

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

MINUTES OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

Chairman Orphal called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Lyn Orphal; Sandra Salgado; Mary McCann and Anna May Miller. Mary Donner, Randy Donley and Virginia Peschke were absent. Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Pat McNulty, Patti Nomm and Kristy Hecke, Health Department; Mike Iwanicki, Veteran's Assistance Commission and Sandy Lewis, Mental Health.

Lyn Orphal, Chairman

Mary L. Donner	Randy Donley
Mary T. McCann	Anna May Miller
Virginia Peschke	Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to approve the Public Health & Human Services Committee minutes of December 12, 2008, as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

Mr. McNulty and Patti Nomm joined committee members to introduce Kristy Hecke as the new Solid Waste Manager. The Health Department has taken over the Solid Waste position from the Planning & Development Department. Ms. Nomm noted that they want to get started right away on projects for the position. Ms. Nomm introduced Ms. Hecke to Committee members. Committee members were informed that Ms. Hecke has a Bachelor of Science degree with her background being Community Health. The Department would like to expand enforcement and education with the department concentrating on recycling and disposal options for the County. They will need time to get familiar with the various ordinances that would encompass this position. Meetings will be set up with the Groundwater Manager, the recycling committee, the Regional Office of Education to discuss possibilities with the school environmental groups, the open burning forum and green committee at the County. The Board of Health has talked about creating an Environmental Health Advisory Committee and Ms. Hecke would be involved with them as well. The department will work with neighboring communities on licensing issues and IDPH permits. They will look at training and alternatives to landscape waste removal. They will work with the Groundwater Manager on pharmaceuticals found in groundwater, hazardous materials and electronic disposal issues. They would also like to expand their existing partnerships with the food operators and builders to get more recycling programs in place. Ms. Hecke and Ms. Nomm stated they are looking forward to getting started on the new portion of their department. Committee members noted that this is a good transition and they stated that the committee has always felt this position should be in the Health Department and it is now where it belongs.

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Authority Appointment-Charlene Krause (fill vacant position – term to expire on 6/30/2013): Committee members asked if they could vote on both appointments being considered. *Animal Control Administrator – Edin Mehanovic, DVM:* Committee members reviewed the appointment of Charlene Krause to the Housing Authority and Edin Mehanovic, DVM for the reappointment as the Animal Control Administrator. After review, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to recommend the appointment of Charlene Krause to the Housing Authority with the term to expire on 6/30/2013, and recommend the re-appointment of Edin Mehanovic, DVM as the Animal Control Administrator. The motion carried with all members present voting aye (McCann, Miller, Salgado, Orphal) Committee members were informed that Dr. Mehanovic has requested a cost of living increase to his contract. The contract will be brought back to committee for consideration at a later date.

Meeting Dates/Times: Committee members entered into discussion regarding the scheduling for meeting dates for the coming year. Chairman Orphal stated she did not feel that it would be necessary to schedule two meetings per month and she also requested that the meetings be moved from Friday's to another day. She stated that if additional meetings are needed an additional meeting could be called. It was also noted that some items going before the committee may come out of order in order to get items placed on the County Board agenda in a timely manner. Chairman Orphal suggested either the first or third Monday of the month at 8:15a.m. She stated that there will be some that have some conflicting issues, but, we will try to work around these issues. She suggested that the committee meetings take place on the third Monday of the month at 8:15a.m. It was noted that some other committee times and dates may change as well. It was suggested that the Committee meet prior to the County Board meeting, on February 3rd at 8:15a.m. and also on February 23rd at 8:15a.m. to discuss other issues of the committee.

Committee members then agreed to meet on the third Monday of the Month at 8:15a.m. the remainder of the year. Ms. Salgado made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend the Public Health & Human Services Committee meet on the third Monday of the Month, at 8:15a.m. beginning in March and to schedule a Public Health & Human Services Committee meeting for February 3rd at 8:15a.m., prior to the County Board meeting, and February 23rd at 8:15a.m. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Chairman Orphal noted that she is requesting that reports be kept to 10 minutes and to provide updates only when there is an issue that needs to be reported.

Workforce Network/WIB: Chairman Orphal noted that she would be attending and reporting on these groups.

Board of Health: Mr. McNulty informed committee members that there was a large attendance during the past Animal Control Advisory Committee on the 26th. He noted they were discussing the possibility of limiting the amount of animals allowed in each household. He noted that there were some misconceptions of the issue but everyone handled themselves with courtesy. A lot of good ideas came out of the meeting and will be discussed during future meetings.

Mental Health Board: Ms. Lewis provided committee members with a copy of their annual report. She informed committee members that the Mental Health Board has provided some advance payments to some of their service providers because of the State's slow payments. She noted that they expect another advance may be needed in the near future.

Disorderly Conduct/Noise Ordinance: Committee members noted that they may be able to address noise issues through a nuisance ordinance. Committee members noted they are not clear what this ordinance covers. They questioned if animals could be added to this ordinance. Mr. McNulty informed committee members that barking dogs are already covered under the Public Health Ordinance under Article III. Disorderly conduct helps address the issues with ATV's and events where liquor is being served without a permit. It was noted that the County does not have a nuisance ordinance, but there are some very good nuisance ordinances in some surrounding County's that may be considered. It was noted that Lake County uses their nuisance ordinance to address noise issues. It was suggested that the various neighboring county ordinances be reviewed for possible consideration and to look at practical enforcement laws to address the ordinance. It was suggested that a representative from both the State's Attorney's office and the Sheriff's Department attend the committee meeting on February 23rd for this discussion. It was noted that a health ordinance would cover the whole county and they need to make sure any adopted ordinance has the ability to be enforced. It was noted that Lake County uses two guides for enforcement. They cannot hear "noise" a certain number of feet from the property and they also use decimal readers.

Senior Services Grant Commission: Mr. Labaj noted that Monday is the date for the closing of the FY08 budgets. The commission might want to consider holding a meeting to review the past year. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled either late February or after the Public Health meeting in March. Ms. Salgado requested that the commission members receive plenty of notice for the meeting.

Ms. Salgado left committee at 9:02a.m.

VAC: Mr. Iwanicki joined committee members to provide an update on the VAC. The governor's report has been completed and has been sent to the printers. The committee members will receive a copy when available. Mr. Iwanicki reported that the committee will be receiving a resolution for consideration at their next committee meeting. The department has received a \$35,000 grant for restorative dental services. The VAC is also giving recognition to area dentist who have made this program possible.

Mr. Iwanicki is thankful to the area Townships who are able to help with transportation services for their veterans. The VAC no longer provides services to Heinz medical or Milwaukee. Individuals who need services from these locations are able to catch a shuttle in North Chicago, if needed. Mr. Iwanicki noted they have been able to cut some of their costs by providing taxi service for a small number of clients. He noted that the taxi's are more cost effective in providing rides to the clinic in McHenry.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

- Appointment of Charlene Krause to the Housing Authority
- Re-appointment of Edin Mehanovic, DVM as Animal Control Administrator

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