

APPROVED—JUNE 10, 2010



Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, May 13, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Brett Grimm, Paul Hahn

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 April 8, 2010 meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ANIMAL CONTROL Bob Marshall said that revenue was up about \$3,200 ahead of last year.

Member Grimm asked what the cost of tags are in Peoria County.

Marshall said that a three year tag was \$30.00 and Tazewell's is \$25.00 and that we were doing well, but could reach a point where ours would need to be raised.

MOTION RC CB **MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY SUNDELL** to recommend to the County Board to approve the Animal Control bills.

Member Grimm asked for the year to date figure for the Tazewell/Pekin Communications and it was decided to check with Auditor Grashoff.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT Health Department Director Amy Tippey said that the Tazewell County Health Department has a new logo and it was approved by the Board of Health at their last meeting. Tippey said that there will be a gradual transition for the use of this logo over the next several months.

Tippey said that the Board of Health also approved the first strategic plan for the Health Department. Tippey said that there were four gaps that were identified and marked for looking over. This has been posted on the website and the four areas are:

1. Surveillance of disease.
2. Research/evaluation
3. Technology improvements
4. Work force development and retention

This is different from the I-Plan in that it will lead to a different place from I-Plan. There will be a new process for our assessment I-Plan, which is the Illinois Plan for Local Assessments & Needs which is what is turned into the state to become an accredited health department and is not a very user friendly system. Tippey said they will be going to a different system called the map process that will contain four separate assessments.

Tippey said they will work towards an Agency Accreditation and this is new for public health and will not be available until 2011. Every year the Board of Health will have the option to approve or disapprove of the plan. Tippey said that they have taken every program in every division in the agency and have developed action steps and achievement markers so each division has its own set. Tippey said these are color coded to departments and will be used as a planning tool for each division and for reporting back to the Board of Health.

Tippey said that there was a food borne reported in the paper this past week. This particular food borne was reported to the 24 hour on-call person who then contacted Amy. A group was put together to go to the Health Department Saturday afternoon as a management team who started putting together a questionnaire and contacted the establishment where the food borne illness occurred.

Director Tippey said they then worked on Sunday afternoon calling people to determine what they had eaten, etc. All the information has been sent to the state and they will assess all the data and get back on the answers in about two weeks. The Health Department has over 75 hours in this food borne illness and these do not occur very often.

**ENVIRON.
HEALTH**

Evelyn Neavear said that two interns recently started to work on the West Nile Program. They have started setting traps for the mosquitoes and they have collected the first dead bird that was sent in for testing. Neavear said they have had two complaints regarding bed bugs in motels so traps are set there. Neavear said that on June 1, testing will begin on recreational water testing at public pools. Neavear said the conditions have not yet been right for mosquitoes to begin proliferating.

**SOLID WASTE
REPORT**

Ray Corey said that on March 31, they did a tour of the landfill. Jacob Hansen of the IEPA was there and has submitted a report to Senator Dick Durbin's office. Patrick has submitted the final plan for the landfill and they have no technical concerns for the plan. Corey said the next step

would be for the IEPA to help us solicit the Attorney General's office to either update the current corridor or issue a new corridor because as of now, we do not technically have any access to the property. Also, the language needs to be restated to handle some of the liability issues as we do not want any liability. Corey said that Dave Brown has submitted a letter to Lisa Madigan to help draft the first request.

Corey said that the letter from John Richardson contains information that refers to a big concern of ours regarding the leachate. An alternate plan could be that once the tanks are capped, we would monitor them to see how quickly they recharge and he is looking at that as a type of wet land area on a long term basis.

Chairman Harris said that there has been some discussion about getting people involved who may have some influence in helping us to get money that involves some of the Tazewell County judges. Harris said he received word that they do not wish to go there in case they would have to sit in court on the matter. Harris said he also talked to Mike Holly and asked him how we could get on the property as there are issues with trash, etc. Harris asked what the State's Attorney's office and the County can do to get us on the property for issues as Dave Brown cannot do it. State's Attorney Umholtz and Mike Holly said that they will see if they can legally take the property of the landfill off the tax books so it does not get sold and then having to pay interest to give people their money back when they find out it is a landfill and make us responsible in some way for the property.

Harris said that the state is coming in June to test the three pods, but it would be best if we could get on the property and test it ourselves.

SOLID WASTE

Ray Corey said he had a statement regarding the new investments that PDC made and that the interest rate was dependant on the maturity of the bonds and the total investment is 2.88%.

**MOTION
RC CB**

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

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Chairman Harris said that the Board of Health has a set policy for individuals entering the building that they must sign in. Chairman Harris said that all board members will be asked to sign in.

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer