



Minutes approved 07-09-15

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, June 11, 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 SUNDELL, SECOND BY HOLFORD** to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANIMAL CONTROL

Sanders provided his May report. The reduction in euthanasia rates was discussed and Sanders stated that was from more rescued and reclaimed animals. Sanders advised the Committee that next month they will begin accepting credit card payments.

Chairman Imig opened the discussion of euthanasia fees for animals that have bitten. Sanders stated that they IDPH advised them they are receiving too many rabies test samples and have advised 10 day quarantine is needed prior to euthanizing. Sanders stated the cost is \$25 to euthanize and that cost is not documented. Mingus asked the frequency and Sanders stated it is at least once a week. Sanders stated that keeping the animals that bite for the ten days puts his staff at higher risk. For an animal that bit and was quarantined at Animal Control, the cost for the owner to reclaim is \$180. Sanders recommendation is to double the euthanizing fee to \$50 for owners that simply surrender the animal that has bitten. The overall consensus of the committee was supportive. Harris asked that Sanders provide a cost justification. Chairman Imig asked that this item be brought back to the July meeting with an action item for a fee increase.

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

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

Fox reported the fiber optics line was severed and they were without phones and internet on Tuesday. She reported the contractor, iTV3, responded quickly and resolved the problem same day.

The community health assessment is in the process. They are working with hospitals in the region. She reports that data is being collected by zip code. Doing this as a regional project will save money and have a better opportunity to improve health throughout the region.

Fox provided the Committee with an update on their accreditation. The site visit is still expected the end of July. They have additional information to submit by the 2nd of July. Overall they feel they have the major areas covered.

A quality improvement plan is in process on the dental health center to improve customer service experience from check in to check out.

Fox explained that they still do not know what the state budget will be. They have had some employment separations and will have more before the month is over. At this point it has been part time employees working with the after school programs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH**

Neavear reported they provided larvae site training. The park districts sent people to be trained. She reported that mosquito traps have been set and no positives for West Nile Virus at this time. Dead birds will be accepted after June 15th. She stated that the birds normally test positive at the end of the season and they are only allowed to send five birds this season.

**SOLID WASTE
PLANNING**

Goetze reported she is working with the IEPA for another tire clean-up site in Washington. This is for townships, villages and cities only. She reported that her curbside recycling grants have been sent out.

Goetze advised the Committee that the CRT glass legislation has passed the House and the Senate and was on the Governor's desk at this time.

Neavear reported on the Pekin Landfill. The wells are to be installed next week and that will finalize the project.

Harris stated that our GIS department completed a chart showing the water flow before and will do another in a year or so to see directional change.

Neavear advised the Solid Waste Plan was due for an update and she has brought this up more than once. Money is to be set aside and she has been in contact with our Auditor for advice on bid letting.

Neavear stated that this Committee needs to decide what to spend. Their department can gather information and numbers but a plan is needed for forward thinking. Fox stated past discussions indicated the consensus was to go out for a contractor, but now is the time for a dollar amount. Engineers are needed to look at how things can be done better and what new technologies are on the horizon.

Neavear will discuss with Patrick Engineering and bring more information for next month's meeting. Imig stated he may then form a sub-committee to get through this process.

Harris stated that we need to maintain the landfill and budget for funds to mow and fill in dirt if needed. Goetze stated she will follow up with ICL as they have a contractor do that work. She will provide an idea of cost.

MOTION **MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY SUNDELL** to recommend to Approve the Solid Waste bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

(transcribed by S. Beeney)