

Services committee and there is a need for there to be only one message before the public and that care should be taken when giving information to the media.

Chairman Harris said that the decisions will be made by the Health Services committee but that they are asking for the support of other citizens. Harris said that the report from Chicago said there is no money in either program so we are making an effort to push the issue in order to get it out and see if the money can be found somewhere.

Vice-Chairwoman Sundell said that good progress has been made but care should be taken when including others.

Ray Corey said that the testing results have just come in and that he has not had a chance to analyze them.

Chairman Harris conducted a vocal vote to find the concensus of the committee in regard to forming a sub-committee and it was the concensus of the committee to set up a sub-committee including non-board members to enable the landfill situation to move forward. Harris said that legislatures should be contacted in order to ascertain what they can do and give us avenues to pursue.

Ray Corey said that first it should be the goal of the committee to determine exactly what they are going to do, set up some criteria and a time table. Corey said that the county needs to be made aware of the liability issues and maintain a long term monitoring of the landfill.

Member Hillegonds said that the possibility of new laws being passed could lighten the liability for the county and this should be looked at.

Member Dean Grimm asked that if the county did nothing and something catastrophic happened, would the state or federal government come in.

Chairman Harris said that there should be meetings to see where this can go as the board would not feel right if nothing was done and people were getting sick.

Solid Waste Director Ray Corey said that water samples had been taken on June 17 by Patrick Engineering. Corey said he could not reach Ron Simpson, the owner, and that it was necessary to cut the locks, but that Simpson did come into Corey's office at a later time to discuss the matter.

Corey said that he told him that the county has already spent one-half million dollars that it does not have for a problem that they did not create. Corey said that Simpson has not paid taxes from 2002 and yet we are locked out. Simpson said that he had given the county and the EPA keys

to the property, but Corey said that he has never seen any keys. Corey said that Simpson said that someone from the Attorney General's office had come in and confiscated all the books and when he asked them what they were doing he was told that he did not need to know. Corey said that Simpson is as much a victim as anyone else in this situation and that there are 100 acres there that have no value. Corey said that there was an exchange of keys so each has access to the property.

Corey said that the area tested resulted in one down gradient and one up gradient groundwater detection wells being sampled along with two surface water retention ponds and the leachate is also being tested. John Richardson was contacted as he is the project manager of the Pekin Landfill. Corey had a request was filed with the FOIA in Springfield, but that the results are not back. Corey said that Jacob Hanson from the Federal EPA had reported that a portion of the landfill has an uncertified cap on it and that it had been removed and leads to exposed garbage in the north section.

Corey said that he had e-mailed Mike Holly who advised that we should not go on the property if it is locked.

Member Sinn said that the results of the testing could be a reason to go back to Senator Durbin.

Chairman Harris said that the new committee will decide where this is and discuss how to function.

Amy Tippey said that she would like for this committee to obtain the book that would verify answers to all the questions and bring them back to the Health Services committee.

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

Health Department Director Amy Tippey said that there has been an update to the guide book outlining the services of the Health Department and that it contains the new logo.

Tippey said that the Board of Health had voted on some restructuring of finances due to changes of positions at the Health Department. Tippey said that out of four positions, only one position will be filled due to restructuring of the positions and other employees will fill the gap.

Tippey said that the Regional Office of Education did not like for the Health Department to charge for hearing and vision screenings, so they are going to try to provide this service to the schools out of their office and the hearing and vision person will move to a different job and this will be the way the remaining positions are compensated for.

**ENVIRON.
HEALTH**

Evelyn Neavear said that Environmental Health has been extremely busy. Neavear said that there has been a case of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme's Disease, positive mosquito pools, positive birds in the county and a huge Salmonella outbreak in the State of Illinois.

**SOLID WASTE
REPORT**

Ray Corey said that he is still working with the EPA on a tire collection for the smaller townships.

**MOTION
RC CB**

MOTION BY ANTONINI, SECOND BY SINN to recommend to the County Board to approve the Solid Waste bills.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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