



## **Health Services Committee Meeting**

Tazewell County Health Department Board Room

Thursday, July 10, 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.  
Melissa Goetze, Environmental Health  
Stacy Thompson, Environmental Health

### **MOTION**

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL, SECOND BY MEMBER SINN** to approve the June 12, 2025 meeting minutes

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

### **NEW ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING UPDATE**

Administrator Mike Deluhery provided an update on the new Animal Control building. He stated that the building has been ordered and should be delivered on October 16, 2025. He stated that they are looking at January or February as a move in date.

Member Hopkins questioned if the sound concerns inside the building has been addressed due to the gun range. Administrator Deluhery stated that for the dog areas, they plan on taking the walls all the way up and caulking well. He stated that they discussed acoustic panels possibly being installed, and they are using a cinder block instead of metal, which will provide more protection and will help with the noise.

### **HEALTH**

Health Department Administrator, Amy Fox, stated that the health issues have been chosen for the Tri-County area. The three issue areas that were chosen are reducing food and security among youth, suicide and intent for harm of youth, and access and navigation for behavioral health for all ages. She stated that in August, they will begin community health improvement planning.

Administrator Fox stated that the following week, she will do her budget presentation with her county board member, Russ Crawford.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH** Environmental Health Supervisor Stacy Thompson stated that they had their second mosquito pool in Pekin test positive for West Nile Virus. Supervisor Thompson stated that they are looking into a couple of different labs for water testing that a couple of other counties have recommended.

Supervisor Thompson stated that they have two new environmental health specialists starting on Monday.

## **DISCUSSION      ADJUDICATION PROCESS**

Environmental Health Director Melissa Goetze provided an overview of their adjudication process. She stated that if they receive a complaint, they do an inspection, give them an inspection notice, and give them 10 days to correct it. She stated that if they do not correct it, they will send them a letter stating that if it is not corrected in 30 days, they will receive a notice to appear in court. She stated that they have to give them 20 days for the court notice, and 95% of the time, nobody shows up in court. She stated that the court adjudication officer, Brian Heller, issued an Order of Continuance for another 30 days. She stated that the week prior to court, they go back out, and if it still is not corrected, they do a preliminary order for another 30 days. She stated that they go back out prior to that hearing, and if it still is not corrected, Brian Heller will issue a final order with the fines and the court costs. She stated that the resident has 35 days after receiving that to come in and do a reconsideration. She stated that after the 35 days, they place a 9% lien on the property. She stated that if the issue is not corrected after 35 days, they will go through the whole process again.

Director Goetze provided the committee with an update regarding a resident in Tazewell County who has had their septic tank floating since February. She advised that the homeowner claims he will be replacing the septic system very soon.

Member Stump expressed her concerns regarding the condition of the property and questioned if there is something more that can be done.

Administrator Fox stated that this system was set up by the State's Attorney's Office.

**SOLID WASTE**

Environmental Health Director Melissa Goetze stated that Indian Creek is getting ready to start a new cell.

Director Goetze stated that EPA will provide funding a program called Paint Care for residents to recycle paint. She stated that all communities in Illinois will have this program. She stated that they are hoping to roll it out by December of this year. She stated that there is no cost for anybody.

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

(transcribed by S. Gullette)