

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

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006

Chairman Peschke called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Virginia Peschke, Chairman; Lyn Orphal; Blake Hobson; Anna May Miller and Sandra Salgado. Don Larson was absent. Also present: Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Peter Austin, County Administrator; and Interested Public.

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

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of November 17, 2006. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hobson to recommend approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mental Health Board Appointments: Committee members entered into discussion regarding the applicants for the open positions at the Mental Health Board. Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hobson to appoint Mr. Don Larson to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried on a roll call vote with three ayes (Hobson, Miller, Peschke) and two nays (Salgado, Orphal) Mr. Hobson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado to recommend the appointment of Kathleen Ludwikowski to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Hobson, Miller, Orphal, Salgado, Peschke) Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to recommend the re-appointment of Ms. Caren Gardner to the Mental Health Board. The motion carried with the majority of members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Miller, Orphal, Salgado, Peschke) and one nay (Hobson) Committee members noted they were very impressed with the applicant Tiffany Matras and requested Chairman Peschke contact her about a possible future appointment to one of the boards.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

WIB: Chairman Peschke informed the committee of the importance to network with people outside the WIB. She noted she knew of a company looking for experienced cabinet makers. She also had a friend whose husband was out of work that she did not know was a cabinet maker. She noted that if she had networked properly, this person would have been a good fit for the company. She noted that the company lost a big contract because of the lack of experienced workers.

HRC: The HRC met Wednesday night and did not have the required quorum. It was noted that the current council is a more dynamic group and have good plans for the future. They will be contributing towards the cost of the art mural that will be placed in the employee lunch room and will have a piñatas contest to teach the history of the piñatas to area students. The winning students will have their piñatas hung within the Administration Building. Chairman Peschke has noted that the HRC has approximately \$4,000 in their budget.

Housing Authority: Julie Biel-Claussen has been as the director of the Housing Authority. Ms. Sonntag will remain as a consultant to the Housing Authority.

Board of Health: Chairman Peschke noted that the Health Department is involved with the Agri-tour resolution that will be brought forward on the 8th for approval.

Animal Control: Chairman Peschke noted that the Animal Control Advisory Committee has an open position that is usually filled with a member from this committee. Ms. Miller noted her interest in this appointment. The consensus of the committee would be to appoint Ms. Miller to this position. Chairman Peschke noted she would make the recommendation to the County Board Chairman. It was noted that the Animal Control Appeal Board needs a new member as well. It was noted that this position should be a current County Board Member who has some experience. Chairman Peschke noted that this commission rarely meets, but, is a very important appointment. Chairman Koehler noted the appointments will be made after the new County Board members are seated. He noted that he will keep in mind the recommendations of the committee.

Committee members noted that the adoption program went well.

Mental Health Board: Ms. Salgado noted that the Mental Health Board has increased the contracts by 2%. They have also discontinued the yearly bonus program that was implemented for select individuals. Committee members questioned these bonuses and noted they were unaware of the program.

Noise Ordinance: None

VAC: None

Approved 12.08.06

Open Burning Forum: None

Senior Services Grant Commission: The commission will need to schedule an appointment to interview for the open positions on the commission. It was noted that the strategic meeting for the commission is being planned for February.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommend appointment of Don Larson, Kathleen Ludwikowski and reappointment of Caren Gardner to the Mental Health Board

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