

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Social Environmental Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Margie Montelius  
**DATE/TIME:** September 17, 2009

**PRESENT:**

Bernece Hill  
 Dan Sheridan

Mike Lorig  
 Marvin Schultz

Margie Montelius  
 Don Zillig

**Other Board Members:**

**Others:** Rich Machala, Peg Murphy and Dan Reimer

1. **Minutes Approval** – Don Zillig made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2009. Dan Sheridan seconded and the motion passed.

2. **Citizens' Comments** – None

3. **Unfinished Business - None**

4. **New Business – None**

5. **Staff Reports**

a) **Jo Daviess Transit.** Rich Machala discussed the medical mileage report and that they received payment from DHFS for the months of February, March and April. While he was at training recently he was in contact with some vendors that have a software dispatching system that are capable of filing electronically with DHFS and he was planning in the near future to look into this closer. There was discussion on the Federal Economic Stimulus Initiative and the reporting and seminars on the process of reporting that would need to take place. Peg Murphy reported that it was possible to submit stimulus reports electronically and to have payments made electronically but this would have to go through the County and the information is not currently accessible to the Treasurer's Office and it would be double work to input information to be sent electronically. Rich reported that he has not received official notice but believes that the ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) Capital Grant will be awarded to Jo Daviess County Transit for the shovel ready project that he applied for. This will allow them to put an expansion on the existing transit building. Also under this ARRA Capital Grant he applied for one vehicle and this has been approved and they are expecting to have it available in late winter to early spring. Word has been received from the DOAP (Downstate Operating Assistance Program) that Jo Daviess County Transit will be awarded an additional vehicle that should be delivered in late fall to early winter. Rich supplied a report on the financials of the Downstate Operating Assistance Program.

b) **Public Health.** Peg Murphy reported that she did receive a Federal Grant for H1N1 that is a one time grant. The regular flu clinic has been announced for the end of October. Depending on the availability of the H1N1 flu vaccine, she would like to have a H1N1 clinic about 1 month after the regular flu clinic so that if someone does have an allergic reaction to the vaccine there would be

enough time between the different vaccines to determine which vaccine that the allergic reaction was from. Murphy reminded the committee the best precaution is good sanitation and covering your cough. The State Health Department has asked Jo Daviess County to pre-register for the H1N1 vaccine and to give them an estimate of population size and the risk age groups. Murphy was informed by the local doctor's office (Freeport, Stockton, Warren and Galena) that they would also make the vaccine available. Dan Reimer suggested that Peg submit any information needed to amend the public health budget, with the additional revenues from the Body Art Grant and the H1N1 grant, to the County Administrator's Office before the October 6, 2009 budget workshop.

**6. Citizens' Comments.** None.

**7. Board Member Concerns.** Don Zillig asked if the Social and Environmental committee should have Brownfields as a discussion item from the environmental perspective. Dan Reimer reported that a possible countywide Brownfields assessment grant application was originally discussed at a recent Mayors meeting and placed on the Development and Planning Committee agenda as a possible economic development tool. If the county is successful in receiving an assessment grant and if sites are identified then from an environmental perspective the Health Department could become involved along with the Social and Environmental Committee. Bernece Hill reminded the committee that there was the Green Fair at Highland College West in Elizabeth on September 26, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. following a motion by Bernece Hill and seconded by Dan Sheridan.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.