

**Minutes approved 11.7.24**



## **Health Services Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department Board Room  
Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Jay Hall, Greg Longfellow, Greg Sinn, Jon Hopkins, Roy Paget

Committee Members Absent: Sam Goddard, Eric Schmidgall

Others Attending: Amy Fox, Health Dept.  
Libby Aeschleman, Animal Control

### **MOTION**

**MOTION BY MEMBER HOPKINS, SECOND BY MEMBER LONGFELLOW** to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2024 meeting.

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

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Animal Control Director Aeschleman provided an overview of the Animal Control budget for FY25. She stated that the city contract amounts increase yearly for four years starting in 2023.

Administrator Mike Deluhery stated that the vast majority are increasing and stated there were a couple of decreases.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that at the end of the four years, they will reevaluate.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that there are supplies increases to the postage and shipping line due to reminders being mailed out, field supplies for hazardous equipment in the trucks, and the rabies tags line.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that there are contractual increases for software system upgrade which will be discussed in the future. She stated that they continue to use Rescued Heart for veterinary services and she expects the fees will continue to increase.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that there is an increase for rabies vaccines due to the TNR program as the cats are

vaccinated for rabies. She stated that the population control line is being increased from \$3,000 to \$9,000.

Administrator Deluhery stated we receive a decent amount of calls regarding stray cats, so we are trying to be more proactive in getting them vaccinated, which will lower the population.

Member Hopkins questioned if other Illinois counties have a TNR program, and Director Aeschleman stated that several counties do, including Peoria and Woodford, and it has been shown to be effective in bringing down feral cat numbers.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that they hired a cleaning service for floormats and bathrooms. She stated they were doing this in-house, however, it was stressful and non-consistent. She stated that there is an increase in the cleaning services line.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that they have plans for a new vehicle in the fall of 2025, the purchase of Starcom radios, tablets, and new furniture.

Administrator Deluhery stated that the biggest item which would come from general fund dollars to CIP would be to remodel the facility. He stated that funds were budgeted in last year's budget for this year. He stated that for next year there is \$1,200,000 in the CIP fund for the HVAC, extension onto the back for an office area, generator, kennel upgrades, a new truck, radio equipment, software, furniture, and outdoor containment equipment. He stated that part of that is a spend down of the Animal Control fund for everything excluding the remodel.

Member Sinn questioned what percentage the fund balance will be and Administrator Deluhery stated \$625,000 with 50% of contingency left.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman stated that there is \$50,000 left in the capital budget and she stated that she has found a 2024 Dodge truck for \$39,388 which will not be available in December at the start of the fiscal year. She stated that she would like to purchase the truck now since it is available.

Animal Control Director Aeschleman provided an overview of the August reports.

Aeschleman provided a summary of the euthanasia report, kennel services report, revenue report, expense report, registrations report, and TNR/SNR Released report.

**HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Amy Fox stated that it is hunger action month and stated there will be a walk at the end of the month at Mineral Springs. She stated that they have asked if the County would do a proclamation as we have done the past two years. Administrator Deluhery requested that the proclamation be sent to him to be put on the agenda.

Administrator Fox stated that she will start meeting weekly with Administrator Deluhery, Mike Schone, and possibly Greg Longfellow to discuss the completion of the Broadway building. She stated that they are currently painting the interior. She stated that the current Health Department needs some carpet replaced and some touch up painting. She stated that they hope to complete the rest of the updates in 2025. She stated that they hope to have Environmental Health moved and settled into their new area.

Administrator Fox provided the members with a 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey. She stated that they hope to have a 90% confidence area for each segment of Tazewell County.

Administrator Fox provided an updated of the FY25 budget. She stated that the budget did not go through last week because they had some grant dollars that just came in that day that was just over \$150,000. She stated that they needed to button up some numbers on Broadway that did not make the budget book and they wanted to add some funds for software. She stated that they also added \$90,000 in for CIP. She stated that CIPA funds will cover six months of all the dental staff salaries and after that, it will come out of the Health Department budget.

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH**

Administrator Amy Fox stated that one of our sanitariums, Emerson, was awarded Sanitarium of the Year.

**SOLID WASTE**

Administrator Amy Fox requested that everyone pays attention to what is happening with the Peoria City/County Landfill and try to understand the bounce back of what would occur with whatever they decide.

Chairman Hall recessed the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)