



**Minutes approved 04-09-15**

## **Health Services Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department

Thursday, March 12, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Imig, Sue Sundell, Nick Graff, Mike Harris, Mary Jo Holford, Jerry Vanderheydt

Committee Members Absent: Seth Mingus, Greg Sinn

**MOTION MOTION BY SUNDELL, SECOND BY GRAFF** to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Imig explained to the Committee that the presentation on Zero Waste that was on the agenda was being pulled at this time. An East Peoria resident wanted to present information to the Committee for the County to consider adopting an ordinance similar to what Peoria County has for commercial recycling. She had to reschedule and would not be able to attend today. Imig presented the Committee with some background information on commercial recycling as it had been signed into law in the 1990's.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Director Sanders had provided his report for February to the Committee. He reported they were doing a second open house on Saturday for adoption. He also reported that they put a request on Facebook for donations of a specific type of dog beds and requested 20. They received 28 donations on the first day. He stated this was in conjunction with the Tazewell County Humane Society. Sanders reported he will be looking into the possibility of an outside dog run.

Chairman Imig stated that Sanders is looking at a tag fee increase but will be doing some more research before bringing to the Committee. His concern is being able to cover wage increases through 2018. Sundell inquired if the increase had to comply with the State law. Sanders stated there is a clause regarding a \$10 differential to be used for a population control fund but he will bring more information to the April meeting.

**MOTION MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY SUNDELL** to recommend to County Board to approve the Animal Control bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Fox shared a draft version of the BOH reception invitation. This year it will be held on April 23.

She gave an update to the Committee on state funding and her concerns for the County. She stated there are serious and steep numbers being discussed for cuts. The cuts will affect programs and staffing. She stated the proposal for Teen Reach, which is targeted at Junior High level for life skills, is slated for elimination. She stated they are preparing for the worst case scenarios.

She provided an update on their accreditation. A site visit is expected in July or August.

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH**

Director Neavear provided the Committee with several updates. The USEPA designated a 16 county area over the Mohamet Aquifer as a sole source water supply.

She reported that March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup> is Fix-A-Leak week. The Health Department has 125 Fix-A Leak kits to give away.

She reported that Delavan will be working with them to obtain their septic and well permit for the cannabis cultivation facility project.

Neavear stated she will be bringing information to the Executive Committee on 03-18-15 regarding changes to the septic ordinance. She stated the changes were approved by the BOH.

**SOLID WASTE**

Director Neavear reported on Solid Waste and stated that the landfill project should begin within the next two weeks provided the temperatures remain above 32 degrees.

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

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Harris reported that he and Neavear had phone calls from Pike County. They are working on their host agreement and wanted information from Tazewell.

Chairman Imig recessed the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)