

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Hill, Chairman
DATE/TIME: February 20, 2020, 6:31p.m.

PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Heurman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendrica Regez |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert O'Connor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Toot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lucas Bourquin | |

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Merri Berlage, Kathy Gabel, Dan Reimer and Sandra Schleicher

1. Minutes Approval

- a) Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Special Social & Environmental Committee meeting
- b) Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Social & Environmental Committee meeting
- c) Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Social & Environmental Committee meeting
- d) Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Special Social & Environmental Committee meeting

Hendrica Regez made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 Special Social & Environmental Committee meeting, the minutes of the October 17, 2019 Social & Environmental Committee meeting, the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Social & Environmental Committee meeting and the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Special Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2019/FY2020 Strategic Goals & Plans – Don Hill discussed that the Health Department is moving forward and two new members were recently appointed to the Board of Health, by the County Board. Bill Bingham asked what the intent is with item 6; maintain a positive image for living/working within County. Hill responded that was an item from the county board retreat that has a broad scope. Sandra Schleicher discussed goal 2, increase ability to address/serve mental health needs in the County. Midwest Medical is in the process of starting a tele-psychology program. Hendrica Regez asked if we could refer item 4 to the Ad-Hoc Economic Development Committee, research opportunities/methods for increasing the County's population. Bill Bingham suggested combining items 4 and 6 and forwarding them to the Ad-Hoc Economic Development Committee.
- b) Update on Jo Daviess County Health Department – Public Health Administrator, Sandra Schleicher, reported that the Board of Health voted to sell the Elizabeth property. It was agreed that the property should be listed with a realtor and sold as is. Schleicher discussed a proposed Dental Clinic Business Plan and after further review, Board of Health members agreed that it would not be sustainable as it is. Environmental Health inspections are on schedule. The Environmental Health staff has provided handwashing training for the Stockton Schools.
- c) Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to Support the Development of a Jo Daviess County Climate Change Action Plan – Don Hill discussed that the committee has been working on a Resolution to Support the Development of a Jo Daviess County Climate

Change Action Plan, it is still in the draft stage. Robert O'Connor commented that he would like "associated" removed from the second to last paragraph. Bill Bingham added that we need to be somewhat cautious with how this could impact future business. Scott Toot feels this should be addressed on a National level and not the local level. Bingham thinks there are a few areas in the resolution that could be minimally adjusted to satisfy what he was talking about to the larger scale of economic development that we really need in this county. There was no motion at this time. We will leave this item on the agenda for future discussion.

4. **New Business**

- a) Passenger Rail Feasibility Study Update – Hendrica Regez reported that they are working on a draft scope of services for a feasibility study. They are asking for public input. They have set up meetings in Dubuque and Galena, sent out letters and there is a form to fill out online for comments on the draft. People are slowly starting to respond. There is a lot of interest in rail. The next Passenger Rail meeting is February 27th beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Prairie Ridge of Galena.
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding Animal Control – Sandra Schleicher commented that at the last Board of Health meeting they discussed the Animal Control program and budget and it is currently running at a deficit. The Board of Health would like to look at the revenue from Animal Control ordinance violations; currently the revenue goes to the General Fund. They would like to start the discussion if this can be changed so the revenue could go to the Animal Control Fund. They are looking at different ways that they can generate some revenue for Animal Control. More research and discussion is needed on this item and will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

5. **Staff Reports**

- a) Jo Daviess County PCOM – Trina Orr, Jo Daviess County Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM), was not in attendance.
- b) Jo Daviess County Transit – Kathy Gable, Jo Daviess County Transit Director, reported that their rides are up 1,000 from last January. Unfortunately they are not Medicaid rides. Chicago is actually sending out buses and vans to pick up Medicaid rides to go from Elizabeth to Dubuque. That's because of the new eligibility that the state has contracted with. They are working on a marketing grant to put up a billboard to reach more potential riders.
- c) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Interim Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, reported that they are in the process of hiring a nurse. They don't have one on staff right now and are contracting with Stephenson County to have a nurse come in two days a month to do in house work with their communicable disease cases and help with phone calls. Schleicher will be setting up interviews next week. Hendrica Regez asked about the Coronavirus. Schleicher reported that we are preparing. The two people in Illinois that were quarantined have been released. The threat to Illinois is still low. There is a shortage of PPE, but the state has assured Schleicher that they have a supply. The State Health Department holds two conference calls a day to keep everyone updated.
- d) Mental Health Board – Nothing new to report.

6. **Citizens' Comments:** None.

7. **Board Member Concerns:** None.

8. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made at 7:36 p.m. by Scott Toot, seconded by Hendrica Regez and motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.