

Minutes approved 5.14.26



Health Services Committee Meeting

Tazewell County Health Department Board Room
Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Jon Hopkins, Eric Schmidgall, Mark Goddard

Others Attending:
Administrator Mindy Darcy
Amy Fox, Health Dept.
Stacie Ealey, Health Dept.
Melissa Goetze, Environmental Health
Stacy Thompson, Environmental Health

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER SINN, SECOND BY MEMBER RICH-STIMSON** to approve the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes

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

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

Director Aeschleman stated that they lost two employees this month, however, have successfully hired two new kennel techs that will start later this month and a new Animal Control Officer starts in May.

Director Aeschleman stated that she recently had a meeting with the Mayor of Minier and they will be signing a Contract.

NEW FACILITY UPDATE

Director Aeschleman stated that the furniture delivery is still scheduled for April 29, 2026. She stated that kennel package should ship on April 23, 2026 and the second half will ship on May 15, 2026.

HEALTH

Health Department Administrator Amy Fox stated that they have a committee in-house and they have set forth a procedure in place for an AI policy. She stated that if the employees use AI, they need to make sure they only use a product that comes out of Microsoft Office. She stated that a new system was recently installed at TCHD Pekin for scanning of vaccines and inventory in

the clinical area. She stated that they purchased the EUNA software and it will allow us to have real time imports to where expenses are. She stated that they are hoping to have pending and paid invoices to be able to see exactly where balances are.

Vice-Chairman Sinn stated that at the Board of Health reception on April 8, 2026, Administrator Amy Fox and Kate Brown won the Poquette Leadership Awards.

Administrator Fox stated that a member of Board of Health, Gloria Ranney, unexpectedly passed away this month. She stated that the Board of Health is looking at a service award in honor her.

Member Rich-Stimson stated that she applauds Administrator Fox for going full speed ahead on the AI policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL Environmental Health Supervisor Stacy Thompson stated that next month they will be starting the West Nile Virus surveillance. She stated that they have hired a summer intern which will be starting on May 18, 2026. She stated that they received news this week that they will be receiving a NEHA grant, which had previously been pulled back, which helps them improve their food inspection program.

SOLID WASTE Environmental Health Director Melissa Goetze provided the committee members with a copy of the Application for Solid Waste Enforcement Financial Assistance 2026-2031 dated March 6, 2026.

Director Goetze also provided the committee members with a copy of the Recycling Guide – Reduce/Reuse/Recycle/Donate/Compost. The pamphlet included e-waste drop off locations.

Director Goetze stated that on May 1, 2026 there will be a sharps takeback event.

Director Goetze stated that there is a compost event on May 9, 2026.

Director Goetze showed the committee members pictures and drone video of the Household Hazardous Waste Event which took place on March 21st at ICC. She stated that over a 1000 cars came to the event.

Chairman Hall recessed the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)