

Media Relations Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Ann Gill, Jeremy Ly, Dick Steele, John Roth  
Members Absent: Chris Balkema

Also Present: Board Chairman Ron Severson, County Administrator Shawn Hamilton, Board Secretary Sandy Pommier, Assistant States Attorney Susan Bates, VACGC Kathy Doran, Ken Buck

A motion was made by Ly, seconded by Steele to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

VACGC Claims:

Motion to take the claims under advisement was made by Roth, seconded by Steele. Motion carried.

Gill questioned an adjustment on a payroll claim; Doran stated that the matter had been resolved. Doran was also asked about a claim payable to Amsterdam; Doran replied it was for calendar books that are given to the veterans.

County Video:

Gill stated that she had not made any progress with the matter, but plans to begin next week. Hamilton added that he had talked to IT Director John Watters to assist with the project.

Public Recognitions:

The committee discussed John Roth, for both veteran and Board of Health honors, Teacher John Dezeris and a Coal City resident Rita Fornelli-Willis that is newly involved in a new barn quilt movement where farmers display a quilt painting on a barn. The committee discussed the history of the movement which dates back to hundreds of years ago, then surfaced again in Ohio ten years ago in hopes to pull travelers away from busy highways to less traveled areas and on to Kankakee County, being the first in Illinois to host a countywide barn tour.

Old/New Business:

Severson revisited the idea of a convention center in Grundy County. He stated that he and Hamilton will begin discussing the matter. Ly added that he had reached out to Bloomington/Normal in regards to their convention center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steele, seconded by Roth. Motion carried.

