



Minutes approved 06-09-16

Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department
Thursday, May 12, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Imig, Seth Mingus

MOTION **MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY GRAFF** to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice Chair Sundell opened the discussion on the Animal Control Administrator (veterinarian). Director Sanders stated he had discussed this with Chairman Imig last year about putting the contract out for competitive bids. He stated by doing this the County could see a cost savings. The current Administrator has been working with the County for at least 20 years without the responsibilities being bid out.

Sanders advised that an interview could be part of the bid process. He stated that some of the responsibilities included in the contract already fall to the Director. Sanders also stated that in some counties the Director is made the Administrator and a veterinarian could be named as Deputy Administrator. Sanders explained that some counties have veterinarian services on a rotating basis. If put out for competitive bid, Sanders was certain he would receive bids. He reviewed the scope of work that required a veterinarian to provide. The current contract with Dr. Herm runs through November.

The consensus of the Committee was to put the item on the agenda for action in June.

Vice Chair Sundell opened the discussion on the Solid Waste Plan. Administrator Fox stated they understood the update to be completed by Patrick Engineering was estimated to be in the area of \$30,000 which was budgeted. The proposal from Patrick Engineering was in the area of \$70,000. Fox proposed that she and her staff write the plan update. If approved, the funds in the budget could be used for salaries with a line item transfer. Fox stated they would include the community focus groups. The consensus of the Committee was to have the Health Department staff complete the work and request a line item transfer in the Solid Waste

Fund for salaries from the contractual line. That transfer request will go to Finance in May. Fox explained some of the cutbacks at the Health Department. They had to make adjustments by \$300,000 and this would help meet that goal without further cuts.

The plan will include plans for forward thinking that will include landfill recycling.

**ANIMAL
CONTROL**

Director Sanders provide his report for April 2016 with the Committee.

MOTION

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

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Fox explained the first regional Community Health Assessment results. Priorities were established for the next three years through collaboration with the Peoria and Woodford Health Departments. They will meet soon to compile strategies and goals. The finished document is expected by July and will be presented to each Health Board and then the State. This is the first time three health departments have worked cooperatively for a plan.

Fox provided some information on public health. This month she provided a handout on reportable diseases. She also provided an update on the zika virus.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH**

Director Neavear advised they are setting West Nile Virus mosquito traps. They will soon be doing quality of water checks and licensing of public pools. She advised their landfill inspector is retiring and they are training two new people.

**SOLID WASTE
PLANNING**

Supervisor Goetze reported on the Pekin Landfill. The rivulets have been repaired and the area seeded. She also reported on an inspection of a closed landfill in Washington. There was a leak in methane gas. That has now been identified and they are proposing a clay liner to again capture the methane.

Fox reported that with the lack of a state budget they have not signed the FY16 grant enforcement agreement. They expect it soon and the turnaround time will be fast to be in line for payment. A resolution will be prepared for Committee in May to authorize signatures.

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

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION **MOTION BY VANDERHEYDTE, SECOND BY HARRIS** to adjourn.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recess at 6:30 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)