



Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department Board Room

Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Jay Hall, Vice-Chair Greg Sinn, Jon Hopkins, Roy Paget, Sierra Smith

Committee Members Absent: Sam Goddard, Greg Longfellow

Others Attending: Mike Deluhery, County Administrator
Amy Fox, Health Dept.
Melissa Goetze, Health Dept.
Stacy Thompson, Environmental Health
Angie Phillips, Director of Clinical Services

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2024 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION Member Roy Paget voiced his concerns regarding the migrants that are living down by the river.

Health Department Administrator Amy Fox stated that they would work with any agency, however, she advised that she has spoken to Peoria County and they have no knowledge of an issue.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Director Aeschleman provided an overview of the January and February reports.

Aeschleman provided a summary of the euthanasia report, kennel services report, revenue report, expense report, registrations report, and rabies tags report.

Vice-Chair Sinn provided new committee member Hopkins with an overview of the Health Services committee meetings and what will be discussed during the meetings.

Aeschleman provided an update on the Feral Cat Trap, Spay/Neuter, and Release Program.

Aeschleman stated that Woodford County Sheriff's Office will be taking care of animal control for Woodford County. She advised that they hired two new deputies to run the program.

Aeschleman stated that there remain 3 veterinary clinics out of 23 that have not agreed to sell registration tags from their office. She stated that the deadline was March 1, 2024. She stated that letters have gone out advising them of the March 1, 2024 deadline. She stated that Mike Holly will be taking the next steps since the deadline has passed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Administrator Amy Fox said the annual report will be distributed soon. She also announced that Assistant Administrator Karla Burress will be retiring on June 14, 2024, and that they have started the process of replacing her.

Administrator Fox provided a status update on the construction of the new health department building on Broadway. She stated that the drywall is up, and all the doorways are in place.

Administrator Fox stated that the Board of Health holds an annual reception every year. She stated that they give awards to the community and staff and hold a fundraiser. She stated that this year the reception is on April 11th, which is the same day as the Health Services meeting. Chairman Hall proposed canceling the April Health Services meeting if there are no action items on the agenda, and if any action items come up, we could have an in-place meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental Health Supervisor Stacy Thompson stated that Tri-County Partnership was represented with a booth at the Peoria Home Show, and 40 radon test kits were given out. She stated that it is groundwater awareness week and they have been giving out free well water test kits. She stated that next month is the clean water celebration and we will have three booths, one with Illinois EPA, one with radon, and one about solid waste. She stated that also next month we have been asked by the Illinois Department of Public Health to host a one-hour larva site training.

SOLID WASTE

Environmental Health Director Melissa Goetze provided an overview of the rural grants for 2024 and the curbside recycling grants for the City of East Peoria, Morton, Village of Creve Coeur, Pekin, and Washington.

HS-24-07 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to East Peoria for curbside recycling

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

HS-24-08 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Morton for curbside recycling

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

HS-24-09 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Village of Creve Coeur for curbside recycling

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

HS-24-10 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Pekin for curbside recycling

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

HS-24-11 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Washington for curbside recycling

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

HS-24-12 **MOTION BY MEMBER HOPKINS, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to recommend to approve the annual recycling collection programs

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Member Hopkins stated that he received a call from someone in Hopedale regarding trash along the highway from the Townline Road exit to the Hopedale exit on both sides. He stated that he recently drove out there and there is quite a bit on each side. Environmental Health Director Melissa Goetze stated that she would have the inspectors drive along there and check the area out.

Chairman Hall recessed the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)

