

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Social & Environmental  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Marvin Schultz  
**DATE/TIME:** August 16, 2006. 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baranski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zillig
<input type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schubert	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montelius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schultz	

Other Board Members:

Others: Peg Murphy, Rich Machala

### MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes

Jack Zillig made a motion to approve the committee minutes of July 19, 2006.  
Margie Montelius seconded and the motion passed.

#### 2. Citizens' Comments – none

#### 3. Old Business

- a) Department and committee goals. Marvin Schultz asked the committee members to review the list of goals from the County Board retreat so that the members can discuss items that may pertain to this committee.
- b) Space study. Schultz had asked the Sheriff's Office to submit a report on parking at the courthouse and they found that the lots are often full. Rich Machala noted that one time the Transit system used to shuttle jurors. Yerda Potter noted that one time the St. Mary's church parking lot was used. Zillig made a motion to bring in the office system providers to layout offices and provide costs. Domer Schubert seconded and the motion passed. Except for the Health Department and Sheriff's Office, the offices have not had this work done and it could help better utilize the spaces that we have.

#### 4. Staff Reports

- a) Health Department. Peg Murphy reported that the Public Health and Home Health Care budgets were passed by the Board of Health and the Home Health Care boards. A capital improvement fund for Home Health and a catastrophic fund for Public Health were added as well. Montelius attended the Pandemic table-top exercise with Murphy and other partners from the Regional Office of Education and the Galena Police Department. They were told that 40% of the workforce will be out with a pandemic flu. Personal hygiene will be the key to reducing the impact as well as social isolation. Communities have to use up their local resources before Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) will step in to help. Communicating how severe the situation is will be important. Murphy is checking on her authority to isolate and quarantine individuals if necessary; we may need to have a County ordinance. The Health

Department Administrator also went to a 3-day drill in southern Illinois with local, state and national emergency response people. Murphy and Heather Miller attended Partners Sustaining the Heartland. Miller spoke about her role in emergency preparedness. She also reported to the committee that a bird with West Nile virus was found in Jo Daviess County.

- b) Jo Daviess Transit. Rich Machala reported that the percent of medical transit fares covering costs is over 80% in July. August looks like it will be about 60%. He has submitted his budget.

## **5. New Business**

- a) 708 Agency report – Rainbow Ridge. Angie and Colleen of Rainbow Ridge and Bob Bartels of Kreider Services addressed the committee. Rainbow Ridge has merged with Kreider Services. They serve over 500 people; 40 in Jo Daviess County. They are considering adding a home in East Dubuque for individuals who will be taken out of state institutions. The home would be a 6-bedroom handicapped-accessible home and create 10-12 jobs. In Jo Daviess County there are currently 4 homes; West House in Stockton, Sincock House in Galena, Rachey House in Stockton and Anderson Apartments in Stockton. The residents work at JDWI in laundry and servicing rest areas. Over 50 years ago, a group of parents of children with disabilities formed a school that has grown to the current Kreider Services today and they now have 300 employees. Kreider wanted to ensure rural services could be provided and felt they needed to grow and have a broader geographic area so they wanted to add Rainbow Ridge to their organization. Rainbow Ridge needed leadership and financial help. They are now planning to grow in Jo Daviess County. The partnership with Kreider has allowed Rainbow Ridge to expand their services at lower costs, e.g. using a clinical psychologist that Kreider has rather than contracting out the service. They try to serve local people first in our area, Jo Daviess and Lee Counties.

## **6. Citizens' Comments – none**

## **7. Board Member Concerns – none**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. following a motion by Schubert and seconded by Potter.