

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, April 8, 2019

PRESENT: C. Guy, D. Moore, J. Kuhn, M. Holliday Sr., N. Petrillo
ABSENT: J. Dodd, D. Gray, E. Harriss
OTHERS: S. Cousins

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Petrillo to approve the February meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Mr. Guy read dates of the Executive Sessions that will be opened, reviewed or stay closed to the Committee. He explained that a meeting was held Friday and Executive Session minutes were opened to determine whether they should be opened to the public or stay sealed and why.

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Resolution Concerning Review of Executive Session Minutes for the Period Ending March 13, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT CODE AMENDMENT/CHAPTER 30:

On behalf of Mr. Madison, the Committee held discussion about a suggestion he made concerning Public Comment during County Board meetings. Mr. Madison suggested that “members of the audience, by law, may not make comments or disrupt the public meeting. Audience members engaging in disruptive behavior may receive a verbal warning from, or removed from the meeting by order of, the Chairman.” Mr. Guy said the recommendation was forwarded to the States Attorney’s Office. Several members of the Committee along with the States Attorney agreed this may be problematic due to the vagueness.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about the Illinois Association of County Board Members. Mr. Holliday shared dates of the conference and information from an email he received. He also gave some key topics due to be discussed at the conference. Mr. Guy said, as a member of the IL Association of County Board members Legislative Committee, they review Bills and offer opinions’ which then get addressed with witness slips.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Guy if he was familiar with HB3680 pertaining to the duties of County Auditors. Mr. Moore gave the Committee a brief overview of the current situation concerning the Auditor and the County Board.

Ms. Kuhn inquired about Lobbyist and if there is a maximum number allowed.

Mr. Petrillo inquired about privatized prisons. The Committee held discussion on prisons for profit and filled in other Members of the Committee on examples and locations they have heard of.

Mr. Guy brought up the idea of Capital Requests for the future.

Ms. Kuhn moved, seconded by Mr. Holliday to adjourn the meeting.

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