

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Anna May Miller; Sandra Salgado; Mary L. Donner; Daniel Ryan; James Heisler and Randy Donley. Ms. Miller left committee at 9:07a.m. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty Health Department.

	Virginia Peschke, Chairman	
Randy Donley		Mary L. Donner
James Heisler		Anna May Miller
Daniel Ryan		Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of March 9, 2007. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Senior Services Grant Commission Appointment Interview; Robert R. LaPorta:* Committee members interviewed Mr. Robert R. LaPorta for appointment to the Senior Services Grant Commission. It was stated that a not-for-profit representative appointment is needed. Committee members questioned whether the two current appointments for the members at large appointments could be moved to represent a not for profit agency as they do work with the not for profits. Mr. Labaj noted that he will check whether these individuals meet that criteria and will bring the information back to the committee. It was noted that Mr. LaPorta was recommended for appointment to one of the Planning and Development committees and would check on the additional appointment as well.

*Lake in the Hills Sanitary District Appointment – Edward Moudry:* Chairman Peschke informed committee members that there is one application within the packet for the open position on the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. It was noted that there was only one application received, that was from the incumbent. After review, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the appointment of Edward Moudry to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Housing Authority – appointment of a tenant to replace Patricia Tate – term expires on 6/30/2009 – application from Linda M. Palmisano:* Committee members were informed that the current tenant representative on the Housing Authority has given her resignation to the board. The Housing Authority has recommended the appointment of Linda M. Palmisano as the tenant representative on the Housing Authority. After review, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the appointment of Linda M. Palmisano to fill the open tenant position on the Housing Authority Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$10,000 Health Vision Grant and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department FY07 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$10,000 Health Vision Grant and an emergency appropriation to the to the Health Department's FY07 budget. Mr. McNulty noted this is the first time the department has received a grant from this company which will be used to increase the use of protective eyewear by youth athletes. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. McNulty noted that the grant will be used to bring awareness of alternative eyewear to prevent sports related eye injuries. The majority of the grant will be used for the purchase of supplies. Committee members questioned what sports causes the most eye injuries. Mr. McNulty stated these records are not kept in the County but he may be able to provide national statistics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

*WIB:* Chairman Peschke informed committee members that they received some encouraging statistics at the last WIB meeting regarding the increases seen in the manufacturing industry. She noted that most manufacturers in the County is seeing an expansion in they companies. The most significant problem seen with these increases is the lack of qualified workers to fill the open positions. Chairman Peschke noted that the welding boot camps are still going well.

*HRC:* Chairman Peschke stated that the HRC is trying to figure out the focus of the group for the coming year. She stated they are thinking of focusing on the lack of affordable housing in the area. She noted they are addressing a complaint

received regarding a racial issue at one of the area middle schools. They are contacting the school and the Regional Superintendent of Schools to see what the policy is regarding how teachers react or handle racial issues that come up in the schools. Committee members were informed that the HRC will complete an annual report that will be presented to the County Board.

Ms. Miller left committee at 9:07a.m.

*Housing Authority:* Ms. Donner noted that she the Housing Authority is trying to obtain additional housing for section 8. She noted there is a waiting list for subsidized housing. Questions were raised at the Housing Authority regarding the average length of time a person uses section 8 housing. Some of the Housing Authority funds are used to help rehab properties in order to allow individuals to remain in their own homes. These individuals are usually seniors who do not have available funds to complete necessary repairs. Ms. Donner noted that a large problem for the Housing Authority this winter was the fact they had to use housing money for snow removal.

*Board of Health:* The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday for those interested in attending. Mr. McNulty noted that on Monday an exciting opportunity will be presented to the Board regarding a breast cancer and cervical cancer program expansion. Chairman Peschke noted that the Public Health & Human Services Committee should again schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Health. She also encouraged committee members to attend the monthly Board of Health Meetings.

*Animal Control:* Mr. McNulty informed committee members that on Monday, at the Building Projects Committee, discussions were held with the architect working on the designs for Animal Control. Estimates have come in \$500,000 higher than the original estimates. He noted they are asking for direction regarding these additional costs. If the nursing and environmental areas are removed from the design, the animal control area could be built in budget. He noted there were a lot of reasons for the increase. This issue will be brought to the Finance Committee to discuss the funding for Animal Control. Mr. McNulty noted that even with the \$500,000 increase, the costs would still be lower than what it has cost other area facilities to build smaller than what we will end up with.

*Mental Health Board:* Mr. Heisler noted that he is surprised with the scope of the projects being handled by the Mental Health Board. He stated that it has been an eye opener to see the available services. He stated that transportation seems to be an issue in this area as well. Committee members agreed that a "help" line is needed to inform the people of the services available and how to access these services. They are finding that people do not call the "crisis" line and feel if there was a "help line" available individuals would seek out the service. Mr. Heisler noted they are seeing additional issues from the returning vets from Iraq. He noted some of these veterans are the walking wounded and we will see increased issues.

*Noise Ordinance:* The State's Attorney will be here on the 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Noise Ordinance and disorderly conduct charges.

VAC: None

*Open Burning Forum:* A meeting with the waste haulers in the area has been scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> to inform them of the revised ordinance.

*Senior Services Grant Commission:* None.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to adjourn the meeting at 9:36a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend appointment of Edward Maudry to the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District

Recommend appointment of Linda M. Palmisano as the tenant representative to the Housing Authority

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$10,000 Health Vision Grant and an emergency appropriation to the Health Departments FY07 budget

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