

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social & Environmental
CHAIRPERSON: Jack Zillig
DATE/TIME: June 21, 2007. 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bernece Hill

Mike Lorig

Marv Schultz

Margie Montelius

Yerda Potter

Jack Zillig

Other Board Members:

Others: Peg Murphy, Rich Machala, Heather Miller, Matt Calvert

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bernece Hill made a motion to approve the committee minutes of May 17, 2007.
Yerda Potter seconded and the motion passed.

2. Citizens' Comments – none

3. Unfinished Business

Jack Zillig asked if anyone found out if the storage behind the board room was cleaned out and where the voting machines are being stored.

Margie Montelius stated that Carol Soat asked for her office to be reviewed for space issues because it is not configured well for collecting taxes during the busy season. Potter stated that she believes the Assessment and GIS offices need to be looked at also.

4. Staff Reports

a) Health Department

Peg Murphy reported that the meth conference was a success. The committee discussed the golf outing. Murphy commented on a grant received for a cholesterol program. She also discussed the DRA grant with the committee.

- i. Heather Miller and Matt Calvert from Environmental Health gave a water well presentation to the committee. Calvert discussed water samples that the office took, countywide, in 2006. He reviewed a distribution map of unsafe samples in the County. He identified three areas that are now testing safe. The office has been working with the well-driller to clean up these problems. In 2006, the Environmental Health Office sampled 168 wells, mostly in the East Dubuque, Galena, and Stockton areas. He reviewed reasons why people have water samples tested. He stated that 81% of the samples taken in 2006 were safe; 19% had bacterial contamination. He discussed various reasons that samples test as unsafe. When the results are reported to the homeowner the office also suggests types of corrective action, however it is up to the homeowner to take action. Marvin Schultz and Miller discussed the relationship between density of septic systems in

rural subdivisions and wells. Zillig thanked Miller for her service to Jo Daviess County and wished her well in her move out of state.

- b) Transit. Rich Machala reviewed the ridership reports with the committee. He noted that the fare revenues and trips are increasing. He prepared an informational flyer for the committee to review before he sends it out; the committee was pleased with the flyer. The committee discussed the fares and the possibility of set schedules. He discussed the use of the vehicles and how long they are kept in service, as well as the training required for the drivers. Potter made a motion that the flyer be used to promote the service to the most efficient use of the transit system. Montelius seconded and the motion passed.
- 5. New Business – none
 - 6. Citizens' Comments – none
 - 7. Board Member Concerns
 - Hill reported that she attended the meth conference and agrees with Murphy that a drug court would be a useful tool for the county.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. following a motion by Schultz and seconded by Mike Lorig.