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Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Hillegonds, Sue Sundell, Joyce Antonini,
Paul Hahn, Mike Harris, Greg Sinn

Committee Members Absent: Brett Grimm

MOTION

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY SUNDELL to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Animal Control

Animal Control Director, Bob Marshall, was unable to attend the meeting but his October 2011 report was available to the Committee.

MOTION

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MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY SINN to recommend approval to the County Board for the Agreement with Dr. Arthur Herm, DVM.

Sinn stated he was curious to know if the premium increased if his net was the same.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Health Department

Health Department Administrator Amy Tippey provided the Committee with an update on their year long Community Assessment. They had the Local Public Health System Assessment at the end of October in Tremont. There were approximately 75 in attendance. Their work that day will help rank where the public health system is. One area they were ranked well was educating and informing the public. An area to focus on as a system is research and monitoring health status. The final report is expected out in the next month or so.

Harris stated he sat in on one of the morning sessions and it provided good information gathering.

This is one of four assessments that will be completed over the next several months. In the Spring they will establish goals and priorities for the next five years.

The second assessment is the Community Health Status Assessment. There have been stickers on the newspaper encouraging the community to go on-line and take a short survey. Bradley University has partnered with the steering committee. To be statistically significant they need at least 375 respondents. After the first week they were at 170. Demographics are looked at, such as zip code and age group. Paper copies of the survey are in every library in the area.

Two more assessments will happen in the late winter. Community Themes and Strengths - meant to gather information from all parties related to health to see what is done well and where are we going. The fourth assessment is called Forces of Change and it will bring in economic and industrial data to look at what the forces that will change what health is or how it will increase or decline in the foreseeable future.

This is the first time that TCHD has gone to these lengths to get community input into our communities' health status.

Environmental Health

Director of Environmental Health Evelyn Nevear reported that on 10-28-11 there was a Snow and Ice Removal Conference at the Paradise. There were 90 participants, many from IDOT, Highway and Municipalities. They were trained on proper chloride usage. She stated the operators appreciated the educational conference. The only audience members that were missing were from private industry. When salting for snow and ice there is too much used in an attempt to prevent slipping and falling. There is an adverse affect on groundwater when too much chloride is used.

Solid Waste

Director of Solid Waste Ray Corey provided the Committee members with the first draft of the revised Solid Waste Management Plan. He stated this is the 20 year anniversary of the first plan which was

created in 1991. He advised that there was no real deadline established, but he would like the Committee to review the overall plan and provide feedback. He stated the plan must include a public hearing and then a 30 day period for comments before going to the full Board.

There was discussion regarding the type of waste that was brought to our landfills. Mike Harris stated that the original contract covered everything except hazardous waste being converted to non-hazardous. (de-listing) Chairman Hillegonds stated that the landfill process has changed in the last twenty years.

Tippey asked that the Committee members review the Solid Waste Management Plan as it was the initial draft. She stated that anyone should be able to read it and understand it.

Chairman Hillegonds informed the Committee that Chairman Zimmerman was going to contact the State and reinitiate the Mud to Parks grant.

Chairman Hillegonds recessed the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)