

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:18a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Rick Klasen; Lyn Orphal; Anna May Miller; and Sandra Salgado. Barbara Wheeler and Don Larson were absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty and Jerry Rivard, Health Department; Gerri Sherman and Julie Courtney, Job Training; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance; Jackie Smith, Animal Outreach; and the press.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to recommend approval of the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of November 4, 2005. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jackie Smith from Animal Outreach Society joined committee members and commended the County Board for taking of the dangerous dog issue. She stated this is an issue that has needed to be addressed for a long time. Ms. Smith addressed committee members regarding her opposition to cat licensing in the County. She noted that the majority of cat owners make less money than dog owners creating a burden on these owners. Families that own cats usually own more than one cat creating additional costs to the family. She stated that a big problem would be that cats won't/don't wear collars; in fact it is dangerous for them to do so. She stated that emphasis should be placed on micro-chipping or tattooing. She noted that in areas where cat registration is required, cat licensing is low and this requirement drives up the administrative costs. She stated that she would like to see a grandfather clause to reduce the possibility of abandonment. She noted that incentives will be needed to give the owner time to do the right thing.

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance: Ms. Salgado stated that she received an e-mail complaint that falls in the same category as noise and this is regarding light pollution. She stated that a neighbor has a commercial light on their property that shines directly into their house. The note stated that they spent over \$1,000 on blinds to help with the situation to no avail. He stated that this situation is very stressful. When they complained to the owner, they put in a brighter light. Chairman Peschke stated that various municipalities have an ordinance that addresses light pollution and this may be needed here. Committee members were informed that Boone County has a conditional use restriction for dirt bike tracks where they are approved on a case by case basis. Chairman Peschke stated that State Law says this can't be done and Boone County must not have been challenged on this issue yet. Committee members stated we will have to see what happens in Boone County when the issue is challenged.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Services Grant Funding Allocations for Program Year 2006: Committee members reviewed a Resolution approving the adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2006. Ms. Salgado and Ms. Miller questioned whether they should abstain from a vote as their workplace has been recommended for allocations from the grant fund. Mr. Labaj stated that they would be able to vote on this as they will not personally gain monetarily from these allocations. Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the Resolution authorizing adoption of Senior Service Grant Funding Allocation for Program Year 2006 as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing the creation of two part-time youth program intern positions in the Job Training Department: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the creation of two part-time youth program intern positions in the Job Training Department. It was noted that this is an ongoing year round program that is grant funded. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Resolution authoring the reclassification of 10 Job Counselor Positions for the Job Training Department from non-exempt to exempt status: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the reclassification of 10 Job

Counselor positions for the Job Training Department from non-exempt to exempt status. It was noted that these 10 positions will be classified as E10 exempt which will result in some salary adjustments. The costs for these adjustments and benefit costs have been budgeted for within the FY2005/06 County operating budget. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Orphal to recommend approval of the above resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Resolution authorizing a plan to compensate a Veteran's Assistance Service Officer "Trainee" for the Veteran's Assistance Commission of McHenry County: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a plan to compensate a Veteran's Assistance Service Officer "Trainee" for the Veteran's Assistance Commission of McHenry County. The Veteran's Assistance Commission has a position for a Veteran's Service Officer, but, not documented procedure or steps for moving from a trainee to an accredited Veteran's Service Officer. This process will take between 18 months to a year to complete. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Animal Control Adoptions: Committee members were joined by Ms. Kathy Reiland to enter into a discussion regarding animal adoptions in the county. She presented a book for review by Animal Control regarding Animal Adoptions. Ms. Reiland noted that she is a 38 year resident of the county and owns a dog kennel. She has volunteered her time, if the county is interested for doing research. She stressed that education is important. She used to volunteer at Animal Control but, because of the past issues surrounding the facility she no longer works there. She informed committee members that Dane County, in Madison WI has a wonderful facility that was built from donations received through the county's 501c3 corporation. She noted that very little public funds were needed to build the facility. She noted that the county may want to start some fund raising efforts in the schools with the kids coming up with a theme for a fund raiser. She stated it is important to get the employees of Animal Control interested in this effort as well. She stated she is willing to help. It was noted that the Animal Advisory Committee, a committee of the Board of Health is in need of an animal trainer if Ms. Reiland is interested. Committee members stated they are interested in seeing how the 501c3 is set up with Dane County if Ms. Reiland could find out this information for the committee members. Ms. Reiland stated that Dane County runs training programs with outside groups that she thinks is funded through the 501c3 as well. Mr. Labaj stated that a joint venture with a 501c3 could work if the wording is crafted correctly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: Chairman Peschke reported that the Board has changed their name. They will now be known as the McHenry County Workforce Investment Board, McWIB.

HRC: Chairman Peschke stated that an application for appointment to the HRC has been received from Efrain Ovalle. He was previously on the HRC but had to resign because he did not turn in his Economic Interest Statement in a timely manner. Chairman Peschke reported that was because his paperwork was lost in the mail during a move. He is now requesting to be reappointed to the HRC. Committee members agreed that Mr. Ovalle should be reappointed. Chairman Peschke also reported that an essay contest is being held with 6th graders on King Tutt. The winning essay will receive tickets to the King Tutt display in Chicago. Chairman Peschke reminded committee members that the HRC had previously donated books on diversity to McHenry Library. She noted that a more appropriate place for these books would be MCC. She stated that a press release will be sent out regarding the placement of these books to MCC so the teachers in the area know of their availability. Chairman Peschke informed committee members that the Artwork Sub Committee is having a contest for student to create a mural in the Administration Building's cafeteria. She noted the mural will highlight the diversity of the county as well as show the cultural and geographic difference.

Board of Health: The next meeting will be November 28th. Mr. McNulty stated they have a full agenda.

Mental Health Board: Nothing to report

Open Burning Forum: Mr. Labaj reported there would be a presentation on December 9th. He stated it is a very interesting presentation.

Senior Services Grant Commission: None

Committee members were reminded that the Dangerous and Vicious Dog Task Force will meet Monday, starting with a presentation by Animal Control at 5:30p.m., with public comment beginning at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klasen to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing approving the adoption of Senior Services Grant Fund funding allocations for program year 2006

Resolution authorizing the creation of two part-time youth program intern positions in the Job Training Department

Resolution authorizing the reclassification of 10 Job Counselor Positions for the Job Training Department from non-exempt to exempt status

Resolution authorizing a plan to compensate a Veteran's Assistance Service Officer "Trainee" for the Veteran's Assistance Commission of McHenry County

Recommend the appointment of Efrain Ovalle to the Human Relations Council

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