

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Social and Environmental Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Don Hill, Chairman  
**DATE/TIME:** April 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Hill       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Heurman    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendrica Regez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Toot     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucas Bourquin |  |

A quorum was established.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trina Orr, Dan Reimer and Sandra Schleicher

**1. Minutes Approval**

- a) Minutes from the January 17, 2019 Social & Environmental Committee meeting – Bob Heurman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2018 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Hendrica Regez and motion carried.
- b) Minutes from the April 8, 2019 Special Social & Environmental Committee meeting – Bob Heurman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2018 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Hendrica Regez and motion carried.

**2. Citizens' Comments:** None.

**3. Unfinished Business**

- a) FY2017/FY2018 Strategic Goals & Plans – Don Hill commented that the County Board retreat will be next month and new strategic goals and plans will be developed based on Committee assignments from the retreat. Dan Reimer added that the report from the last retreat was included in the informational packet for review this evening. The committee reviewed the report and updated their accomplishments.
- b) Discussion and review of the current Animal Control Ordinance (Chapter 5 – Section 5) and areas that need to be reviewed and/or amended – There was nothing new to report at this time.

**4. New Business**

- a) Discussion regarding the Jo Daviess County Health Department – Sandra Schleicher, Interim Public Health Administrator, asked for some guidance and/or support from the County Board in regards to the Board of Health moving forward. She would like input to take to the Board of Health. The Health Department is currently providing Environmental Health services, Animal Control, Immunizations and Communicable Disease. We are going to begin offering STD testing as well again. The state provides everything we need to offer the program. Scott Toot commented that he supports the Health Department and nothing that has happened regarding the board or the dental clinic reflects on the interim administrator or current staff. It has to do with the past and we need to move forward. Hendrica Regez feels we need to look at expanding the Environmental Health department because she sees more need in the future. Bill Bingham asked how the Public Health Administrator search was going. Schleicher replied that after the last Board of Health meeting they suspended their search until further notice. She has no idea on what their reasoning is. The next Board of Health meeting is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Schleicher will bring this all up to them again at that time. Don Hill feels that we need someone who will take charge and move forward positively. We need to look at

the citizens of the county and provide a service. Hill supports the department. Scott Toot added that there will be a nominee on the County Board agenda for a replacement for the Board of Health. Then amongst themselves they vote on a president. Brandon Behlke is in effect the interim president of the Board of Health at this time.

## 5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County PCOM – Trina Orr, Jo Daviess County Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM), reported that she has finally gotten through the Transit grants for GATA. She has the first quarter reimbursement done. Our IDOT representative will push those through and we should expect payment in a couple of weeks. Next week she will have the second quarter requisitions done and sent out. Then the third quarter requisitions. Orr needs to start the 2020 applications immediately. The combined vehicle procurement grant is on hold by the State. That is the grant that we get new busses and vans from. The audit letters for the 708 Mental Health Board have been sent out. Orr has received responses from each provider. She has put together audit reports. Dan Reimer commented that Orr has put in a huge amount of effort to assist the 708 Mental Health Board with these audits.
- b) Jo Daviess County Transit – Kathy Gable, Jo Daviess County Transit Director, was not in attendance.
- c) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Interim Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, did not have any more to report at this time.
- d) Mental Health Board – Elaine Townsend, 708 Mental Health Board Chairperson, was not in attendance.
- e) Other Boards – None.

## 6. Citizens' Comments: None.

7. **Board Member Concerns:** Hendrica Regez commented that she would like this committee to take on community outreach to get more people to know what the board does. She has prepared a power point presentation that she would like to use at Earth Day Fest that she would like the committee to take a look at and approve. The committee viewed the presentation. Scott Toot suggested adding information concerning which officials are elected and which are appointed.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:53 p.m. by Scott Toot, seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.