

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Brandon Behlke, Chairman
DATE/TIME: November 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Hughes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve McIntyre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Werner
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Heuerman	

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Gable, Elizabeth Kane, Rich Machala and Dan Reimer.

1. Minutes Approval

- a) **Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2016 and November 7, 2016 Social & Environmental Committee meetings. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**
- b) **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2016 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Martin Werner and motion passed.**

2. Citizens' Comments: None

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2015/FY2016 Strategic Goals & Plans – Nothing new to report.
- b) Update on JDC Transit Building Addition Project – This project has been completed. An open house is being planned for some time in the spring of 2017. The consensus of the Committee is to remove this item from future agendas.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion on the State of Illinois funding situation - Rich Machala, Jo Daviess County Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM), presented a spreadsheet analysis of the Jo Daviess County Transportation PTA Fund. The first quarter (July, August, September) Federal 5311 reimbursement request is \$95,075.79 and the first quarter Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) request is for \$69,477.57. The DOAP amount is in question and has not been received from the State. Approximately two-thirds of the annual revenue to operate the JDC Transit is derived from the DOAP grant program. If the State does not pay their obligations, operating expenses will have to be paid from the Jo Daviess County Transportation PTA Fund and if no more DOAP grant revenue is received the JDC Transit could draw down its reserves and continue to operate, as is, for approximately 24 months before it would run out of money. Machala discussed there has not been any communication from IDOT or the State Association regarding funding other than it might be past December before funds are released. Some Transit programs in the State have already closed or will close down to the lack of grant funding from the State Brandon Behlke requested that possible options for a contingency plan be developed for discussion at the December meeting.

5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County PCOM – Rich Machala, Jo Daviess County Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM), reviewed his PCOM report that was included in the informational packet. The State FY17 Section 5311 and DOAP Grants have been approved

and signed by the County and submitted to IDOT for execution. The First Quarter DOAP Requisition is submitted to IDOT and the First Quarter Section 5311 Requisition will be submitted by the end of the week. There is no new information regarding the DOAP funding situation. Three letters were sent to IDOT in August requesting the transfer of three used vehicles. As of November 15th, we have not received a reply from IDOT.

- b) Jo Daviess County Transit – Kathy Gable, Jo Daviess County Transit, discussed the Transit report which was included in the informational packet.
- c) Public Health – Elizabeth Kane, Jo Daviess County Health Department, reported that environmental health has been busy this past month with a lot of inspections and Jo Daviess County does more inspections than most of our neighboring counties. A new part-time Animal Control officer has been hired and will start next week. The Health Department has been out to some of the municipalities to offer flu shot clinics. They are preparing for their “Community Conversation” in the spring. The date should be announced mid to late December.
- d) Mental Health Board – No report.
- e) Other Boards – No report.

6. **Citizens’ Comments:** None.

7. **Board Member Concerns:** None.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. by Bill Bingham, seconded by Martin Werner and motion passed.