



Minutes approved 05-14-15

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, April 09, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Imig, Sue Sundell, Nick Graff, Mike Harris,
Mary Jo Holford, Seth Mingus, Greg Sinn

Committee Members Absent: Jerry Vanderheydt

MOTION MOTION BY GRAFF, SECOND BY MINUGUS to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Imig explained the resolution before the Committee has two options for consideration.

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MOTION BY SINN, SECOND BY MINGUS to recommend to County Board to approve an increase of the rabies registration fee for Animal Control by selection of Option A.

Animal Control Director Sanders explained that either option would provide enough revenue to last another ten years or so. Option A is the lower fee increase but does not bring the County into compliance with the state statute. He stated there is a population control fund but it is not funded by this particular revenue source. Sanders stated this is a good alternative and explained the \$10 differential in the state statute.

Graff asked Sanders to explain the handouts attached to the Resolutions. Sanders explained the increases which would not take effect until 2016. Graff stated that he has concerns when the County is not doing something the law mandates us to do. Because the Committee is now looking at a proposed change we have an opportunity to correct this.

Sundell clarified what the increased funds were set aside for with the state statute. Sanders stated there are only nine counties that send the funds to the State. He stated we currently have an animal population control fund and use it to spay and neuter animals adopted out and also to assist low income families pay for spay/neuter. Mingus stated he does not want to put any additional burdens on people, but he agrees with Graff and wants to stay within the law. Sundell concurred as she has a problem not being in full compliance with the state. Harris said he had a problem with the whole package and would not support it.

Graff suggested that rather than increase the altered animal fee to \$10, drop it to \$5 and increase the unaltered animal fee which would establish our differential. Sinn pointed out that would not create any additional revenue for the Animal Control budget. Sinn also clarified that their revenue balance is in good shape at this time. Sanders stated he has improvements in mind, such as updating software which will initially cost approximately \$30,000.

Imig brought the Committee back to the motion on the floor for Option A. Graff stated he cannot support violating state law. Mingus and Sundell agreed. Graff suggested that we delay the decision for a month to see if there is additional information regarding what can be done with the increased revenue and meet state compliance.

MOTION **MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY HOLFORD** to table.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ANIMAL
CONTROL**

Director Sanders provided the Committee with his report for March 2015. Sinn congratulated Sanders on the reduced number of animals being euthanized.

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

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Fox stated Board members should have two items in their mail boxes. One was their Annual Report. She stated it was an expanded report to highlight their work done in-house as well as in the community. The second item is an invitation to the reception on the 23rd. She reminded the Committee of the fundraiser called "Trek Around Tazewell".

Fox updated the Committee on elimination of state funds. Teen Reach had an immediate cut. She explained what that means to the seven school districts. They are working to continue the tutoring programs in the schools and deal with the cuts at the Health Department. She also reported on the child care assistance program changes. She stated they will be asking the Board of Health for a parent fee increase. She stated normally when cuts are considered there is a time frame to work towards viable changes. This cut was "immediate". They are working on fee increases and personnel reductions. She advised more funding reductions are coming.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH**

Director Neavear advised the Committee of three upcoming events. On April 17th there will be a joint Code Enforcement Conference, April 20th is the Clean Water Celebration which will be at the Civic Center and April 21st at the Health Department is training for pool managers.

Neavear handed out information on pool agreements. The current agreement which is in effect until 2019 allows the Health Department to charge an inspection fee. She will be asking the Board of Health to allow them to charge the \$100 initial inspection licensure fee effective January 2016. Fox further explained that the State receives the registration and expects the Health Departments to monitor with no reimbursement.

**SOLID
WASTE**

Supervisor Goetze reported they received the Indian Creek Landfill capacity report earlier this week. There is now an additional 31 years added to the closure. She stated this is partially due to an increase in recycling.

She reported the audit with PDC has been scheduled for May 19th. They have increased Lunch and Learns at the Health Department for their zero waste program. They have their own compost site and garden.

Steve Harenburg of PDC reported they are working on a recycle program for CRT glass. They have one landfill cell dedicated which could later be pulled out and recycled.

Neavear reported that work on the Pekin Landfill has started again. She is sending updates to the Landfill Sub Committee as she receives them. Their estimate is six more weeks as long as the weather remains good.

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

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Steve Harenburg reported they had three bidders to construct the next cell at ICL. If the weather is good they can be completed by the mid to end of August.

Chairman Imig recessed the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)