

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Social & Environmental  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Marvin Schultz  
**DATE/TIME:** April 20, 2005. 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Baranski  
 Berlage  
 Montelius

Potter  
 Schubert  
 Schultz

Zillig

Other Board Members:

Others: Peg Murphy, Heather Miller, Rich Machala, Don Gereau, Mike Bielenda, Gary Jobgen

### MINUTES

**1. Minutes**

Beth Baranski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2005 committee meeting. Margie Montelius seconded and the motion passed.

**2. Citizens' Comments – none**

**3. Old Business**

- a) The committee held off on discussing the States Attorney's opinion on the 708 Board tax levy in the hopes that Terry Kurt can attend a meeting and discuss the opinion with the committee. Gary Jobgen agreed with the committee that the States Attorney should clarify some specifics. The 708 Board meets next on May 4. Jack Zillig made a motion that the committee attends the Finance Committee meeting on April 28 to discuss the topic since it affects both committees, and have the States Attorney present. Montelius seconded and the motion passed. Merri Berlage called Kurt and he agreed to attend.

**4. New Business**

- a) Discussion of agencies and departments under the Social & Environmental Committee. Marvin Schultz stated that he placed this item on the agenda because there are some different members on the committee and asked if the committee would like to have one or two agencies attend each meeting and update the committee on the activities of their agency or department. He suggested the 708 Board agencies as well as the ones under the Social & Environmental budget. Montelius pointed out that most will be coming to the committee during the budget process. The consensus of the committee is to get mid-year updates from the agencies as well as seeing them at budget time.

**5. Staff Reports**

- a) Jo Daviess Transit. Rich Machala reported that he is requesting his second installment of funds approved in the budget. He reported that there is a need for new vehicles. The Department of Transportation has used

State of Illinois general revenue funds to match Federal funds for vehicle procurement. The Federal program will contribute 80% and bonds will be issued for the other 20%. Last year's fuel tank project was completed on that type of program. Approximately one year ago, the legislature stopped the bond program completely. This year, he is getting two vehicles this year, by taking future money using the tollway credits program. Machala stated that they can't continue using this for very long. He is going to be on a Task Force that will try to ensure a percentage of funds are dedicated to rural areas. Schultz asked if County support would be helpful and Machala believes it would. Montelius made a motion to approve submitting the claim for Jo Daviess Transit's second installment of \$2850.00 for line item 001-44157-905-22. Yerda Potter seconded and the motion passed.

- b) Health Department. Peg Murphy reviewed her written report. She is on the executive board for Mutual Aid for Public Health, a nine-member committee. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) has a toll-free number and a staff person that can give information about mutual aid. The initial phone call to IEMA marks the start of the incident in case there is reimbursement is available and also starts the chain of phone calls alerting other agencies to respond. She just placed the order for flu vaccine and the price increase from \$80.60 to \$106.30 for a 10-dose vial because there is only one drug manufacturer in the United States. The emergency exercise is scheduled for May 14 and the Sheriff's Office is looking for volunteers. The health department is soon going to be able to link via satellite for continuing education in emergency planning and competency in public health. Murphy attended a meeting at the Galena-Stauss Hospital and took a tour of the location for their potential new facility and they talked about their plans for the future. There have also been meeting with health departments in surrounding states regarding emergency planning and the possibility of mutual aid agreements. Montelius questioned if there is excessive money available from Homeland Security. Murphy stated that next year money may be given to the CDC to increase the medications available to respond to bio-terrorism.

Heather Miller reported that Environmental Health is getting very busy as new construction begins for the season.

- c) Rich Machala clarified an issue about the meal program in Hanover that was discussed at a previous meeting. The meal cost is \$4.00 and they are only receiving an average donation of \$1.85 per meal. The reduction in service days is a result of the gap between cost and donations received. Potter questioned if people can't be made aware of the cost of the meal.

## 6. Citizens' Comments – none

## 7. Board Member Concerns

Berlage stated that Terry Kurt can't attend the meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that it would be helpful if he could meet with the County Clerk, Treasurer

and Chief County Assessment Officer because they are the ones that will be fielding the questions regarding the levy. He will meet with them within the next week. The committee discussed asking if the Assistant States Attorney could attend.

Schultz asked the committee members to let him know of any agenda items that need attention.

Berlage asked if anyone knows who the Jo Daviess County rep to the Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) is. The last person she appointed was Charlice Offenheiser. Machala stated that Helen Schamberger is also on that board. There is no one currently on the Northern Illinois Area Agency (NIAA) board. Montelius stated that she gets their newsletter and she will forward it to Schultz. Berlage doesn't feel there is good communication with these agencies.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. following a motion by Montelius and seconded by Berlage.