committee to listen to Mr. Gibbons concerns on this resolution.

Mr. Gibbons addressed the committee his concerns regarding the above resolution. Mr. Gibbons stated that if the court were to find at some point and time that the meeting was not presided over by the chairman, which he stated was a matter of reasonable debate, he said that could be room for a potential law suit and if a court were to find that then any action that would occur at that meeting would not be valid.

Mr. Madison stated that he feels that if the main point is arguing that the chairman was not present, he feels that any judge will say that Chairman Prenzler was in the room, which he was. Mr. Gibbons presented to the committee his proposals on another resolution that he stated he will propose and talk more in depth on in executive session. M. Madison stated that the counsel that is received from the State's Attorney is counsel for the Democrat Party, not the Republican Party. He stated that is why it was looked elsewhere for another opinion to help write up this resolution. D. Moore stated the resolution is going to remain as is and go back for approval at board.

Dan Krankeola, a representative from the Illinois Southern Tourism gave a presentation to the committee regarding his bureau and how it is beneficial to keep his bureau in Madison County. The Illinois Southern Tourism represents 22 counties in Illinois. They clarified they are online and a part of every social networking.

Both bureaus Southern Tourism and Alton Tourism, agreed their bureaus together cover the county well. The committee along with both bureaus discussed and asked questions regarding their bureaus and marketing strategies.

The committee agreed to have a special meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 4:00 PM to vote on a resolution to go forward with either one of the bureaus or keep it as it is today, remaining to stay with both bureaus.

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Mr. Petrillo, to take a short recess. The ayes and nays being called on the motion for a short recess resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Madison, Petrillo, Harriss and Kuhn. NAYS: None.

Mr. Madison move, seconded by Ms. Harriss, to come back into regular session. The ayes and nays being called on the motion for a short recess resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Madison, Petrillo, Harriss and Kuhn. NAYS: None.

Mr. Petrillo moved, seconded by Mr. Madison to move into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation and questions regarding the open meetings act. The ayes and nays being called on the motion for a short recess resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Madison, Petrillo, Harriss and Kuhn. NAYS: None.

The committee had discussion with Mr. Gibbons regarding their concerns and questions regarding the December 5, 2016 reorganizational meeting. Some members were in agreeance that they feel the resolution isn't even needed. The members agreed Mr. Prenzler was in attendance at the December 5th reorganizational meeting and was active in it.

Chairman Moore stated again that he would like to have The County Board Resolution that was tabled at the February County Board Meeting come off the table and be voted on at the March County Board Meeting.

Mr. Madsion moved, seconded by Ms. Harriss, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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