



Minutes approved 05-12-16

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Seth Mingus, Sue Sundell

MOTION MOTION BY HOLFORD, SECOND BY GRAFF to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting and the March 30, 2016 In-Place meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Imig opened the discussion on the proposed changes to the Geothermal Ordinance. Environmental Health Director Neavear stated she had presented to Executive in March and it will be a resolution in April. Sinn asked about the penalties. Neavear stated there were no changes to the penalties that were originally approved.

Chairman Imig opened the discussion on the Solid Waste Plan. Neavear advised there is a need for the Planning Committee to meet and she will arrange with the committee members and bring information back to Health Services in May.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Sanders provided the Committee his reports for February and March 2016.

MOTION MOTION BY SINN, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend to approve the Animal Control bills as presented.

Sinn asked about the bill for blood draw. Sanders explained that was to test his blood in the rabies vaccination series for employees.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director Fox advised the Committee on the agenda for the Board of Health Open House reception on 04-19-16. She reported on May 17 priorities would be set based on the input of the community health assessment.

She stated that would be an all day session as they had approximately 200 pages of data to sort through.

She reported she is working with the BOH to address the cash flow issues as a result of the lack of state budget. She stated as an agency they finished 2015 in the black. At this time they have gone through their working cash and had to take \$100,000 from reserves. She stated she met with the County Board Chairman and the County Administrator and discussed the plan she will take to the BOH. She stated they are looking at all areas for reductions. She stated she got ASA Holly's opinion on joining a potential lawsuit against the state and she was advised against it. She also reported on the Court of Claims as a potential avenue to be funded. She stated that may not be an option. Fox stated she will meet with her staff soon to advise.

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MOTION BY GRAFF, SECOND BY VANDERHEYT to recommend to approve a contract for spay/neuter using the Low Income Population Control Fund.

Chairman Imig welcomed Dr. Ramirez of the Lakeview Veterinary Clinic to the meeting.

Harris inquired how the low income population control line was funded. Sanders stated some were from impounding fees. He budgets \$5,000 annually. The cost for one sterilization can be up to \$190 for a qualifying resident. Sinn inquired about the transporting fees to Springfield. Sanders stated that was discussed at one meeting but with this contract that is no longer an issue. Harris clarified when the funds run out the assistance ends for the year. Sanders stated the funds had paid for approximately 25 surgeries per year and with this agreement that will at least double.

Dr. Ramirez stated the surgical cost would be substantially discounted. The surgeries would be performed at one of the local 13 participating veterinarian clinics on a rotating basis.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH

Neavear advised the Committee on activities. They held a pool seminar. They had their 7th annual code enforcement conference. They will be doing a larvae siting training. They had their food service excellence awards. Washington High School produced two videos for a state wide program on radon. The clean water celebration is coming to the Civic Center. Pekin High School has a wellness program scheduled.

She stated they partnered in a state water survey for existing water wells. A tool will be used to see how it can be used and what modifications would be recommended.

**SOLID WASTE
PLANNING**

Supervisor Goetze reported her recycling grant agreements are coming in. With the zero waste initiative there is some grant money for electronic recycling signs. Notices went out for an October environmental health day for 5th graders. The transfer station is no longer accepting e-waste. The only known vendor is Kuusakoski on Townline Road, Peoria.

Goetze advised that the campaign is kicking off for west Nile virus awareness. The focus is on prevention by educating and eliminating areas of standing water.

Pekin Landfill – Neavear stated she talked with the excavating company and they finished one area of repairs. They will soon start the next phase of the scope of work.

MOTION **MOTION BY HOLFORD, SECOND BY GRAFF** to recommend to approve the Solid Waste Plan bills as presented.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Imig recessed the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)