

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Social and Environmental Committee  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Don Hill, Chairman  
**DATE/TIME:** October 17, 2019, 6:30 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Toot
<input type="checkbox"/> Lucas Bourquin	

A quorum was established.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Gable and Sandra Schleicher

**1. Minutes Approval**

- a) Minutes from the September 19, 2019 Social & Environmental Committee meeting – Bill Bingham made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 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 their goals and plans for this evening.
- b) Update status of the Jo Daviess County Health Department – Interim Public Health Administrator, Sandra Schleicher, reported that the architects for the Elizabeth property presented some preliminary estimates for design costs. The Department is waiting on some grant money from the state. Vet Associates, a company they work with for animal control is sponsoring a rabies clinic in Hanover on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$20 for a rabies shot and Animal Control Officer, Chad Olsen will be there for registrations if people need to do that. Schleicher reported that one of the Public Health nurses recently moved out of state and resigned from her position. An opening for this position has been posted. The Humane Society in Dubuque informed them that they are going to start enforcing a law that you have to have a vet inspection certificate on any animal that crosses state lines. That could potentially affect our animal control contract because we would have to pick up the dog, stop at a vet's office, have it inspected and rabies vaccinated before they can take it anywhere. It will affect private citizens that can take animals to Dubuque as well as our animal control. We are looking at other arrangements in county hopefully, otherwise in Illinois to set up some sort of agreement for sheltering for our dogs. The Dubuque Humane Society is asking for a waiver from the state so they can extend their time. We were initially scheduled to be shut off November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c) Discussion and possible action on a Local Climate Change Mitigation Resolution for Jo Daviess County – Don Hill discussed that we started discussion on a Local Climate Change Resolution last month. County Administrator Dan Reimer sent Hill a formatted copy of the resolution. We still need to work on the wording. Hendrica Regez discussed that she and Bill Bingham worked on the language based on what was discussed at the last meeting. The committee reviewed the draft resolution and Regez suggested that each decision be looked at to see if it affects climate change or not. After committee review Regez commented that she will take the resolution to the Farm Bureau for their review as well as review by the State's

Attorney before bringing it back to this committee next month. Scott Toot discussed that he is not in favor of this resolution and would like to see a letter from the Farm Bureau and the Beef Association saying that they support this resolution.

4. **New Business** – None.

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 the Transit has been really busy. Yesterday they had every vehicle out and the only people at the Transit building were their dispatcher and their mechanic. Gable has been going to a lot of conferences and brought up the Woodstock charter. She was told if the poster was worded differently there are ways to make it happen for a future event. We have an audit November 14 and 15. After the audit her IDOT representative would like to discuss a possible transit merger with Carroll County. The Region 1 Transportation meeting was hosted at the Galena Transit conference room on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Bob Heurman asked if we had considered electric transit buses. Gable feels that is an option to consider in the future.
- c) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Interim Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, did not have anything more to add at this time.
- d) Mental Health Board – Colleen Farrell, 708 Mental Health Board Chairperson, was not in attendance. Don Hill would like to see a representative attend the meetings and fill them in on the Mental Health Board activities.

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

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:10 p.m. by Bill Bingham, seconded by Hendrica Regez and motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.