



## **Health Services Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department Board Room

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Presiding Chairman Greg Sinn, Greg Longfellow,  
Cathryn Stump, Tammy Rich-Stimson, Jon Hopkins,  
Mark Goddard

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Jay Hall, Eric Schmidgall

Others Attending: Mike Deluhery, County Administrator  
Amy Fox, Health Dept.  
Stacie Ealey, Health Dept.  
Libby Aeschleman, Animal Control  
Melissa Goetze, Environmental Health  
Stacy Thompson, Environmental Health

### **MOTION**

**MOTION BY MEMBER HOPKINS, SECOND BY MEMBER RICH-STIMSON** to approve the March 13, 2025 meeting and April 30, 2025 in-place meeting minutes

Health Department Administrator Amy Fox stated that she would like to make a correction to the March 13, 2025 minutes. She stated that Tremont offers immunizations on the third Wednesday of the month, which is in addition to the Pekin location. Member Hopkins and Member Rich-Stimson agreed to include the amendment in the Motion.

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

### **ANIMAL**

Animal Control Director, Libby Aeschleman provided an overview of the Agreement for Deputy Administrator of Tazewell County Animal & Rabies Control, which was approved in April.

Director Aeschleman, provided an overview of the March and April revenue, euthanasia, kennel services, bites, registration, officer call-outs, and expense reports.

Director Aeschleman stated that there have been a total of 240 cats trapped and released through the Feral Cat Trap, Spay/Neuter, and Release Program.

Director Aeschleman stated that they charge \$25 to euthanize an animal for those who cannot afford to go to a veterinary office.

Presiding Chairman Sinn discussed the new Animal Control building. He stated that even though it ultimately gets approved through the property committee, he would like this committee to be informed.

Administrator Mike Deluhery stated that there is a kick-off meeting next Thursday with PJ Hoerr and their design team to discuss the details of the project.

Member Stump stated that she fully supports Presiding Chairman Sinn's concerns and agrees that this committee should be informed in the future.

Administrator Deluhery stated that we could keep this a permanent actionable item on the agenda so an update is provided every month.

Director Aeschleman stated that the staff is already equipped to deal with the dogs who are terrified of the gunshots from the shooting range. She stated that they know which dogs to keep inside while people are shooting. She stated that with the amount of fans that they run currently, it has never been a problem inside the building.

## **HEALTH**

Health Department Administrator, Amy Fox, stated that the month has been full of grant writing and year-end reports. She stated that there are measles cases in Illinois, so they have been looking at schools to see what the percentage of coverage looks like. She stated that their physicals are going to cash only. She stated that they are having trouble receiving insurance payments for physicals. She stated this is for sports, school, and DOT physicals.

Administrator Fox stated that Carle was supposed to present their drawings for the remodel to the board in April, however, she had not heard back from them. Administrator Deluhery stated that he will reach out again for an update.

Administrator Fox stated that her staff would like a bumps to babies event. She questioned if this had to be brought to property committee because they would like to have this event in the parking lot. Administrator Deluhery stated that there is a policy that authorizes him to approve it as long as it meets certain criteria. He stated there is a form that needs to be filled out.

Administrator Fox stated that they have started a program called Midweek Movers, where people gather to walk at Mineral Springs Park.

Administrator Fox stated that they are also a teaching agency, and they have relationships with several learning institutions to be a guide for students.

**ENVIRONMENTAL** Environmental Health Supervisor Stacy Thompson stated that last month several staff members participated in the Clean Water Celebration at the Peoria Civic Center. She stated that they had booths covering radon awareness, groundwater awareness, and solid waste.

Supervisor Thompson stated that this month they are gearing up to start West Nile surveillance.

Supervisor Thompson discussed new environmental health software. She stated that they were informed last year that the digital software they use daily would be discontinued as of the end of 2026. She stated that they reviewed demos from three companies, and they decided on CDP. She stated that this is the cheapest option. She stated that CDP is an Illinois-based company and serves Peoria, McLean, Sangamon, Knox, Adams, and Cook Counties.

**SOLID WASTE** Environmental Health Director, Melissa Goetze, stated they are going to have their compost event on May 10, 2025. She stated that it is advertised on Facebook.

Director Goetze stated there is a household hazardous waste event on May 31, 2025, in Peoria County. She stated that the City of Pekin is having a clean-up on May 17, 2025. She stated that the City of Delavan is having a clean-up on June 14, 2025.

Director Goetze stated that there is a closed meeting coming up with Administrator Mike Deluhery, Chairman Brett Grimm, Jay Hall, Amy Fox, Stacie Ealey, and herself to discuss what is going on with the PDC landfill, which is now owned by GFP, and their business model.

Member Goddard stated that he was told last month that there is construction trash along the interstate by the landfill. Director Goetze stated that she has requested signage that states that tarps are required to avoid trash coming out of the trucks. She stated that tarps are required. She stated that IDOT does a pretty good job of keeping the area clean.

Presiding Chairman Sinn recessed the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

(transcribed S. Gullette)