



Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department Auditorium

Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Mark Goddard

Others Attending: Amy Fox, Health Dept.
Stacie Ealey, Health Dept.
Libby Aeschleman, Animal Control
Stacy Thompson, Environmental Health

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER LONGFELLOW, SECOND BY MEMBER RICH-STIMSON** to approve the May 8, 2025 meeting minutes

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

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

NEW ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING UPDATE

Director Aeschleman provided a handout of the most recent blueprint of the proposed new Animal Control building. She discussed the areas for public flow, staff flow, animal flow, and the vet room. She also discussed the current proposal regarding the location of the building, which will be located next to EMA.

PUBLIC COMMENT Terri Goss arrived at the meeting at 5:42 p.m. to discuss a complaint regarding her neighbor. She stated that she has made numerous complaints, however, nothing has been done. She stated that her neighbor's septic tank has been floating since February.

Chairman Jay Hall called the Point of Order and advised Ms. Goss that she missed public comment; therefore, she is unable to speak at the meeting.

HEALTH

Health Department Administrator, Amy Fox, stated that they are in the process of replacing carpet in the building. She stated that she has been working on community health improvement planning. She stated that there have been 10-12 meetings across the tri-county and the three areas that will be moving forward next year are nutrition security for youth, suicide and intent for harm of youth, and access and navigation for behavioral health for all ages.

ENVIRONMENTAL Environmental Health Supervisor Stacy Thompson stated that they are dealing with changes associated with the Illinois Department of Public Health. She stated that the lab where they send all of their bacteria samples for well water has severely cut back on the samples they will accept. She stated that the only samples that they will accept are from newly installed wells or samples that are associated with some sort of illness. They are looking into other options.

Member Hopkins questioned how many tests we are submitting throughout the year, and Supervisor Thompson stated that in 2024 and the first half of 2025, there were 445 samples.

Supervisor Thompson stated that the Illinois Department of Public Health sent out a memo suggesting that well owners in the vicinity of public water supplies that have tested high for PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances), should test their well for PFAS. She stated that Marquette Heights is the only place in Tazewell County that has tested high. She stated that they are looking into the potential cost of testing for well water.

Supervisor Thompson stated that the pool and beach inspection agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health has expired. She stated that a contract has been sent to Springfield so hopefully that will be signed soon.

Supervisor Thompson stated that the annual landfill meeting with GFL is scheduled for July 25, 2025.

Supervisor Thompson stated there is an ongoing complaint against a resident of Pekin who has a cesspool that is surfacing. She stated that he has had soil borings done and plans to install a new septic system himself. She stated that they have a meeting with the homeowner on Friday.

Supervisor Thompson stated that a mosquito pool in Morton has tested positive for West Nile Virus. She stated that this is the first positive case in Tazewell County this year.

Chairman Hall recessed the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

(transcribed S. Gullette)