

# Montgomery County Board

## HWE Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** 8:30 AM – County Board Room

**Members Present:** Chairman Connie Beck, Chuck Graden, Earlene Robinson, Mike Webb, and Richard Wendel

**Members Absent:** County Board Chairman Roy Hertel

**Others Present:** Bill Gonet, Cindy Howard, Dawn Lutz, Sandy Leitheiser and Nancy Richardson

The committee met today to discuss the following:

- 1. Update/Approval Amend the County Food Ordinance regarding Inspections:** Cyndy Howard from the Health Department presented changes to the County Food Ordinance. The Inspection sheet was changed due to a grant. If we pass the ordinance then we meet the requirement for the grant. Howard also reported that there will be a grading scale in amended food ordinance. The high risk facilities are inspected three times a year and consist of the schools and hospitals. Medium risk facilities are the restaurants and they have to be inspected once a year. The low risk facilities serve beverages, have no food preparation and have to be inspected every other year. There are about 200 facilities in the County to be inspected. The grading process is not part of the grant and we would be the first county in the state of Illinois that would have the grading scale. The ordinance will require the facility to post the grading sheet at the facility. The Health Department board and the State Department of Health have approved the amendments to the ordinance. The States Attorney's Office has also approved the amendments to the food ordinance. The County Board vote is the final vote to amend this ordinance which if approved would be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Cyndy Howard will be at the full board meeting on Tuesday to explain the amendments and answer any questions. Cyndy Howard also reported that she sends a report on the food facilities to all four of the County Newspapers. The committee discussed having this inspection information on the County Web Site. **Motion by Earlene Robinson and second by Richard Wendel to recommend the Amended County Food Ordinance to the County Board. All in favor, motion carried.**
- 2. Update/Approval Elections:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that the Governor signed the Elections Omnibus Bill which will require implementation of online voter registration starting in July 2014. She reported that she has obtained a small grant to help with ADA needs (door locks, signage) of the Historic Courthouse basement Early Voting Room. She also informed members that the new Election Law that will allow 17 year olds to register to vote at the March General Primary Election when they will be age 18 by the November General Election will not go into effect until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, and the Illinois State Board of Elections has determined that the 17 year old voters will be eligible for the full Ballot, so no additional ballot styles will be necessary for those voters to only be eligible to nominate candidates.
- 3. Update/Approval Recycling Program and Events:** Dawn Lutz reported that the Electronic Recycling day will be announced at a later date.
- 4. Update/Approval EPA Report:** Bill Gonet shared his quarterly inspection reports and stated that there was a tire collection for the townships and municipalities. There are a lot of other revenues his department collects. The tire collection was funded by IL EPA and cost about \$10,000.
- 5. Update/Approval Animal Control Facility and Program:** Nancy Richardson reported:

- Animal Control Intake Summary: there were 22 animals rescued this month. There was a mobile cat adoption at ACE Hardware and she will try and have another one there in August.
- Volunteer hours are way up. Randy Richardson has been working on the cat room.
- Update on Revenue & Expenses: Will work on municipality billing.
- Free Roaming cat room is almost complete.
- Knox Box will be ordered next Tuesday.
- Friends of MCAC Volunteer Group is working getting the animals rescued and transporting. The committee discussed reimbursing volunteers for mileage and crate fees until the volunteer group can raise money. Richardson explained the costs for Vet fees to euthanize an animal and the fuel costs to incinerate. The Vet fee would be \$30.00 to \$35.00 and depending on the size of the animal, it would cost anywhere from \$20 for a small animal to \$53.00 for a 90 pound dog. Most of the transportation is to Springfield or Effingham and would cost about \$28.00 to \$30.00 for transport versus \$40.00 to \$90.00 expenses per animal for euthanizing and disposal. **Motion by Mike Webb and second by Richard Wendel to approve paying \$.27 per mile for transport. All in favor, motion carried.**
- The Labor Hall sent a few volunteers to paint the office.

**6. Update/Approval Tour of Animal Control Facility:** Tour after Full Board meeting on August 13.

**7. Update/Approval Other Business:** None at this time.

Motion by Mike Webb, second by Earlene Robinson to pay the Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Webb, second by Richard Wendel to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Chris Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.