

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social & Environmental
CHAIRPERSON: Jack Zillig
DATE/TIME: March 20, 2008

PRESENT:

Bernece Hill

Mike Lorig

Marv Schultz

Margie Montelius

Yerda Potter

Jack Zillig

Other Board Members:

Others: Peg Murphy, Matt Calvert, Dan Reimer

MINUTES

Jack Zillig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes

Margie Montelius made a motion to approve the committee minutes of February 21, 2008. Bernece Hill seconded and the motion passed.

2. Citizens' Comments – none

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY 2008 Courthouse Office Improvements. County Administrator Dan Reimer gave an update on office improvements for the office of the County Clerk Jean Dimke, County Recorder's office, the Clerk's offices and a small area in the Treasurer's office. The goal is to present final plans at next month's committee meeting and upon committee approval, bid the specifications. Other offices on the first floor that are in line for future improvement are: Assessor's and GIS offices.
- b) Revised ordinances. The Committee having had sufficient time to review all revised ordinances, a review of several 'ordinance review comments' supplied by Merri Berlage on the Private Sewage Disposal System ordinance took place. Explanations as listed below were given by Matt Calvert:
 - i. Section 2.3 – it was the consensus of the committee that the wording was self-explanatory and there was no need to change it. The definition in question was taken verbatim from Lee County's ordinance for domestic sewage, which was (IDPH) State code and State's Attorney approved.
 - ii. Section 5.3 – Calvert explained that 'drainfield' was crossed out and 'system' inserted because this wording covers both components of a septic system (be it the tank or a drainfield, not just the drainfield).
 - iii. Section 5.4 – 'health department' was removed because the health department is not a part of the process at this stage.
 - iv. Section 5.8 – the wording for soil groupings was developed and put in effect at least ten years ago by the Health Department and the Soil and Water Conservation District, and is a description of the types of soil present in Jo

Daviess County. Though always referred to by the health department, the wording was never a (written) part of the ordinance. Incorporating the wording will be a source of information for contractors and will help explain soil boring results.

- v. Section 9, paragraph 6 – Anyone making this type of addition after this ordinance revision will have to adhere to it these rules. For example, a three bedroom house will normally have a three bedroom septic system. Adding an out building with plumbing will cause the system to no longer be sized to accommodate the flow it was originally engineered to handle.
- vi. Section 10, paragraph 2 - This wording has been added because in the event of an imminent public health concern, the Health Authority needs to be able to access the property. The current practice is to make contact with the property owner prior to property access.

Calvert asked for clarification on the thirty-day policy for board approval of revised ordinances (as pointed out at the previous County Board meeting). Schultz stated that it was understood to be a verbal policy and will discuss this with the Executive Committee. Once a policy is developed, an email will be sent to all department heads.

Montelius made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance as presented. Potter seconded the motion and the motion passed. Montelius made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Water Supply Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Hill and the motion was passed. Montelius made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Bed and Breakfast Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Lorig and the motion passed. Montelius made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Food Service and Food Establishment Ordinance as presented. Potter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

4. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess Transit – the monthly report was provided to all members for review.
- b) Peg Murphy reported that on March 15, 2008, the Board of Health (BOH) met with the president of the Illinois Association Boards of Health to review performance standards for public health, which most likely will be used to measure the BOH if accredited. The trend appears to be that all BOH's nationwide be accredited. Report findings resulted in a BOH governance structure rating of 82. Murphy will provide copies of the report once published.

5. New Business - none

6. Citizens' Comments – none

7. Board Member Concerns – Jack Zillig asked when the motion card trial period ends; he would rather not use them Schultz will discuss this at the Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. following a motion by Schultz and seconded by Lorig.