

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Social & Environmental  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Marvin Schultz  
**DATE/TIME:** June 21, 2006/12:30 P.M., at the Highway Department

**PRESENT:** Marvin Schultz, Margie Montelius, Jack Zillig, Yerda Potter,  
Domer Schubert, Beth Baranski

**OTHERS:** Dan Reimer, Peg Murphy, Rich Machala

### **MINUTES:**

Marvin Schultz called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

1. Minutes  
Jack Zillig made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. Domer Schubert seconded and the motion passed.
2. Citizens' Comments – none.
3. Old Business – there were no new board goals from the committee.
4. Staff Reports
  - a. Jo Daviess Transit – Rich Machala presented a written report of transit finances and activities. The fuel surcharge will be going into effect in July – passengers have been told to expect it and have accepted it well. The policy regarding trips to Madison has been changed so that individuals going to Madison are now transported to Freeport where a van is available to take them to Madison.

Rich presented a resolution, explaining that the County executed this resolution, but used an old form. Committee members reviewed changes to the new form. Beth Baranski made a motion to recommend passage of a resolution authorizing application for Public Transportation Financial Assistance. Margie Montelius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dan Reimer noted that the grant paperwork for this funding has arrived.

Rich has submitted a preliminary revenue estimate and is working on his expenses. He suggests that County Medical Transit be increased from \$8,500 to \$9,500. He noted that he is also in need of radios (estimated at \$1,000-\$1,200 each) for two of the vehicles. Jack Zillig asked if perhaps the radios could be purchased through the Sheriff's Department at a lower cost. He asked how he should present his request for additional expenses if they are above his "target" but necessary items. Dan Reimer and Yerda Potter agreed that he should present a budget that meets the target along with the additional items and an explanation for the need. Marvin Schultz

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noted that the transit revenues have been going down and Rich has been diligently streamlining operations to continue services.

Rich Machala reported that legislation passed this past January allows counties to access state money for transportation needs. It will probably take a couple of years until the process is actually set up, but when it is set up, it could fund up to 50% of transit costs.

- b. Health Department – Peg Murphy presented a written report of Health Department activities. She noted that on July 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a tabletop discussion on the Pandemic Flu. She asked that a county board representative attend the tabletop. Margie Montelius volunteered to attend.
- 6. Citizen Comments – none.
  - 7. Board Member Concerns – none.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to tour the Building & Zoning and Highway Departments following a motion by Baranski and seconded by Zillig.