

**JOINT MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
McHenry County Administration Building  
667 Ware Road  
Woodstock, IL 60098**

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006

Chairman Peschke called the Public Health & Human Services Committee meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. The following members present: Public Health & Human Services Committee: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Richard Klasen; Don Larson; Lyn Orphal; and Blake Hobson. Management Services Committee: Tina Hill, Chairman; Jim Heisler; Richard Klasen; Marc Munaretto; Barbara Wheeler and Mary Lou Zierer. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Pat McNulty and Jerry Rivard, Department of Health; Cathy Link, Purchasing; Tom Sullivan, IT; Pam Palmer and Jim Bernier, Auditor; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Perry Moy, John Hammerand, Ann Gilman, Marie Chmiel, County Board Members; interested public and the press.

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Tina Hill, Chairman  
Jim Heisler            Richard Klasen  
Pete Merkel            Marc Munaretto  
Barbara Wheeler    Mary Lou Zierer

**PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Virginia Peschke, Chairman  
Richard Klasen        Don Larson  
Anna May Miller       Lyn Orphal  
Sandra Salgado       Blake Hobson

MINUTE APPROVAL

Public Health & Human Services Committee members reviewed the minutes of May 26, 2006. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Orphal to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant (PH&HS):* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant (PH&HS). Mr. McNulty stated this is a renewal of an EPA grant that the department has been receiving since the mid 80's. The grant will assist in supporting the department's solid waste inspection efforts. Mr. Klasen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Ms. Hill called the Management Services Committee to order at 8:14a.m. Committee members reviewed the Management Services Committee minutes of June 6, 2006. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

*Resolution authorizing the purchase of property in Crystal Lake for an animal control/public health facility (not in packet):* Chairman Koehler joined committee members for a discussion regarding the Animal Control facility. He noted he is not looking for approval of a Resolution to build an animal control facility in Crystal Lake, but, is looking for direction to move forward with a new facility for Animal Control. He stated when he started as Chairman of the County Board, 1 ½ years ago. At that time he was inundated with complaints regarding both the personnel and facility at Animal Control. He noted that most of the complaints regarding personnel have been taken care of. There are now some severe issues that need to be addressed regarding the Animal Control facility. In October, staff was given direction to look for a replacement for Animal Control. At that time, it was not determined what the mission of the department would be, whether it would adopt out animals or not handle adoptions at all. He has heard they plan to continue with adoptions, with a possibility of having a third party provide the adoption services for the County. He noted they are still in discussions regarding this issue. He requested Mr. Austin join the committee to highlight options for a new Animal Control facility. Mr. Austin stated that the request he received was to "find a new animal control facility". This direction came without options to consider. He informed committee members that they have provided four options for consideration. The first option was to purchase the old State Farm Building in Crystal Lake, which would address the animal control concerns and allow for additional services to be provided in the extra space. The second option would be to build a new facility on our current Woodstock campus. He noted that construction costs for a new facility on this property would be \$2.1 – 2.2 million dollars. It would need to be decided where on the property to build and to find out what areas of the property could support a building of this size. The third option would be to build a new facility on the current animal control property. This property is surrounded by residential property and the City would try to resist this effort. He noted there would be on going concerns for this area but feels all the issues could be dealt with. The question would be how to continue operation of the facility while construction is being completed. The final option would be to build a new facility on a new piece of property. It was stated that the costs to run the current facility keep increasing and the facility needs to be replaced, not fixed. Some committee members feel the facility should not be located in a residential area so the Banford Road location should be removed from the equation. Other committee members noted that the facility was located in that area first and should not be an issue. Cost wise, it becomes a feasible location. Other members suggested that other options be considered. It was suggest that the

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Conservation District be contacted to see if they have any property, with buildings, that they do not want. It was noted that they want vacant land and they do not want to deal with developed property. They have to ability to "sell" property to another government entity. It was noted that the Fair Board should be contacted regarding their property as well. The demand for services is currently located in the Southeastern portion of the County. Mr. Larson noted that when he served on the Animal Control Advisory Board, they looked for possible locations for an animal control facility and nothing was found that met its needs and that took place several years ago. Ms. Hill stated that the Management Services Committee was directed to look at properties to fit the needs of animal control. When properties were looked at everything was either unsuitable, it was too expensive or too expensive to make the building suitable. Chairman Koehler stated that all of the figures for his projections have been forecasted high. Ms. Orphal left committee at 8:58a.m. Committee members reviewed possible funding for a new facility. It was noted that the Crystal Lake property would allow for the expansion of the Animal Control facility in the future. Committee members questioned what other buildings would be needed, in the future, to be built on our campus. They noted the need to research all future needs before placing a shelter on our campus. It was also noted that we need to be thoughtful of the building process and the time constraints involved. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moy to recommend staff pursue the option to purchase of the Crystal Lake facility for the use as an animal control facility. The motion failed with four ayes (Hill, Zierer, Larson, Heisler) and five nays (Peschke, Klasen, Munaretto, Wheeler, Hobson) Committee members stated they did not feel they could move forward with this issue until additional options were available for review. It was noted that a Resolution would be needed to move this issue forward. Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hobson to recommend approval of option #2, to build a new facility on the County Campus. After additional discussion, committee members noted the need to hire a consultant to design a campus plan to see if it would be feasible to build a facility on the campus. Committee members noted that the campus plan offers a more cost effective plan. Ms. Wheeler withdrew her motion, in order to bring additional options for consideration. Committee members requested that an additional Management Service Committee meeting be held to interview consultants to design a campus plan for the County. Ms. Hill stated that the next Management Services committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 8:10a.m. Chuck Bennett and Prime Hoffman was thanked for the time they spent researching cost information for the Crystal Lake facility.

OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Health & Human Services Committee meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Klasen, seconded by Mr. Heisler, with all members present voting aye. The Management Services Committee meeting adjourned at 9:50a.m. on a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, with all members present voting aye.

**RECOMMENDED FOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend approval of a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the IEPA Solid Waste Enforcement Grant

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