



**MINUTES – APPROVED 4.8.10**

**Health Services Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department  
Thursday, March 11, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Michael Harris, Vice Chairwoman Sue Sundell  
Brett Grimm, Dean Grimm, Terry Hillegonds Greg Sinn,

Committee Members Absent: Joyce Antonini, Paul Hahn

Other Persons Present: Solid Waste Director Ray Corey, Health Director Amy  
Tippey, Chris Coulter, Peoria Disposal Company, Darrell  
Lindemann, Chief Financial Officer of PDC and Bruce  
Knoll

**MOTION** **MOTION BY B. GRIMM, SECOND BY SUNDELL** to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

**ANIMAL CONTROL** Bob Marshall gave the Animal Control report and said that it was a normal year with about 122 animals in February.

**MOTION RC CB** **MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY SINN** to recommend to the County Board to accept the Intergovernmental agreement with Marquette Heights.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION RC CB** **MOTION BY D. GRIMM, SECOND BY SUNDELL** to recommend to the County Board to approve the Animal Control bills. Roll call vote:

B. Grimm	yes
D. Grimm	yes
Hillegonds	yes
Sinn	yes
Harris	yes
Sundell	yes

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Bob Marshall said that the gas bill last month was \$800 and that the unit in the kennels is only about 75% efficient and uses a lot of gas. He obtained a bid of less than \$7,000 to redo the kennel heating system.

Chris Coulter of PDC introduced Darrell Lindemann, the Chief Financial Officer at PDC and said that they had had a meeting regarding a review of the financial statement for the Pekin Landfill. The Perpetual Care Fund has \$195,000 in it, but we are making a .01% return, so on the advice of Mike, Amy and Ray, Commerce Bank was contacted to see if there is another investment strategy that is still conservative.

Darrell said he would like to make a disclaimer statement, they are not paying Commerce Bank an agreement for investment advise. Darrell said they have received feedback advise because of other monies they handle for PDC.

Darrell shared the Escrow Agreement with all and discussed the funds the money was in. Currently, the money is in a money market at Commerce gaining .01%. Commerce said they could not give investment advice because the agreement does not allow them to give investment advice, but would recommend this:

Keep money in marketable funds.  
Callable agency bonds, which are US Government agencies that are callable because there is a good chance to be called within 3-4 years after issuance. If bonds are called, they could be reinvestment. A decision would be a combined one with PDC and the market changes every day.

Darrell said that callable bonds were more marketable and more liquid than a CD.

Member Grimm asked what kind of rate of return was figured in the calculations given to the board.

Darrell said that the purpose of the fund is a safety net if it is ever needed and there is no real return off of it. There are three funds involved and the first thing needed is to establish a trust fund or financial assurance that these are 30 year obligations after the landfill is closed. When the landfill was initially opened, there was an environmental contingency fund and we still have that fund with Morton Community Bank for about \$200,000. The Perpetual Care fund basically says that the County has the money and will have access to it for watching over the landfill.

The concensus is that the money should be moved to make money. Member Grimm asked if after the 30 years, would the money be split 50/50 if it is not used.

Chairman Harris said that if the landfill needs it, 100% goes to landfill; however, if it needs to be split, it would be 50/50.

The money is at Commerce Bank now and has to comply with the agreement we have. The investments cannot be lended against, but are guaranteed by the FDIC.

Chairman Harris said it was the consensus to take the recommendation of PDC to invest the money for higher returns and to look at this again in a few months and that he would talk to David Jones regarding this.

**MOTION**

**MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY D. GRIMM** to follow the recommendation of PDC and invest the money for higher returns.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

**HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT**

Amy Tippey said that the news in the Governor's tentative budget plan was both good and bad. Tippey said that most of the department's Human Services grants are looking at 10% cuts with some being scaled back to 4.5%. Money has been put back into the Community Grant for the EPA, but that this needs to be looked at a little further. There are no cuts in Public Health however anything else gotten from Public Health would be cut. Tippey said that she would have more concrete figures later, but for now the vast majority of grants were looking at a 10% decrease.

Tippey said that this year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the TCHD and that they will be doing several events to honor that. Tippey said that this year, the Board of Health will host a reception on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Former Board of Health members and Health Services committee members will be invited as well as honoring the volunteers who helped at the H1N1 clinics and at this time also, the strategic plans for the Health Department will be revealed along with a new logo.

Tippey said that they are working on getting heating and cooling bids for this building as the current buildings are at 75% or less efficiency.

Tippey said that when the state laws banned smoking indoors, the Health Department was part of the enforcement that was passed in that legislation. Thus far, our rule has been to send enforcement letters to try to get restaurants and bars to comply; however, we have not been able to write County tickets. Tippey said that the Sheriff's Department now has the ability to write citations for this type of problem. Tippey said it was her understanding that there was a County ordinance that was started so that the County received all of the money from the tickets, but it never got completed. At this point, if a ticket is written, half of the money will go to the state and half will remain here, however, if there were an ordinance, it would all remain here. This does not generate a lot of money, but both

departments need the direction and the State's Attorney has to be in line for hearings.

Tippey said that it takes a lot of time to generate the letters. If the Sheriff's Department goes out, we must decide what kind of ticket will be written and the State's Attorney's office must be in line because if a hearing is requested, the State's Attorney is the official counsel for whoever writes the ticket.

Tippey said that complaints are received daily. Since there is no County Ordinance, everything must go under the State Ordinance which requires a state hearing officer.

Chairman Harris said he would contact Administrator Jones and try to get an ordinance in place.

**SOLID WASTE**

Ray Corey said that Chairman Zimmerman had asked for some background information on the County landfill related to mediation, history, etc. and that he met with a representative from Senator Dick Durbin's office, who in turn passed that on to the Federal EPA and asked them to do what they could to get this project moving.

Bruce Knoll reported that he had received a call today from Jacob Hanson of the Federal EPA who said that Senator Durbin's office had contacted them. He said that he would like more information but that they would work with the IEPA although he did not know exactly what they would do, but said that the information from Durbin's office was to check into it, work with them and make it happen. Hanson said that he had questioned the IEPA about a post closure fund and was told by them that all that money had been spent on the landfill. Knoll said that he told them that was not true so he was going to do more checking. Knoll said that in 1995, there was \$956,000 in that fund and the EPA was the beneficiary of that fund and we do not know what happened to it.

Ray Corey said that a site tour is scheduled for March 31 at 10:00 a.m. on the Pekin Landfill for County, State & Federal officials and their authorized agents.

Corey said that a question brought up at recent meetings was if the County could go after past operators of the landfill and hold them accountable for a part of cleaning up and the reply from Dave Brown was yes, if there is a disease or threat of disease from a hazardous substance. If you have taken waste to the site, you are responsible and it would be a long process to determine responsibility.

Chris Coulter also recommended contacting Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood as the more people you make aware of the situation, the better it is.

**MOTION  
RC CB**

**MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS** to recommend to the County Board to approve the Solid Waste bills.

**On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer