

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: August 18, 2008

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS: Chair: Burton; Legislators: Jenkins, Nonna, Oros, Myers, Abinanti

IN ATTENDANCE: **CE:** B. Randolph, A. Neuman; **CA:** M. Gleeson, L. Cipollo; **Tax:** D. Jackson; **BOL:** S. Bass, D. Pyne, R. Pezzullo, K. Delgado, J. Sold, C. Giliberti

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:48 p.m.

MINUTES

(Myers Jenkins,) Move the minutes of June 28, 2008 & August 4th, 2008. Motion approved 5-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

(Oros, Jenkins) Motion to approve items B70, B80, B84, B89, B90, & B91. Motion approved 5-0.

COUNTY CLERK FEES

Karen Pasquale, representative of the County Executive's office and Eileen McCarthy assistant to the county clerk spoke about the purpose and impact of the fee increase. Ms. Pasquale spoke about the funding cuts by the state. She said the state passed legislation giving counties the option to raise certain existing county clerk fees. It is one way to provide some offset to those cuts.

There was committee discussion about the state budget cuts and what the impact on the county budget is and how the this legislature should best deal with it.

Some of the most common documents are mortgages, satisfactions and deeds. If the legislation were to pass a thirty page mortgage will increase from \$121 to \$200. A two page deed will go up from \$117 to \$140. A base recording fee will go from \$5 to \$20 and a per page fee which is \$3 will increase to \$5. The Board is not legally permitted to consider any other price within that range. The last time the state increased these fees was by

enacting statewide legislation in 1977. Given the land records projections for 2009 the Clerks office would provide the county approximately an additional \$3,060,000 in revenue.

(Oros, Jenkins) move to adjourn the Committee on Legislation. Motion approved by voice vote. Committee on Legislation adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST