

MISCELLANEOUS AND COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Miscellaneous and County Health Committee met in the County Board Room on July 14, 2020 at 6:30pm. Members present were Janet Fleming, Chairwoman, Dennis Castlebury, Pat Cramer, Tom Rodgers, Mark Hanson, Stephen Finney, and Gary Dittmer. Absent was Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board.

Visiting members discussed the privatizing of the ambulance and they were member of Memorial Hospital, ambulance members and Keven Brobmer with the Ambulance Union.

Rachel Mast, States Attorney wasn't able to attend the meeting to give an update on the COVID 19 or the Lomax Ambulance service.

Amy Hall with the Hancock County Health department entered the meeting and updated the members on her grants the also her years ending. She is also having meeting with the hospital, and the IDPH which covers our health department and a lot of the education for the county. She stated that we have had twenty-three cases and eighteen have recovers and one deceased. Pat Cramer ask her about the dentist as he stated he has a lady called him and she was ten minutes late for her appointment and tried to make another one and was no she could no longer come there. Pat stated she is a tax payer and that policy needs to be looked into. Amy stated how it works and does happen to adults but they won't to that to the kids. Tom ask Amy if we had any special rules for the COVID19, and she stated just to be doing like we have and being careful.

Jack Curfman, ESDA Director stated that he had visited with Bellwether about his budget and also cannot not order any more supplies for the COVID19 safety unless can show is it necessary and it is not being a shortage any more. Jack stated he still doesn't have his pump because he has to get a paper filled out from the County for his credit and then will be able to get it. Jack has spent six and one-half hours working on the Flood Plain and about 104 miles. Has had several complaints about a property being trashed and working to get it taken care of and also the fish market is about cleaned up. He has two properties that someone is wanting to adopt a lot.

Janet talked to Mike Wright and told him the board stated we need to rescind the motion to build a new building. A motion was made by Dennis Castlebury that we refuse the bid on a new construction of a building at the pound. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Another motion was made by Dennis Castlebury to post a notice for bids for the dog facility to be refurbished. Pat Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jenny Meeks, EMS Director reported on two grants that she has been working on and the one is for the new ambulance chassis. The other one is from Senator Jil Tracy for \$32500.00 for renovation of buildings and etc. She is going to have the driveway repaved by WL Miller and the other parking lot at the ambulance shed will be oiled and chipped. Also, will have new lights put up above the outside doors and new door on the ambulance shed and a security camera system.

She has had several conversations with the Lomax Ambulance Director and several other people about the money they owe us for runs and they have been advised not to pay us. We still need to keep billing them and she will talk to Rachel about this and table it till next month and report back. She also has done some figuring on what we have collected from private people in Dallas area and we have collected quite a bit.

Jennifer stated that the contractual write offs are \$59,938.53, in which a motion was made by Pat Cramer to have this written off. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jennifer has been calling the bad debt people before they go to collection and has found several of the people are deceased, and has checked in their estates. She has gotten eight out of fifty and the forty-two left are definitely bad debts. A motion was made by Mark Hanson that the 42-people totaling \$34,708.65 be wrote off. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

She did go to Henderson County court on July 10th regarding an estate that the family was refusing to pay and the Judge found in Hancock County favor to have the bill paid out of the estate. She also requested that we give PBS Billing to allow a discount to people if they pay the full bill. A motion was made my Tom Rodger to have them give a 5% discount on a bill if paid in full. Pat Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jennifer discussed the transfer protocols and she know that Pike County is doting awesome making money and we did one that we got \$5000.00 for. This is something she wants to work with the hospital on and the come up with a plan for this committee. She will work with Pittsfield and see how they have done it. This will be tabled until she has a better plan is place and figures to make it work. She does have one position open for a paramedic and the committee told her to go ahead and hire someone, she doesn't need their permission. She also talked to Janet and put out four bids for a new lawnmower, as the there just completely quit. She got one at Henry's in Bowen for cheapest bid of \$2634. Also, is checking into getting a better internet service ad Mediacom is so high and knows she can get it cheaper. She is also wanting to get a class started for EMT and also some community outreach things, like a CPR class and several people have been asking for them.

The committee reviewed Forty-eight claims for payment. A motion was made by Tom Rodger to sent them to the full board for payment. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Pat Cramer to recess until August 11, 2020 at 6:30pm. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Janet Fleming, Chairwoman