

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social & Environmental
CHAIRPERSON: Marvin Schultz
DATE/TIME: April 19, 2006. 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Baranski
 Berlage
 Montelius

Potter
 Schubert
 Schultz

Zillig

Other Board Members:

Others: Rich Machala, Diane Williams

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Beth Baranski made a motion to approve the committee minutes of March 15, 2006.
Domer Schubert seconded and the motion passed.

2. Citizens' Comments – none

3. Old Business – none

4. Staff Reports

- a) **Transit.** Rich Machala reviewed the medical transport report with the committee. He has been tracking the percent of cost for the program and it is right around 50% at this time. He also reported that Public Aid is not going to be using the broker for payments as anticipated. The committee and Machala discussed raising the fare; gas prices have gone up so much and the last increase in recommended fare was two years ago. The committee discussed adding a gas surcharge instead of increasing the fare; that way the surcharge could easily be removed if gas prices go back down. An increase of \$1.00 was discussed and the committee instructed Machala to bring back a proposal for next month's agenda. Machala also reported that NICA contacted townships, schools and newspapers last month when they realized there was still energy assistance money available for Jo Daviess County. They received requests from 113 households and there is still some money available. The committee discussed exposure for the Transit program and asked if Machala had some brochures that could be distributed to the townships; he will make contact with the townships and remind them of the services offered.
- b) **Health Department.** No additional report.

5. New Business

- a) Tours.

6. Citizens' Comments – none

7. Board Member Concerns

- The committee discussed touring the Health Department at the next meeting (May) and the Elizabeth offices in June.
- Jack Zillig asked that someone bring up the issue of dog license renewals with Animal Control. He recommended that follow-up notices be sent using certified mail. Schubert will bring up the topic at the next Public Works Committee meeting.
- Baranski reminded the committee that Earth Day activities are being held today at Turner Hall in Galena until 5:30 p.m. Also, a Household Hazardous Waste pick-up has been scheduled for May 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to tour the Assessment Office, Transit facility and CVB offices following a motion by Schubert and seconded by Baranski.