

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2007

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:17a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Sandra Salgado; Mary L. Donner; Randy Donley; James Heisler and Daniel Ryan. Anna May Miller arrived at 8:18a.m. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Suzanne Ehardt, Planning & Development; Carl Martens, WIB; Julie Courtney and Gerri Sherman, Workforce Network; Mike Iwanicki, Veterans Assistance Commission; and the press.

	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 July 27, 2007. Ms. Salgado 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.

Ms. Miller arrived at 8:18a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FY07/08 Budget Reviews: Workforce Network/WIA: Committee members were informed that the budgets being reviewed are maintenance budgets. The personnel costs will be considered at a later date and removed from the current maintenance budget. Supplemental requests will be reviewed at a later date as well. Committee members reviewed the maintenance budgets for Workforce Network. Mr. Sarbaugh reminded committee members that funding for the Workforce Network is all grant funded. None of the programs are supplemented from the General Fund. The money must be spent as they are received. Because the program is State and Federal funded they require a balanced budget. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that the amounts shown on the current budget may change if promised grant funds are received. When they are received, they will be built into their budget. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the FY07/08 maintenance budget for the Workforce Network. The motion carried with all members present voting aye. Committee members were reminded that the open house for Workforce Network is scheduled for August 28th from 5:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. Ms. Courtney noted this is a great way to view the center and see what services the center has to offer.

WIA: Mr. Carl Martens joined the committee for review of the maintenance budget for WIA. This program is closely related to the Workforce Network. The board for the WIA is 51% from the private sector. The WIA is based upon grant funding. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to recommend approval of the FY07/08 maintenance budget for WIA as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye. Mr. Marten stated he is trying to create a wait list for potential board members so he can fill vacancies in a timely manner. If anyone is interested, or they know of anyone who may be interested in serving on this board, he requested they contact him at the WIA office.

Veteran's Assistance Commission: Mr. Iwanicki joined committee for presentation of the Veteran's Assistance Commission budget. Committee members were informed that the Commission is funded by a tax levy from the County. Mr. Iwanicki has done a good job at maintaining his budget as the Veteran's Assistance Commission had previously needed some General Fund monies to cover shortages within the office. Now a reserve is built up to address any needed funding. Mr. Iwanicki noted he is speaking with the commission to create a budgeting

class to help Veteran's who are receiving large settlements. He stated that some of the Veteran's "blow" through the money and are not using the funds for needed living expenses. The office is known for it's assistance to handle claims for the veteran's. Committee members reviewed the bus fund for the commission as well. Mr. Iwanicki noted the bus fund allows the department to accept donations from the public. After review, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the FY07/08 maintenance budgets for the Veteran's Assistance Commission as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Senior Services: Committee members reviewed the maintenance budget for the Senior Services Commission. \$1.8 million has been budgeted for FY08. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that since Senior Services is not a department, not all of the forms were required. Mr. Labaj stated that over \$3 million dollars in requests have been received for this grant funding year. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to recommend approval of the FY07/08 maintenance budget for the Senior Services Grant Commission. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution to reinstate and reactivate the reclassification of two positions in the Health Department's Employee Roster: Committee members reviewed a Resolution to reinstate and reactivate the reclassification of two positions in the Health Department's Employee Roster. Mr. McNulty stated these positions were approved in the FY07 budget, but had not been filled. The positions went inactive. Fee increased in February allowed for the increases in the positions. The department is now ready to fill these positions. After review, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: None

HRC: Chairman Peschke stated that the commission had previously approved the idea of having the commission meetings in various municipalities or villages of the county to address concerns received in the area. At the past meeting some of the commission members were opposed to the idea. A church in Hebron is receptive to having a meeting held in their location and committee members will be updated as these locations are decided upon.

Housing Authority: None.

Board of Health: Mr. McNulty reported that they have been trying to attach the flooding issues in the County. With the additional water, west nils virus becomes an issue as well. He reminded everyone to empty containers filled with standing water. The department has had 7 bats that have tested positive for rabies. Since this is early in the season, additional positive tests are expected. He stated it is important to vaccinate your animals against rabies to prevent the spreading of the disease. Bat complaints have been received from all over the county. There has been a higher incident of rabies in McHenry, Lake and Cook Counties this year. Mr. McNulty informed committee members that tetanus shots are available in the Health Department, Annex B. The bids for Animal Control are expected on Tuesday. They are hopeful to receive some good bids. The road in front of the new facility is scheduled for widening, but, should not affect the facility.

Mental Health: Ms. Lewis informed committee members that she recently attended a System of Care conference and McHenry County was one of three Counties highlighted. The next Mental Health Meeting is scheduled for the 20th.

Noise Ordinance: Committee members questioned if the State's Attorney has had time to review the Boone County Noise Ordinance and whether it could apply to McHenry County. Committee members noted that there has not been any disorderly conduct cases go through the court process to see if this tool would work for the County. Committee members requested the States Attorney and Sheriff's Department attend the next committee meeting to discuss the committee concerns. Ms. Ehardt informed committee members that the complaint received from the Dankert's is being addressed by charging the neighbors with zoning violations and running a commercial operation. Sue noted that they have to follow a process, they cannot just go in and close an operation down, this must be handled through the courts. She informed committee members that they are looking at the zoning to address some of the noise complaints. Off hour complaints are an issue with the need for departments to have available staff to address these complaints. Mr. McNulty noted that his department does have a 24/7 hotline. Committee members noted this may be needed for all the departments to address off

hour concerns. Chairman Peschke noted that joint meetings are needed to address these department crossover issues. It was recommended that some of these issues be addressed at a CALF meeting.

Open Burning Forum: None

Senior Service Grant Commission: None

VAC: None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to adjourn the meeting at 9:29a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval of Resolution to reinstate and reactivate the reclassification of two positions in the Health Department's Employee Roster

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