

**PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**McHenry County Administration Building**  
**667 Ware Road, Conference Room A**  
**Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2006

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Rick Klasen; Don Larson; Lyn Orphal; Anna May Miller; and Sandra Salgado. Barbara Wheeler arrived at 8:31a.m. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Andy Andresky, Board of Health; Sandy Lewis and Bob Lessor, Mental Health; Glenn and Debby Lingle; and Celia Brown.

Virginia Peschke, Chairman	
Don Larson	Richard Klasen
Anna May Miller	Lyn Orphal
Sandra Salgado	Barbara Wheeler

MINUTES

Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klasen to, to recommend approval of the Joint Public Health & Human Services Committee and Planning and Development Committee minutes of December 9, 2005. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Glenn and Debbie Lingle joined committee members to question what and where the committee stands on the Noise Ordinance. Chairman Peschke provided to committee members copies of police incident reports that have been taken regarding this issue. Mr. Austin provided a copy of the Lake County Ordinance that addresses this issue in Lake County. Mr. Lingle stated that the neighbors know there is nothing in the ordinance that regulates noise and therefore takes making noise to the extreme. When an officer is dispatched to confront the neighbor, the neighbor apologizes and when the officer leaves, starts up again. Mrs. Lingle stated she is afraid to leave the house and be in her yard alone because this neighbor is very intimidating. The Lingle's stated that he has went to the neighbors, and asked them to please try to keep the noise down and they were informed that they do not have to as there is not an ordinance that regulates this issue. The States Attorney has reviewed this issue and has discovered that legislation is very permissive and provides no answer to this problem. It was noted that there seems to be a Wild West Mentality in the lesser populated areas of the County. People seem to have no concern for their neighbors. Committee members were informed that these are the same neighbors who cause problems with the burning as well. Chairman Peschke stated they would review the Lake County Ordinance and see if this could be applied in McHenry County as well.

Celia Brown joined committee members regarding issues surrounding the Board of Health. She stated that when she attends a Board of Health meeting she is embarrassed by their behavior. She noted that when she has attended County Board meetings, the members conducted themselves with professional behavior and treated everyone with respect, even if they did not agree with their issues. She noted that the Board of Health members are rude and disrespectful of people who have a different opinion than they have. She stated that the members use incredulous tones and present information as fact when what they stated was untrue. Some Board of Health members stated that the numbers presented regarding the TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release) program was rigged, when in fact these numbers are true. She noted that the TNR managers remove adoptable cats from the colonies where they are then fostered saved and adopted. She noted the Board of Health members need to know that there are ways to handle these issues with respect.

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Peschke stated that the committee will address the business on the agenda, prior to the Mental Health interviews, so that staff does not have to sit through these interviews.

*Noise Ordinance:* See above.

NEW BUSINESS

*Ordinance to reauthorize the amendment to Article XVII of the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance:* Committee members reviewed an Ordinance to reauthorize the Amendment to Article XVII of the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance. Mr. McNulty stated this is an ordinance to make the pilot Trap Neuter and Release program a permanent part of the ordinance. He requested the committee waive the 30 day review. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the Ordinance to reauthorize the amendment to Article XVII of the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance and waive the 30 day review. Committee members questioned whether Animal Control has seen an increase in the cats dropped off in the county since this program started. Mr. McNulty stated

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there is no way to measure this. Committee members questioned whether surrounding counties had a Trap Neuter and Release program. Committee members were informed that the surrounding Counties do not have an official program, but, do have a pilot program in place to address this issue. He felt the surrounding counties would be making this a permanent part of their ordinance in the future. Committee members questioned giving Animal Control complete control over a whole colony if an issue arises. They were informed they needed this type of control if an issue with the colony should arise. He noted that they have not had any whole colony impounded to date. He stated that the ordinance could always be amended at anytime. He stated that the Animal Advisory Board has been reinstated and will be addressing various issues surrounding Animal Control, this being one of them. The first issue they will be discussing will be the recommendations made by the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Task Force. The motion carried with six ayes (Klasen, Larson, Miller, Salgado, Orphal, Peschke) and one nay (Wheeler) It was noted that this ordinance has been placed on the County Board Agenda for consideration by the County Board on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Mental Health Board Appointment Interviews:* Committee members held interviews for the two vacancies on the Mental Health Board. Committee members interviewed Ms. Andrea Rahlf, Mr. Gordon Knapp, Ms. Teresa Greeno, Dr. James Haughton, Ms. Beverly Thomas, Ms. Sharon Osterberg, Ms. Rosemary Kurtz, Mr. Dan Larsen. Committee members were presented with the requirements for Board Membership. After discussion, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klasen, to recommend the reappointment of Ms. Beverly Thomas to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried with five (5) ayes (Klasen, Larson, Miller, Wheeler, Peschke) and two (2) nays (Orphal, Salgado). Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the appointment of Ms. Andrea Rahlf to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried with six (6) ayes (Klasen, Larson, Miller, Orphal, Wheeler, Peschke) and one nay (Salgado).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*WIB:* The next scheduled meeting is next Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

*HRC:* The next scheduled meeting is next month.

*Board of Health:* The Animal Advisory Board is scheduled to review the Public Health Ordinance on Monday.

*Mental Health Board:* Ms. Lewis reported that a short term lease for staff is needed because of the TAW grant that was received. This may be implemented in the spring. This would go to Human Resources for approval. Additional grand opportunities are being explored.

*Open Burning Forum:* A presentation will be given to the County Board in February.

*Senior Services Grant Commission:* A meeting has been scheduled for February. Information will be presented regarding the Richmond Transit Proposal and Pioneer Assisted Living Facility plans.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 11:13a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend approval of the Ordinance to reauthorize the amendment to Article XVII of the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance and waive of 30 day review

Recommend the reappointment of Beverly Thomas to the Mental Health Board

Recommend the appointment of Andrea Rahlf to the Mental Health Board

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