

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke; Mary McCann; Sandra Salgado; and Dan Ryan. Anna May Miller was absent. Mary Donner arrived at 8:29 am. Jim Heisler arrived at 9:10 am. Also present: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Cindy Kozlowski, Financial Analyst; Carl Martens, Julie Courtney and Gerri Sherman, Workforce Network; Pat McNulty, Health Department; Sandy Lewis, Mental Health, Don Larson, President – Mental Health Board; interested public; and the press.

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

MINUTES

Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of June 13, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Lake in the Hills Sanitary District Board Appointment Interview: Committee members interviewed Terry L. Easler who had applied for an opening on the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District Board. The opening exists due to the recent resignation of Trustee Edward Moudry. Mr. Moudry's current term will expire on May 1, 2010. After interviewing Mr. Easler the Committee wanted to consider this appointment at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mental Health Board Appointment Interview: Committee members interviewed Sam J. Tenuto who had applied for appointment to the Mental Health Board to fill Ms. Ludwikowski's term, expiring on 01/01/2009. After interviewing Mr. Tenuto, Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to recommend the County Board appoint Mr. Tenuto to the Mental Health Board for a term to expire January 1, 2011.

FY 08-09 Budget Reviews: Mr. Sarbaugh joined the Committee to review and present proposed FY 08/09 budgets for the Veterans Assistance; Workforce Network / WIA; and Senior Services. Mr. Sarbaugh provided an overview of the process and the challenges to present a balanced no-growth budget. All budgets were reviewed and were presented as balanced maintenance budgets for each division as noted above.

Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner, to approve the FY 08/09 budget for the Veterans Assistance Commission and the VAC's Bus Fund budget as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to approve the FY 08/09 budget as presented for the Workforce Network. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to approve the FY 08/09 budget as presented for the Workforce Investment Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve the FY 08/09 budget as presented for the Senior Services Grant Commission. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Discussion – Financial support for a contractual position to provide afterhours enforcement of the Open Burning Ordinance: Mr. McNulty presented a request for a contractual position to help with afterhours enforcement of the open burning ordinance. He stated this position would be funded at an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The person would work on an as needed basis to provide support for and enforcement of the open burning ordinance. Mr. Heisler supported the request and commented that without such a position the ordinance would be a "joke." He also asked if the Planning and Development Department was in need of such a person, noting that perhaps this position could

“buddy-up” to their enforcement needs if any. Ms. McCann commented that the P&D Department is researching this need. After discussion, the Committee directed Mr. McNulty to move this request forward to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Animal Control and Board of Health: Mr. McNulty reported that there has been a significant increase in rabid bats. Over 300 specimens have been sent to the state for analysis so far this year. Animal Control staff has been very involved in responding to calls from the public relating to bat problems. Last week, through the collaborative efforts of a variety of organizations, successful Kids Fair was held this past week. It was noted that there have been no human cases of West Niles virus in the County this year, nor have any positive pools been identified within the County. The Health Department will continue to monitor this issue as August and September are prime months for West Niles exposure. A dispensing exercise was recently held with over 600 employees taking part. With the beginning of the Summer Olympics, the Health Department is once again hosting a 2-week Olympic event for employees. Many departments have signed-up 4-person teams to take part in this event. There have been no positive cases of Lyme Disease reported to date.

Workforce Network / WIB: Mr. Martens asked the Committee to consider a Resolution to support the designation of the week of August 25, 2008 as “Workforce Development Week.” He asked if it would be possible to include this on the County Board’s agenda for August 19, 2008. Members reviewed the Resolution and directed Mr. Martens to move this forward to the County Board for consideration.

Mental Health Board: Ms. Lewis stated that the Board continues to monitor the impact of state cuts on services provided by the Mental Health Board. To date, cuts have been less than one percent. She reported that providers have not yet received payment from the State for the first three months of service. Substance abuse services have taken the biggest hit to date and funding is unavailable to make-up for the financial lost. Ms. Lewis reported that a new network of care computer program is being launched and invited members to “check out” the website at networkofcare.org. She stated this is a powerful, interactive program that will be very helpful. Work is continuing on the proposed building project with space needs being further defined and clarified. Mr. Heisler reported that during today’s Legislative Breakfast meeting, many legislators expressed their frustration with recent actions by the state.

VAC: No report.

Housing Authority: No report

Disorderly Conduct/Noise Ordinance: Ms. McCann reported that she met with Ms. Wheeler, Mr. Hansel and Ms. Rein yesterday to discuss this concern and the ongoing problem with ATV race tracks and Rodeo events. They reviewed an Ordinance recently approved in Boone County that is addressing these concerns with a conditional use permit. They will be contacting Boone County to see how effective the ordinance has been and to research how our zoning ordinance could be amended to address these events.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing an appointment to the Mental Health Board

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