

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Health, Environment & Law
CHAIRPERSON: Terry Stoffregen, Chairperson
DATE/TIME: Monday, November 17, 2003. 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montelius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stoffregen
<input type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input checked="" 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: Heather Eisbach – Environmental Health; Glen Weber – States Attorney;
Peg Murphy – Health Dept.; Brian Melton – Chief Deputy

MINUTES

1. Minutes
Marge Montelius made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2003.
Jack Zillig seconded and the motion passed.
2. Staff and Agency reports
 - a. Sheriff's Office. Brian Melton reported that the members of the deputies' union have approved the contract proposal with the County. Contracted law enforcement services with Hanover will begin on December 1, 2003, depending on the passage of the Jo Daviess County budget this month.
 - b. Health Department. Peg Murphy reported that 1200 doses of flu vaccine were ordered and delivered. The Jo Daviess County Community Needs Assessment is a 15-member panel assessing county needs and will be bringing a report to the County. The Home Health Care 5% rural will continue for at least another year; co-pay has been postponed. Heather Eisbach reported that the state has reported a total of 52 cases of West Nile Disease, compared to over 800 last year. There have been 8 cases of Lyme Disease in Jo Daviess County, mostly in Rice Township and Hanover. The Health Dept. is working to prepare a local emergency bio-terrorism response plan.
 - c. Jo Daviess Transit. Discussed a proposal by Rich Machala for providing service to Stephenson County Senior Center (attached). Marge Montelius made a motion to invoice the Stephenson Senior program at the same rate as Public Aid. Dick Alexander seconded and the motion passed. Rich also reported that since service was discontinued to Rockford, Madison and Iowa City he has only received 3 calls for service to those areas.
3. There was no unfinished business.
4. New Business
 - a. Inmate Insurance. (Attached) Brian stated that the premium is based on an average of 22 inmates per day. The premium amount is 15% higher

than last year. The renewal period begins December 1, 2003 and payment is due by December 31, 2003. Yerda Potter made a motion to approve this insurance proposal for renewal and to send this insurance plan for review by the Insurance Committee. The motion was seconded and passed with Dick Alexander voting no.

- b. Vehicle purchase. (See above attachment.) The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to purchase a new patrol vehicle to replace a 4-year old vehicle, subject to approval of the FY2004 budget. Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the purchase of a patrol car as presented, pending approval of the FY2004 budget by the County Board. Dick seconded and the motion passed.
- c. States Attorney Glen Weber discussed his memo recommending amendment of the ordinance for hazard signage system to include a penalty section (attached). Jack made a motion to approve the penalty provision as presented. Marge seconded and the motion passed.
- d. Glen also presented a memo (attached) regarding two bills for the DeBord case for professional services rendered. These are additional bills for services in the amount of \$15,008.50 and \$5,562.50 to J. E. Nack, counsel. These bills have been paid, but Glen cannot find a contract authorizing the payment. Jack made a motion to authorize Glen to contact Nack's office asking for their authorization to submit these professional services. Marge seconded and the motion passed with Dick and Terry Stoffregen voting no. Glen reported that Judge Kelly says there will be a new contract with the public defender that will eliminate this situation of unauthorized expenditures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.