

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Hill, Chairman
DATE/TIME: November 21, 2019, 6:36 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Heurman
<input 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 not present. Chairman Hill informed the committee that they will not be able to take any action on any items this evening, only discussion.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Gallagher

OTHERS PRESENT: Trina Orr, Dan Reimer, Sandra Schleicher and Eric Tison

1. Minutes Approval

a)

2. Citizens' Comments: Diane Gallagher invited the group to attend the 2020 Census meeting on Thursday, December 5th at 1:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Health Department.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2019/FY2020 Strategic Goals & Plans – Many of the Strategic goals and Plans for the Social & Environmental Committee have to do with the Health Department which we are still working on.
- b) Update status of the Jo Daviess County Health Department – Interim Public Health Administrator, Sandra Schleicher, reported that the Board of Health met but there wasn't much action taken. They are still in the discussion phase of the future of the Health Department. Don Hill added that there was discussion on the building in Elizabeth. A cost estimate is needed for renovation to determine the feasibility of moving the Health Department from the Galena building. Hill commented that a decision on a new Health Administrator could be made as soon as at the next Board of Health meeting.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on establishing meeting dates and start time for the FY2020 Social & Environmental Committee meetings – The committee reviewed the proposed meeting schedule that was included in the informational packet. Scott Toot asked if they could put this item on the Executive Committee meeting agenda. Don Hill requested to call a special Social & Environmental Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m. prior to the December 10th County Board meeting to receive committee approval on the meeting schedule.
- b) Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to Support the Development of a Jo Daviess County Climate Change Action Plan – The committee reviewed the Resolution to Support the Development of a Jo Daviess County Climate Change Action Plan. Hill commented that he has reviewed the plan and doesn't see anything that is demanding on the County Board or inhibits them from doing anything. We will leave this item on next month's agenda. Hendrica Regez added that State's Attorney John Hay has reviewed the plan and does not see any legal issues.

5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County PCOM – Trina Orr, Jo Daviess County Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM), reported that we have finished up the RLF audit. RLF is a third party hired by IDOT. They come out and inspect, to make sure that we are following the guidelines of the grant agreement. The 5311/DOAP audit is tomorrow at 9 a.m. The Workshop also has their audit going on right now, too. Orr is working on the second quarter requisition.
 - 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 immunizations have been very busy this month. The schools are catching up and kids need their vaccinations. We are in the process of interviewing for a nurse position and will hopefully be offering the position to someone in the next few days. The starting wage is tough to compete with other health agencies; the benefit package offered by the County is very good. They have heard back from the state that their request for an extension on their Iplan was granted for six months. This is the community needs assessment and is what they plan to do for the next five years. It also ties into their health protection grant and their certification as a health department. They received their signed health protection grant agreement back and they say the claims are at the Comptroller office. That grant started July 1st. Scott Toot asked how the BOH arrived at the \$900 amount for the individual stray dog pick-up contracts. Don Hill responded that Chad Olson, Animal Control Officer, brought the board figures for how many dogs were picked up in each town. The \$900 fee per community was put out there rather than an individual fee for each dog picked up. Toot feels this is too large of an increase and impacts the municipalities. Schleicher added that they are currently working out the details of the contract with the Dubuque Regional Humane Society for animal sheltering.
 - d) Mental Health Board – Dan Reimer commented that Colleen Farrell has a conflict with attending Thursday meetings of the Social & Environmental Committee. Trina Orr, Jo Daviess County Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM), will provide a report to this committee because she works with the 708 Mental Health Board grants. Reimer handed out copies of the 708 Board meeting minutes and we will put there minutes in this committee meeting packet going forward. In the past we always had a liaison to the board who was able to report to the Social & Environmental Committee. Trina Orr commented that the board has approved contracts with providers for FY2020. They reworded the contract last year to include that this is a reimbursement grant to the providers.
6. **Citizens' Comments:** Diane Gallagher commented about the East Dubuque Library, they were able to receive a grant from the chemical plant and discussions last night with the architect also included Jerry Ensler who was the executive director for the Dubuque County Historical Society who has written numerous grants. He said it was good that they labeled the grant request as a community facility because that would open up more grant opportunities.
7. **Board Member Concerns:** Hendrica Regez expressed her concern regarding seclusion rooms at area schools.

The group disbanded at 7:18 p.m.

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