

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; James Heisler; Sandra Salgado; Anna May Miller; and Mary L. Donner. Dan Ryan arrived at 8:23 a.m. and Mary McCann arrived at 8:25 a.m. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance Commission; and interested public.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of November 9, 2007, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS

Open Burning Ordinance – Next Step: Mr. Labaj stated that with the approval of the Burning Ordinance it is now time to consider what next steps should be taken to inform the public and enforce the ordinance. He suggested the following as a beginning:

- 1) Although the ordinance is now part of the Public Health Ordinance, the Planning and Development Department still shares an aspect of assistance as the ordinance references the Solid Waste Manager under Section 800 – Program Oversight. This individual will look at alternatives to the open burning of landscape waste and work with haulers to seek advice as to what is available to the residents.
- 2) In high impact areas, the County may want to bid out for services or work with a municipality to extend services to outlying areas. This could be done through an intergovernmental agreement with the adjacent municipality. Mr. Austin cautioned that most municipalities would object to dealing with additional phone calls or complaints.
- 3) An educational effort should begin as soon as possible. A program has been put together by the Health Department that could be used. Mr. McNulty stated that a part-time position to assist during the peak burning season would be helpful. He also suggested engaging the Open Burning Task Force in the process. It was also noted that grant funding may be available.
- 4) Enforcement issues need to be “nailed down.” Mr. Labaj suggested having one phone number dedicated for complaint calls.
- 5) The State’s Attorney should talk with the judges to make sure they are aware of what the County is trying to do and that we are looking for compliance with the ordinance and will be serious on enforcement.

Chairman Peschke suggested getting the waste haulers involved in the initiative. Ms. McCann noted that most haulers do not want to promote leaf pick-up services as there is no close place to dump the waste. Mr. Labaj noted that we need to emphasize that the services would be concentrated areas as an overflow to services already provided to municipalities. Mr. McNulty stated there are a number of dumping areas for such waste and this should not be an issue. Ms. Peschke stated as the volume increases haulers may become more interested. These will be on-going issues for the Committee to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Authority – Tenant Appointment: Committee members reviewed Joan Vierck’s application to be appointed to the Housing Authority. Ms. Vierck would serve as tenant representative. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to recommend the County Board appoint Joan Vierck as tenant representative to the Housing Authority Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$6,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department’s FY 08 budget: Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$6,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department’s FY 08 budget. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$9,020 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend the County Board approved a Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$9,020 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of an additional \$17,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to recommend the County Board approved a Resolution authorizing acceptance of an additional \$17,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation to the Health Department's FY 08 budget. The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$255,000 grant funding from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and an emergency appropriation to the Dental Care Clinic Fund for FY 08 budget. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann, to recommend the County Board approved a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$255,000 grant funding from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and an emergency appropriation to the Dental Care Clinic Fund for FY 08 budget. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: The board will meet next Wednesday (12/19/07). The "Work Camp" programs are expanding and are working well for the County. Mr. Austin reported that President Bush has vetoed funds that had been earmarked for this program and the WIB. Concerns have been raised that without federal funding there may be a need for job cuts and a decrease in programs.

HRC: No report.

Housing Authority: Ms. Donner reported that the dental program has been a success and the voucher system is working well. She reported that there is a 3 year waiting list for Section 8 housing.

Board of Health: Groundwater continues to be an issue with natural occurring arsenic being found at several locations throughout the County. The use of bottled water has been recommended for areas in Port Barrington. The Health Department continues to test and work to resolve these concerns.

Animal Control: The project is moving along and is on schedule. The move-in date is expected to be in late January or early February.

Mental Health Board: The next meeting is Monday, December 17th.

Noise Ordinance: None

VAC: Mr. Iwanicki reported that he has received an e-mail requesting that they reapply for grant funding for the dental program. The program to date has helped two clients with an additional client currently going through the program. The department is making changes to their transportation services to better assist the veterans. There will be designated pick-up points to get the people to and from their appointments in the least amount of time. Door to door services will continue for those with mobility issues. A virtual veterans program is being implemented with Veterans Affairs. McHenry County will serve as one of the test areas for the program. The program should allow for faster processing of applicants.

Senior Services Grant Commission: The Housing Study has been mailed as well as contracts for 2008. A report on 2007 accomplishments and plans for 2009 is being drafted.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Appointment to the Housing Authority

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