



Minutes approved 01-13-2011

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department

Thursday, October 14, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Brett Grimm, Paul Hahn, Joyce Antonini

Other Persons Present: TCHD Administrator Amy Tippey, Solid Waste Director Ray Corey, Director of Environmental Health Evelyn Neavear

MOTION

MOTION BY GRIMM, SECOND BY SUNDELL to approve the minutes of the September 09, 2010 meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ANIMAL CONTOL

Animal Control Director Bob Marshall was absent, but provided his monthly report for September 2010.

This budget has been approved through Finance Committee.

The Committee reviewed the Animal Control Budget.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Amy Tippey provided information for this meeting on the TCHD budgets. All budget parameters have been met. Same budget as last year.

Discussion on what has been spent on Pekin Landfill to Patrick Engineering.

Chairman Harris reported that there was extra fund request on this years' budget for testing. Resolution to be reviewed at this meeting.

Funds expected from the State would be one to one and a half million dollars and that would be money-in and money-out of the budget.

D. Grimm reported that Board members on the Finance committee were aware of this project and would be supportive.

Additional funding needed for testing to determine what the final plan for the Pekin Landfill will be.

D. Grimm had questions of the Health Department budget on Solid Waste for expenditures.

Tippey explained those were the amounts she recommended for the budget based on the bills she received. She believes the majority will be captured back.

Tippey pointed out a one page summary in the budget of all the funds within the Health Department. Overall, expect approximately \$14,000 in the positive for all the Health Department funds. No levy increases are expected this year. They have held back on some major costs as well as staffing attrition. On the revenue side, have been very conservative.

Update on strategic planning at the Health Department. Work teams have been developed. On 09-29-10 there was an all staff training day. One example shared. Staff worked on the new food fees to see if the plan was customer friendly, etc. It helped staff understand how the money flow worked in relationship to the food fees.

Fund raiser T-Shirts designed by staff to help raise money for a Coins for Cause fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Evelyn Neavear reported that West Nile was over for this year. Dead bird testing ended with the first frost.

October 14 was Environmental Education Day at the Avanti's Dome. They had about 350 fifth graders attend and visit 17 booths from 9:30am – 2:00pm. It was a good event with great participation.

She reported on a workgroup that is working on definitions. Other groups in Environmental Health are working on abandoned wells and operational inspections. These are inspections of rural homes on private septic systems. Private sales provide a challenge in identifying inspection needs.

SOLID WASTE

Ray Corey reported there has been much activity since the last meeting regarding the Pekin Landfill. The sub committee meetings of Public Safety and Legal met. At the Public Safety meeting they discussed the need to have a plan to present to IDNR for funds for

river sludge, to IEPA for approval of the plan and to the Attorney General to include in the court order for ability to gain access to the property. The original plan was thought to be in the 4 million dollar area. With the assistance of Patrick Engineering it has been determined that a cap in place may meet the need. There is more information that will be attained through testing that will determine the direction of the plan. Additional testing will begin on 10-18-10. If the new tests do not reveal a huge problem with what is underground the plan will be to go forward with the cap in place as used by the EPA.

Chairman Harris stated that the IEPA met with them and agreed that the testing that is scheduled is what is needed to make a decision.

Corey stated the Public Safety meeting wanted to make sure the testing was done so the funding can be approved.

Corey reported that IDNR was now willing to increase the funding from ½ million to one and a half million. At the time of that meeting, that was thought to be enough money to provide the two feet of topsoil needed. However, the last time river silt was purchased, it cost \$21 per ton. Using that same calculation it would now take approximately 3.3 million dollars to cover the landfill.

Tippey reported that all are comfortable that the committee now has adequate numbers as to what will be needed for the plan.

Corey also reported this is a different funding source. This is funding through the Mud to Parks. This will require an IGA between the IDNR and the county. This will require a twenty year public benefit to the land. IDNR wants to see how the 20 year plan will be managed. Committee is working on including the property owner in the agreement.

Legal committee is still waiting on the IGA.

Tippey reported the language in the IGA will also protect the county from liability issues.

Chairman Harris stated they want the contract to go to the full Board this month. The deadline for completion of the IGA is 10-21-10.

Corey reported that he received a letter from IEPA as a result of requesting their approval that the river silt is analytically OK. He read a key statement from the letter. "The information indicates use

of the dredge soil as cover material is not inconsistent with previously discussed plan.”

Chairman Harris stated there may be an In-Place Health Services meeting at the Board meeting to review the final IGA.

Tippey reported that either she or Corey could provide some explanations to Board members if needed. This million and a half dollar grant is for getting the silt out and transporting it. The earliest the river silt could even be started is approximately June 2011.

Chairman Harris reported that in the IGA there is language that the County could back out of the plan if needed.

Chairman Harris requested a motion to approve the contract for additional testing.

MOTION BY HILLEGONDS, SECOND BY SUNDELL.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Sundell | yes |
| | D. Grimm | yes |
| | Hillegonds | yes |
| | Sinn | yes |
| | Chairman Harris | yes |

MOTION CARRIED.

Corey reported on solid waste – Tazewell County has several electronics recycling sights. There is a new 2012 law that will ban electronics from landfills. The Health Department is signed up for Earth Day 2011 regarding electronic recycling in Tazewell County.

Chairman Harris adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Transcribed by S. Beeney