

MISCELLANEOUS AND COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Miscellaneous and County Health Committee met in the County Board Room on September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm. Members present were Janet Fleming, Chairwoman, Pat Cramer, Dennis Castlebury, Stephen Finney, Andrew Asbury, Annie Phillips, Tom Rodgers and Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board.

Amy Hall, Administrator with the County Health Department entered the meeting and reported to the committee on the COVID cases in Hancock County and also what she is trying to do to help the schools and trying to get testing kits. Last week we had 116 new cases. Amy also passed out a paper showing the dates for flu and pneumonia clinics in areas around the County, if anyone has any questions on the COVID testing or anything else they will gladly try to tell them what to do. They are taking care of all the school and teacher cases as far as quarantining. Amy did pass out her budget and did state her levy will not change from last year which makes her funds of \$321,000.00 for the Health Department and \$10,000.00 for the T.B. Fund. Amy also stated she has the Hancock County IPLAN for 2024-2028 with the Memorial Hospital Community Health Needs Assessments. Their priorities are to help with poor physical health maintenance, mental health and cancer, will try to educate people and on some of the things they can do.

Jenny Meeks, EMS Director gave the committee and update on her funds, CD's and Tax Distributions and the balance of her accounts. She is trying to get the USDA Grant money and is meeting with the States Attorney and the USDA representatives to try and get this closed.

Jenny reported her Contractual Write-offs for August are \$26,742.14 and the bad debt to go to collection is the sum of \$10,881.57. A motion was made by Tom Rogers to approve these two amounts to the full board for approval. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Jenny stated she is having problem with the older ambulances and now has an Oxygen Leak on one and that is costly to fix, but has to be done. She also stated that she attending the Dallas City Rural Fire meeting tonight just as a guest. She does plan to attend the North Dakota Pipeline Pumping Station tour on September 15th, and has a meeting with Administration at Memorial Hospital to discuss transfers. The ambulances are due for IDPH inspections on September 27th, and monthly in-service for continuing education units is scheduled for September 28th. On October 1st they will have a Stop the Bleed course with Illini West HS to teach the Health classes on how to stop arterial bleeds quickly in the field. Jenny also stated they are bringing on additional narcotic drugs to use in the field per QAEMS protocols, and for this reason she has installed ADT security at the office and garage. This will include cyber security which will protect our multitude of HIPAA protected documents stored on computers and in hard copy at the office. Cost her between \$4000.00 and \$5000.00 to install and will be \$300.00 per month, but the County is fully protected and not liable. One HIPAA leak costs \$50,000.00 it should happen and they have a lot of file.

Jenny has given her budget to Bellwether and has a meeting with them on the 23rd at 3:30pm and then will come back to this meeting if any changes before it is finalized.

Jack Curfman, ESDA Director informed the members that he participated in the Mitigation ZOOM meeting on August 17th. Jack also stated that he sold the trailer for a bid of \$659.00 and he was going to scrap it out. He also stated that they have an Amateur radio club that is offering a Technician License Course from August thru October and they have eight in the class. The new ESDA amateur radio repeater is also here and was a necessity. Jack does need a letter from the County for the Mitigation plan that they agree to pay up to \$7500.00 which would be 25% of the grant. After explaining that every year they usually don't have to pay anything due to mileage and meeting wages, but just in case he did put some money in a special line item for this and won't spend on anything else.

A motion was made by Stephen Finney that we approve this pre-application form for HMGP, BRIC21 and FMA21 for \$29,752.00 and our 25% would be in the sum of \$7,440.00. Andrew Asbury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Jack also stated he was to have a Drug Free Work Place Policy for the County. He is using State of Illinois Drug Free Workplace Certification form, and thinks this will be alright. Also, tomorrow will be the tour of the new pipeline pumping station and it is by invitation only. On the list he turned in was Delbert and Janet from this committee to go with his group. Jack has one hour of Floodplain work in Warsaw Bottoms and about 40 miles.

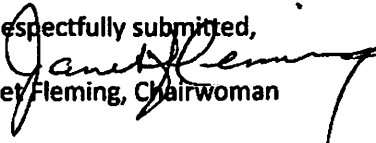
Jack did get missed on the new phone system and he applied for it and was told he was on the list, but the County Highway used his address instead of theirs so he didn't get it. I will be getting it at the building and also it will transfer to his cell phone if he isn't there. Jack also stated he has a meeting with Bellwether on the 23rd regarding his budget and then will bring back to our committee.

Tom Rodgers discussed with the members that he has been working with Samantha the Economic Director about the Broad Band and there is a grant they can get but has to be done by end of September. Tom asked if he could pursue this and see if he could get anything done and the members told him to go ahead.

Janet stated Mike hasn't had any problem with the Animal Control and is meeting with Bellwether on the 23rd regarding his budget and then will bring back to our committee.

Forty-four claims were reviewed for payment and after reviewing a motion was made by Stephen Finney to present these to the full board for payment. Tom Rodgers seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Dennis Castlebury to recess until October 12th, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Annie Phillips seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming, Chairwoman