



Minutes approved 05-08-14

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, April 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Carroll Imig, Sue Sundell, Nick Graff, Brett Grimm, Mike Harris, John Redlingshafer, Greg Sinn

Committee Members Absent: Jerry Vanderheydt

Chairman Imig introduced the new Animal Control Director, Ryan Sanders, to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the upcoming conference call with Patrick Engineering. Harris and Sinn provided the Committee members with an update on the Sub Committee. Sinn stated there are questions regarding going out for bid and details of the testing criteria. He pointed out that the quality of ground may differ based on location. The sub-committee wanted the entire Health Services committee involved in the discussion. Chairman Imig stated it is known that the soil from Indian Creek Landfill is suitable. Testing other sites will require money and may not meet specifications.

Chairman Imig moved the Committee to a conference call with Patrick Engineering regarding the Pekin Landfill and the bid process. Chris Burger and Jeff Deckard were on the call. Sinn inquired about breaking the bids down and if they had researched. Burger said it was an internal review. He understands the need to keep the price down and still be effective. He stated they have always looked at high quality clay to build on because it stops infiltration. Another goal is to have a green vegetative cap with minimal erosion. The thickness of the clay layer could be reduced which would save a few hundred thousand dollars. Another approach is for geo tech testing with other sites. That information could be provided to the contractors so they can bid on it. If there was a good low cost source of soil they could get by with a lesser type clay. Lesser quality soils could be used and still have a cap. Transportation of the soil is not cheap and he asked for consideration of the county purchasing land closer to the landfill.

Harris asked about relief of ownership and risk and if there was a change would that change the program. Burger said not in his opinion. Cost reductions could be justified.

Redlingshafer asked about the bid packet and if all aspects would be incorporated, piece meal or what the recommendation was. Burger stated

it is easier to administer if one bid. The contractor has more responsibilities which is an advantage for the County. He stated he could not speculate if piece meal would cost less. Contractors could sub out some work to reduce their costs.

Grimm inquired if we used one contractor and when almost complete we find they did not complete the project correctly – who is liable. Burger stated that would not happen because quality assurance would be on site. Redlingshafer asked if we could build in construction bonds so they are on the hook if not going well. Burger stated that could be done.

Harris inquired if a “cap” could be placed on some items. Burger stated there is a negative with that because if a “cap” is seen, the bid will go up to that “cap”. Harris inquired if we ask PDC to set up the bid specifications, or chose to limit, can their package be broken up. Burger stated it could be separated.

Sinn stated there were several areas to decide on. Do we test property or set the specifications that are subject to testing. Do we relax our expectation of the clay. Do we build in the right to refuse the bid. He wants to move forward but wants it done correctly. Redlingshafer suggested that ranges be placed in the bid packet.

Harris advised Patrick Engineering that he would contact them again on 04-11-14 and the conference call ended.

MOTION MOTION BY GRIMNM, SECOND BY SUNDELL to approve the minutes of The Mary 13, 2014 meeting.

Chairman Imig pointed out a correction.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Director Sanders reported to the Committee on his background. He worked for Peoria County Animal Control for four years. He has his bachelors in criminal justice.

MOTION MOTION BY REDLINGSHAFER, SECOND BY GRAFF to recommend to County Board to approve the Animal Control bills as presented.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Evelyn Neavear provided the Committee with an update on the proposed Body Art Ordinance. The Board of Health had some changes to the draft ordinance. Licensed body artists brought this issue forward to the Health Department. Some shops are unlicensed. Since the public meeting one

unlicensed shop has now become licensed. There are no new licensing fees. The fee would be for body artists to be registered. They are asking for a minimal fee of \$25 every 5 years. An artist would have to re-register if they changed shops. This ordinance enhances and compliments the State ordinance.

Harris questioned the minimal fee. Health Department Administrator Fox stated it does help to defray costs. The fee to the State is from the business and the fee to the County is from the artist.

Neavear stated she is taking the Ordinance to Executive for an update this month.

Neavear then explained their fees based on the Bellwether recommendations. She provided the Committee with two documents. The fees are for food plan review fees, operational inspection fees, plan review fees, temporary food permit fees and fee and program change fees. The Committee discussed temporary fees and weekend events. The increase is to cover costs. A decrease in notification time has caused more unexpected overtime and this fee increase could deter late notifications. Graff asked if there was a way to have a different rate for not-for-profit agencies that use these events as their fund raiser. Harris inquired if an analysis had been completed. Fox stated it was within the scope of the Bellwether study. Redlingshafer asked for clarification of the definition of remodel from Community Development in order to be consistent.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Administrator Fox stated that Board of Health reception will be April 24th. There will be awards presented to five people.

Fox stated that May is Mental Health month and may provide information to Chairman Zimmerman for a proclamation.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Neavear stated that in June a group will be coming for arsenic testing. This will be a big event with three sites in Tazewell and McLean. They will be promoting the educational aspect. There will be a documentary made. Students will be able to come and watch this process.

SOLID WASTE

Goetze advised there were 21 attendees at the West Nile virus conference. They learned the proper application for larvicide.

She reported that the EPA has another tire collection site for municipalities at one of our townships.

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

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

PEKIN
LANDFILL

Harris stated the Committee needed to discuss the issues from the conference call. Grimm stated we could put out what we want done. Redlingshafer stated to set the minimum and reserve the right to address. Harris stated he agrees to the minimum standard and send the package out. Sinn stated that for low bid, we test and include the right to refuse. The contract could be contingent on the sample results. Grimm stated that another option is to use the low bid from known sources or pay for two sites to be tested as alternatives. Goetze reported that she had two additional companies calling to see when the bid specifications are coming out. Harris reminded the Committee that the further away the source of soil the higher the cost for transportation. If the consensus is to spend the money for two tests they could work with Patrick to decide the best way to spend the money.

Grimm stated a base bid should be established. If the contractor believes there is another option they can bid but pay for the test and provide satisfactory results. The Hopedale soil is what we want so they are the "blueprint".

Harris had several questions for the environmental attorney at the end of the discussion on legalities.

Chairman Imig recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)