



Approved Minutes 10-14-10

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department

Thursday, September 9, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Brett Grimm, Paul Hahn, Greg Sinn

Other Persons Present: Solid Waste Director Ray Corey, Health Director Amy
Tippey, Evelyn Neavear, Chuck Bowen, Mike Godar

MOTION

MOTION BY ANTONINI, SECOND BY SUNDELL to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**ANIMAL
CONTROL**

Animal Control Director Bob Marshall gave his monthly report stating that the income is still doing well and is up about \$6,500 over last year at this time.

The Committee reviewed the Animal Control Budget.

Director Marshall explained the budget includes the following changes:

- Rates for garbage and the alarm system will be increased by 3%
- Internet charges with MTCO need to come out of the cell phone line.
- Dr. Herm is requesting a 2.7% increase and he is there three days a week and he is well satisfied with him
- A transfer will be necessary for gas
- Furnace & air conditioner under the CIP have been approved

**MOTION
RC CB**

MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY SUNDELL
to recommend to the County Board to accept the Animal Control bills.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

Amy Tippey reported that:

- There was a temporary vaccine shortage due to a problem at the state level.

- There have been a number of cases of Whooping Cough in the county including adults and children, vaccinated and not vaccinated. No immunization is 100% effective
- Food fees are a large part of the Health Department's potential income and are approved by the Board of Health and Finance Committee
- September 29 will be the annual shut down day for all staff training and doors are locked to the public.

Board of Health Member Bowen said that a good job has been done to document what it actually costs for operation and that the rationale for the increase in food fees pertain to what the actual expenses are and that they have not been adequately recovered under the current structure.

Tippey said that:

- The strategic plan for the Health Department is to look at cost centers and ways to bring in new income and make them more streamlined and diversified for incoming monies.
- Revenue is not meeting the expenses for food service permits and inspection fees.
- Core services that need to be provided are to work with food establishments in order to be a Health Department and the state requires a minimum number of times that inspections need to be done.
- Major points to be considered are annual licensing fees, plan reviews, and late fees. Fees are based on how others charge and ordinance language changes will be considered at a later time.

Mike Godar said that a comparison of fees charged by other counties has been done and that Tazewell is near the bottom on food fees.

Tippey said:

- That the Board of Health has approved the fee schedule that is included in the packet and they would like some concurrence from this committee that their decision is necessary to bring to the Finance Committee.
- There are also grant sources available to the Health Department and some of these can be used for revenues.
- A new system is being set up to track who money is collected from and all information regarding businesses and will include how the facility is operated.

- Plan review fees include new construction and how the facility will be operated with another category for remodeling an existing site.
- Board of Health felt very strongly regarding late fees and the penalties are very stiff for late payments.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH**

Evelyn Neavear said that there had been one person test positive for the West Nile virus and that a positive bird and mosquitoes were found in several communities.

SOLID WASTE

Ray Corey said that he had a call from the DNR this month and that it was fairly certain that they would be receiving a \$500,000 grant for the purpose of removing sediment.

Corey said that:

- Two companies, Article and Midwest Foundation, are the only ones who do this type of work
- He asked if the project had to be bid.
- He had informed Ron Simpson that additional mud will be put on the property. Simpson does not want to lose the property, he lives on the property and he will cooperate with us.
- The property will not go to a tax sale and \$26,000 is owed in back taxes.
- A core committee will be formed to look at the soil, air and water conditions and Kristal Deininger will work with the committee along with other experts to work on other aspects of the project.

Chairman Harris said the committee will be divided into three groups: Public Safety, Finance, and Media, and that they will bring all their findings back to the Health Services Committee. Each committee will be asked to submit budgetary guidelines for the project.

Ray Corey said that the state of Illinois has passed a new law requiring inspections of new constructions and demolition materials. Corey said his concern about this would be how much tonnage is going into the project and the fees that they collect.

**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.

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer