

APPROVED—MAY 13, 2010



Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, April 8, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Michael Harris, Vice Chairwoman Sue Sundell
Joyce Antonini, Brett Grimm, Dean Grimm, Paul Hahn,
Terry Hillegonds, and Greg Sinn

Other Persons Present: Solid Waste Director Ray Corey, Health Director Amy
Tippey, Indian Creek Landfill Mgr. Steve Harenberg

MOTION **MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY HILLEGONDS** to approve
the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ANIMAL CONTROL Bob Marshall said that registration fees were up \$1,400 over last year and
had good responses from notices to appear.

MOTION RC CB HS-10-08 **MOTION BY B. GRIMM, SECOND BY ANTONINI** to recommend to
the County Board to accept the intergovernmental agreement for Animal
Control Services for the Village of South Pekin.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION RC CB HS-10-09 **MOTION BY B. GRIMM, SECOND BY ANTONINI** to recommend to
the County Board to accept the intergovernmental agreement for Animal
Control services for the City of East Peoria.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION RC CB **MOTION BY D. GRIMM, SECOND BY B. GRIMM** to recommend
to the County Board to approve the Animal Control bills.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

HEALTH DEPT. REPORT Health Department Director Amy Tippey gave out the rankings for all
Health Departments in the state and that Tazewell County ranked as the
46th healthiest county out of 101. Amy said that Public Health considers a
broad aspect of items in determining the rankings and that she has some
concerns with the way the rankings are formulated but that this report is a
starting point and that this is the first time it was conducted nationwide.

Amy gave out the annual report and said that it contains items that the state of Illinois mandates to be in there. Amy said that some of the numbers were lower because the department was mostly working on H1N1 and some of the other services were pushed into other areas and that the numbers for 2010 should be up.

**MOTION
RC CB**

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

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**ENVIRO.
HEALTH REPT.**

There was no Environmental Health report.

**SOLID WASTE
REPORT**

Ray Corey said that on March 31 there was a site tour conducted on the Pekin Landfill. Corey said that the state EPA was present as they wanted to see the landfill to determine if the plan meets closure requirements. Corey said that the Federal EPA was present to obtain an assessment of the condition to try to obtain stimulus money. Corey said that the condition of the landfill was bad with several factors contributing to that.

Corey said that there is another issue regarding the landfill and is not getting any better. Corey said the owner of the property is using the landfill as a personal dumping ground. Corey said that Kristal Deininger will issue Notices of Violation as the county should have some way of protecting the investment.

Corey said that it is a private landfill owned by Ron Simpson that he bought at tax sales and that nobody wants the liability for the issue. Corey said that the county does not want the liability.

Chairman Harris said that the representative from the Federal EPA said that this is the only landfill in Illinois where no one claims responsibility, but that there has been a court order by a judge to say that the county can go onto the property.

Member Sinn said that there should be restrictions put upon the property.

Chairman Harris said that we now have a situation where the County is the only one interested in doing anything and we need to get in there and cover it.

Member Sinn asked if the County could sue Simpson.

Chairman Harris said that there are three holding ponds with overflow from the ponds and we need to test the water in the holding ponds.

Steve Harenberg said that he applauds this committee for trying to close this landfill and that they have been trying diligently to get this done. Steve said that any amount of leachate that enters the holding ponds creates more leachate and will enter the large underground aquifer. Steve said that the biggest concern is gas as it travels with water and can enter into the homes and eventually could get into the air. The best thing to do is to keep on the legislators as the conditions are getting worse and things should be done quickly.

Chairman Harris said that the issue is huge and the problems are getting bigger. Harris suggested the State's Attorney attend the next meeting.

Amy Tippey said that the State's Attorney has an easier conduit to the Illinois Attorney General's office, which is what we were promised assistance with by the EPA from their lawyer to limit our liability and getting us better access to the problem.

Steve said that if at all possible, the leachate should be withdrawn to keep the level as low as it can be at all times.

Chairman Harris requested all committee members who have not been out there to see it, to contact Ray Corey and go out and walk the area. Harris said that the County will continue to do all it can and that he will request attendance by the State's Attorney and Dave Brown at the next meeting.

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 6:17.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer