



| *Minutes approved 03-08-12*

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, February 09, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Brett Grimm

MOTION

MOTION BY ANTONINI, SECOND BY HARRIS to approve the minutes of the December 08, 2011 meeting and the January 25, 2012 In-Place meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Director of Animal Control, Bob Marshall, provided his report for January 2012. The Committee commented on the increase in income and Marshall reported there were many registrations due. They also commented on the reduction of euthanized animals. Marshall stated they utilize all of the rescue shelters they can.

Hahn asked about Animal Control involvement with the new exotic pet shop. Marshall explained that they are inspected and monitored by the Federal government. He stated they receive complaints and follow up.

MOTION
HS-12-07

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY SUNDELL to recommend to County Board to approve the Inter-governmental Agreement with Marquette Heights and Animal Control.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Marshall explained that Minier chose not to renew their contract with Animal Control but rather pay on an "as need" basis.

ANIMAL CONTROL BILLS

Marshall explained to the Committee that Line Item 211-411-533-720 – Building and Grounds Maintenance – had multiple expenses due to heater replacements and outside security lighting. He wanted to explain the expenses as this Line Item may have a need for a transfer in the near future.

He also explained to the Committee that he would likely not be able to attend the March meeting but will be sending a request to purchase a new truck. The current Dodge Dakota has over 130,000 miles on it. The replacement vehicle will be obtained through State bid and it will be a Ford F-150 with a cost of approximately \$14,000. He will send the request through Health Services for their approval prior to going on to Property.

He also stated that since the County Board changed the ordinance of selling property he hopes to get rid of the old vehicle that he has been trying to get rid of for years.

MOTION

MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY HAHN to recommend to County Board to pay the Animal Control Bills as presented.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Administrator, Amy Tippey explained the “Forces of Change” was the last assessment for their MAPP (Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships) process. It is designed to help community leaders identify forces, such as trends, factors, or events that will be influencing the health and quality of life in the community and local public health system. The event is on February 29 from 10am to 1pm at Bernardi’s Restaurant in Washington. RSVP’s are due to TCHD by 02-21-12. Tippey stated that they need leaders to stand up and give their opinions. This has been a missing piece from other assessments – the business and planning aspect.

Tippey also reported on the Morton High presentation regarding synthetic drugs. She stated there have been many articles in the newspapers on these drugs. Some cities are implementing ordinances. She

reported the Teen Initiative Board is driving community presentations. The formulary of these synthetic drugs differ by manufacturer. The State law is not yet written as the chemicals change. The local ordinances are broader in scope. The Tazewell County Teen Initiative has not yet discussed a county ordinance. Tippey said she would discuss and get their recommendations. She stated the synthetic drugs were only identified approximately 9 months ago and they are ever evolving. Tippey will work out details for a County Board presentation.

Tippey also provided the Committee with a heads up regarding infant deaths in the area as a result of positional or roll over. The Coroner, staff at the TCHD and staff at DCFS are pulling together a task force to identify where more support is needed. It may be in the form of further education.

Tippey advised that the Mental Health Advisory Committee, which was recently formed as a mandate, had their first meeting on 02-08-12. Their charge is to monitor mental health conditions in the County. Tippey stated she will utilize this committee to report back to the County Board on their progress.

Tippey stated that the Re-organization is now complete at the Health Department. She provided a presentation to her staff on 01-31-12. The goal is to be more efficient in the future. They also need to adapt to new funding streams. The Board of Health has encouraged her to have an Assistant. Karla Burress is the new Assistant and will be attending meetings in the future.

Harris stated that Tippey did the reorganization without adding any staff. The structuring was accepted by all.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Director of Environmental Health, Evelyn Neaver, reported that January was National Radon Safety month. She stated they sold approximately 100 testing kits in January. They will be at the Home Show with their own booth this year. She stated last year they sold out at 100 and this year they hope to sell out at 170.

Tippey stated that she had recently attended a legislative breakfast and was complimented on our County's radon program.

Neaver provided the Committee with a heads up regarding coming events in regard to the Clean Water Act. She said the USEPA will soon have permit requirements for NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) for both new and replacement systems. She stated that once the full information is out there will be a 30 day comment period. She will keep the Committee advised.

SOLID WASTE

MOTION

HS-12-06

MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY HAHN to recommend to County Board to approve the annual recycling collection programs.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Director of Solid Waste & Code Enforcement, Ray Corey, reported that in January there was a telephone conference call with IEPA regarding the Pekin Landfill. He stated that Amy Tippey, Lincoln Hobson and he talked with IEPA and requested an official assessment on the Pekin Landfill regarding threats to health and safety. The County is not prepared to provide the 3 million dollars needed to cover the landfill. They are waiting for a response from IEPA.

Tippey stated they were pressing them for legislative action or support for money if immediate action is needed. At this time they do not consider our landfill an imminent need.

Chairman Hillegonds stated that there needs to be a presentation to the County Board regarding the update at the Pekin Landfill.

Steve Harenberg, facility manager of Indian Creek Landfill, advised the Committee to always keep this on the back burner. Once the landfill starts to leak it won't be able to stop. He advised putting together an inspection program and to not give up on covering the landfill.

Tippey agreed that there needs to be a written plan for future generations to monitor.

SOLID WASTE BILLS

MOTION BY HAHN, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend to County Board to approve the Solid Waste Bills as presented.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hahn stated that in March he is hosting a chemical drift seminar at his winery. The 2-4-D herbicide is deadly on many things including trees. He asked if anyone from the Health Department would be interested in coming to or speaking at the seminar. Tippey advised that she would ask Neaver to contact him.

Chairman Hillegonds recessed the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

(Transcribed by S. Beeney)