



Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department Board Room

Thursday, March 13, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Jay Hall, Vice-Chair Greg Sinn, Greg Longfellow, Eric Schmidgall, Cathryn Stump, Tammy Rich-Stimson, Jon Hopkins

Committee Members Absent: Mark Goddard

Others Attending: Amy Fox, Health Dept.
Angie Phillips, Health Dept.
Libby Aeschleman, Animal Control
Melissa Goetze, Environmental Health
Katelynn Girad, Environmental Health

MOTION

MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL to approve the following minutes:

- 9/26/2006 Indian Creek Landfill Expansion Public Hearing
- 3/15/2007 Pollution Control Facility Siting Meeting
- 4/6/2009 Pekin Landfill Closure Meeting
- 10/4/2010 Pekin Landfill Meeting
- 10/5/2010 Pekin Landfill Sub-Committee Meeting
- 12/7/2010 Pekin Landfill Public Safety Meeting
- 1/10/2011 Pekin Landfill Legal Committee Meeting
- 2/28/2011 Pekin Landfill Sub-Committee Meeting
- 2/20/2014 Pekin Landfill Sub-Committee Meeting
- 6/12/2014 Pekin Landfill Sub-Committee Meeting
- 1/26/2016 Ad-Hoc Solid Waste Planning Committee Meeting
- 5/14/2020 Landfill Maintenance Committee Meeting
- 1/9/2025 Health Services Committee Meeting

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

ANIMAL

Animal Control Director, Libby Aeschleman, provided an overview of the January and February revenue, euthanasia, kennel services, bites, registration, officer call-outs, and expense reports.

Director Aeschleman stated that there have been a total of 195 cats trapped and released through the Feral Cat Trap, Spay/Neuter, and Release Program.

Director Aeschleman discussed a letter from Patricia Winston, DVM/Morton Animal Hospital, regarding their 2025 fee schedule for spay and neuter surgeries.

HS-25-07 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve Veterinarian-Reduced Fee/Spay Neuter Surgery Agreement

Director Aeschleman stated that the Spay/Neuter Surgery Agreement is for adoptable animals that are owned by Tazewell County only. She stated that this would be utilized directly with veterinary partners. She stated that Mike Holly has reviewed and approved the Agreement.

Member Hopkins questioned where the higher rates came from and Director Aeschleman stated that she spoke to vets about what they would need to break even on a surgery.

Director Aeschleman stated that there is approximately \$18,000 in the veterinary services line which will get us through the rest of the year.

Director Aeschleman stated that her five-year plan is to no longer have to outsource spay and neuter and have the ability to do it at our facility.

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

HEALTH

Health Department Administrator, Amy Fox, introduced Angie Phillips, who is the Director of Clinical Services, Katelynne Girard, who is the Director of Community Health, and Melissa Goetze, who is the Director of Environmental Health.

Administrator Fox provided the committee members an up-to-date guide to services with current staff and numbers and provided an overview.

Administrator Fox invited the committee members to attend the annual Board of Health dinner.

Member Sinn questioned Director Phillips if she was in charge of the Broadway Building. Director Phillips stated that her half of the Broadway Building is the clinic and Beth Beachy is the birth to five Services Director.

Member Sinn questioned if the clinic is appointment only and Director Phillips stated they provide clinic services in Tremont are on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoon of the month and clinic services in Pekin are Monday through Friday. She stated that it is appointment based but they do not turn anyone away. She

stated that the East Peoria location is for WIC and they offer services once a week on Wednesdays. She stated that Tremont offers immunizations on the third Wednesday of the month, which is in addition to the Pekin location.

Director Phillips stated that they have seen an uptick in services since they moved locations.

Katelynne Girard introduced herself and stated that she just transitioned to her position in July. She stated that they have community health programs including health education in junior highs and schools around Tazewell County, before and after school programs in 17 sites, and a women's health program.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Environmental Health Director, Melissa Goetze, stated that they just hired two new employees and are now fully staffed.

Director Goetze stated that Radon Action Month was in January, and they had a terrific turnout. She stated that they gave away over 500 radon test kits this year.

Director Goetze stated that this week is Groundwater Awareness Week. She stated that so far, they have given away 49 test bottles.

Director Goetze stated that May is Compost Awareness Month. She stated that they will join the Compost Awareness Campaign for the first time.

SOLID WASTE Environmental Health Director, Melissa Goetze, stated that she is bringing forward the recycling grants for this year.

HS-25-01 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to East Peoria for curbside recycling

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HS-25-02 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Morton for curbside recycling

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

HS-25-03 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Village of Creve Coeur for curbside recycling

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

HS-25-04 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Pekin for curbside recycling

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

HS-25-05 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve annual recycling grant payment to Washington for curbside recycling

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

HS-25-06 **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER HOPKINS** to recommend to approve the annual recycling collection programs

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

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

(transcribed by S. Gullette)