

Montgomery County Board

HWE Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 5th, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

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

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser, Dawn Lutz, Nancy Richardson, Betsy Wilson, Bill Gonet, Claire Eskew and Michael Glenn

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Elections:** County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser shared a list of the County Candidates that filed for the March 18th, 2014 General Primary Election and stated that everything is going well for the new early voting area in the basement of the Historic Courthouse.
2. **Update/Approval Recycling Program and Events:** Dawn Lutz shared information regarding the material intake and pricing for 2013. Material pricing has dropped resulting in reduces revenues. + Lutz reported that we will receive another grant for the 2014 electronics recycling drive that is scheduled for April. The event will be advertised in the newspapers, WSMI radio and notices will be given to the schools.
3. **Update/Approval EPA Report:** Bill Gonet shared information regarding the regional landfill capacity report. Everything has been running OK at the Envotec landfill. There will be a re-evaluation of the Bishop landfill in January or February.
4. **Update/Approval Animal Control Facility and Program:** Nancy Richardson reported.
 - Animal Control Intake Summary: Committee reviewed the Intake Summary. Volunteer hours are up from last year. Euthanasia rate is 4.5%. Municipality billing is complete. Richardson reported that the City of Litchfield has stopped bringing in stray cats.
 - Update on Revenues & Expenses: Took in more revenue than projected and there were more expenses with personnel and with more animals in, food and vet expenses increased a little.
 - Open House at the Facility is scheduled for this Saturday, December 7th from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
 - The new truck was ordered and will be shipped in the first or second week of January.
 - Rabies tag increase goes into effect January 1st, 2014. Richardson will get a notice to all the Veterinarians regarding the rabies tag increase.
 - The committee discussed a complaint from a resident in Van Burensburg regarding barking dogs. There is nothing in the County ordinance regarding barking dogs. Richardson stated this would be nearly impossible to enforce.
 - Contract with Mason County was given to the committee members to review.
 - Attorney Michael Glenn addressed the Committee regarding the bequest from Mrs. Lillian Vanek and asked if there were any questions. Committee Chairman Connie Beck stated that she wanted the Committee to hear from Attorney Glenn about the bequest money and what it could be used for. Chairman Hertel stated that the bequest money will be kept in a separate fund.
5. **Update/Approval Animal Control Ordinance:** The Committee reviewed a draft of the revised animal control ordinance. There is a proposal to implement an annual license fee for anyone selling cats or dogs. The Committee would like more information presented at their next meeting in January. A draft of the revised ordinance will then be given to the full board to review for one month.
6. **Update/Approval Closed Session to Discuss Property and Personnel:**

Motion to go into Executive Session by Graden and second by Wendel. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:52 am

Motion to go out of Executive Session by Earlene Robinson and second by Mike Webb. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 10:15 am. No Action was taken.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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

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