

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Health, Environment & Law
CHAIRPERSON: Terry Stoffregen, Chairperson
DATE/TIME: Monday, October 20, 2003. 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montelius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stoffregen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input type="checkbox"/> Potter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toepfer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sisler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zillig

Other Board Members:

Others: Peg Murphy, Health Dept. Administrator
Chief Deputy Brian Melton
Heather Eisbach, Environmental Health
Rich Machala, Jo Daviess Transit
Glen Weber, States Attorney
Diane Williams, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

Chairperson Stoffregen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2003. Margie Montelius seconded and the motion passed.
2. Staff and agency reports
 - a. Jo Daviess Transit. Rich Machala reported that the medical transit program will be okay until the end of the year. If their budget is reduced, they will reduce their service to 4 days per week, eliminating Fridays. They have used \$1500 of the \$3500 loan authorized by the County Board. The number of trips for the year will be under 400.
 - b. Health Department. Heather Eisbach reported for Environmental Health that Illinois has had 45 human cases of West Nile Disease. She also distributed a schedule of proposed fee increases in the Sewage, Water and Food Programs that have been approved by the Board of Health. (Attached.) These proposed fee increases will be effective as of December 1, 2003. Heather told the committee that the Jo Daviess County fees are below or equal to those of other counties in the region. Sally Toepfer made a motion to modify the Food Service and Food Establishment, Private Sewage Disposal System and Bed & Breakfast Ordinances to reflect the new fee structure. Dick Alexander seconded and the motion passed.
 - c. Sheriff. Brian Melton commented that a monthly report was included in the meeting packets.

3. Unfinished Business.
There was no unfinished business.
4. New Business
 - a. The States Attorney presented a resolution for the services of the Appellate Prosecutor for 2004. Glen noted that he uses the services of the Appellate Prosecutor about once a week, on average. There are roughly 10-20 cases that go to appeal each year. Dane made a motion to accept the resolution to pay \$7000 for the services of the Appellate Prosecutor for 2004. Margie seconded and the motion passed.
 - b. Glen also presented a proposal from Midwest Business Products to replace the copy machine in the States Attorney's office for the amount of \$3895.00. This amount was budgeted in his 2003 budget. Jack Zillig made a motion to purchase a copy machine from Midwest Business Products for the amount of \$3895.00. Lynn Sisler seconded and the motion passed.
 - c. ETSB Budget. Brian reported that the Emergency Telephone System Board approved their budget at the October meeting. Some key points are the capital improvements to the 911 call-taking center to be compatible with wireless (\$180,000) and some replacement of TDD machines and battery backups. This is a conservative budget. The revenue for this fund comes from surcharges on phones, both land lines and wireless. Jack made a motion to accept the ETSB-911 budget as presented. Dane seconded and the motion passed with Dick voting no.
 - d. Health Department budgets. Peg Murphy distributed new budgets as approved by the Board of Health. The Home Health budget receives revenues from Medicare, private pay, public aid, etc. based on the number of episodes of care. It is a self-supporting agency. The rent expense has been raised this year to cover the partial cost of a new roof on the Health Department building. Peg also announced that Finley Hospital is offering home health services and they have an office at Galena Square shopping center. Margie made a motion to accept the Home Health budget as presented. Lynn seconded and the motion passed.

Peg noted that Public Health is asking for the same dollar amount for the levy as they received last year. They have included a line item in the amount of \$41,000 that could be made as a "loan" to the County, in lieu of a 10% decrease in the levy amount. Last year they made cuts in hours, programs and raised fees in order to balance their budget. Jack made a motion to approve the Health Department budgets as presented. Lynn seconded and the motion passed 4 ayes to 3 no votes from Dick, Terry and Dane.

- e. Other board and committee reports.
Merri reported that the Finance committee made several motions at their October 15th meeting, including reducing the discussed 10% cut to Health and Mental Health to a 5% cut.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.