

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social & Environmental
CHAIRPERSON: Marvin Schultz
DATE/TIME: January 18, 2006. 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Other Board Members:

Others: Diane Williams, Peg Murphy, Rich Machala

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Beth Baranski made a motion to approve the committee minutes of October 19, 2005. Margie Montelius seconded and the motion passed.

2. Citizens' Comments

3. Staff Reports

a) Health Department. Peg Murphy submitted a written report to the committee. The committee discussed the new Medicare prescription plan and Murphy advised them that Jane Buck of the Stephenson County Senior Center can give an educational program on the topic, including why people should enroll and what to consider. The committee will direct residents to the Stephenson Senior Center or the Northwest Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) for assistance. In response to a question from the committee Murphy stated that they will probably use all the flu vaccines that they have on hand. She also expects to have the department's annual report in February. The committee discussed the storage of records and the agency, InfoSafe, which the Health Department contracts with for that service.

b) Jo Daviess Transit. Rich Machala reported that two new vehicles were received in November. The vehicles are great, but the safety features on the lift mechanisms are extremely touchy. These vehicles get slightly better gas mileage than the older ones. Transit has now been approved for reimbursement on two types of medical transportation: service car and wheelchair. Machala also reported that the State has switched to using a broker service and it might mean that we will receive faster payments. Quarterly reports were distributed and discussed; overall the operation is doing very well.

4. Old Business

a) Department and committee goals. Marvin Schultz stated that these are being worked on. The committee discussed a comment at an Executive Committee meeting that some of the space under the eaves of the County Board room could be converted to closets for storage. Murphy stated that

hiring of an Information Technology (IT) staff person is a goal high on the list of many departments and has been discussed at staff meetings.

5. Citizens' Comments

6. Board Member Concerns

Schultz asked the committee for their thoughts on inviting the different agencies that are funded under this committee or the 708 Board to attend a meeting and advise the committee about their operations and scope of services. Baranski feels it is important to do this outside of the budget process. The consensus of the committee is to proceed with inviting the agencies.

The business meeting adjourned following a motion by Jack Zillig and seconded by Baranski at 1:20 p.m. to tour the courthouse.

7. New Business

- a) Review Departmental spaces. Schultz, Montelius, Potter, Baranski and Williams looked at the storage space on the third floor and discussed the amount of equipment, working and non-working, that is stored. The committee would like an inventory of broken and usable equipment and dispose following the policy that was established last year. The group continued to tour the following spaces: the 3rd floor interview room, State's Attorney's Office, 3rd floor attic, Treasurer's Office, Probation Office, GIS Office, Public Safety Building, Circuit Clerk's Office and County Clerk & Recorder Office.