

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Hill, Chairman
DATE/TIME: August 15, 2019, 6:46 p.m.

PRESENT:

<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"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Toot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucas Bourquin	

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Reimer and Sandra Schleicher.

1. Minutes Approval

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

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2019/FY2020 Strategic Goals & Plans – The committee bypassed this item at this time.
- b) Update status of the Jo Daviess County Health Department – Sandra Schleicher, Interim Public Health Administrator, reported that at the August 14th Board of Health meeting Merri Berlage was elected Board of Health President and Don Hill was elected Vice-President. The Board of Health reviewed the FY2020 Health Department budgets which will be presented at Joint Committee budget review meeting on August 27th. There is still some discussion and decisions to be made on options for the property in Elizabeth. Don Hill discussed that a search committee has been established for the Health Department Administrator position. The committee will review the applications and bring back a recommendation to the Board of Health at a future meeting.

4. New Business

- a) Presentation on What is a Climate Action Plan, why do we need one – Hendrica Regez – Hendrica Regez referred to the Strategic Goals & Plans for the Social & Environmental Committee which includes research a County 'Climate Action Plan'. Regez shared a PowerPoint presentation with the committee and will send everyone the presentation in the form of a pdf document. There are three phases of the climate action planning process. Phase 1 is preliminary activities. Phase 2 is climate action strategy development. And phase 3 is implementation and monitoring. Regez is looking for support and discussed we don't need to commit to any specific actions at this point; we could start with a resolution to consider climate change affects in any future decisions that we make. Local climate action options include: local climate ordinances, local climate resolutions, bonds for environmental projects, tax funding for environmental projects, increased energy efficiency, public transit

options, increased bike paths and maintaining or increasing forest cover. Regez presented a sample resolution that we can use as a first step towards climate mitigation and adaptation. This sample resolution will be placed on the September meeting agenda for discussion.

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, was not in attendance.
- c) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Interim Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, reported that she is in the process of hiring a new Sanitarian to help with inspections and environmental health responsibilities. The position has been offered to a qualified candidate, the anticipated start date would be during the first week of September. Immunizations have been really busy with school starting next week. Our pandemic flu exercise is scheduled for this week. It is a nation-wide drill with the CDC based on pandemic flu. The Board of Health has approved a office space rental agreement grant for Grant administrator/PCOM, Trina Orr. She will be moving from an office in the JDC Transit building to the office in the Health Department building that was vacated by EMA Coordinator, Chuck Pedersen. Pedersen's new office is now located at the new Emergency Operations Center in the County Highway building in Hanover.
- d) Mental Health Board – Colleen Farrell, 708 Mental Health Board Chairperson, was not in attendance.

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

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Lucas Bourquin, seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.