

Montgomery County Board

HWE Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 5th, 2014

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

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

Members Absent: Richard Wendel

Others Present: Dawn Lutz and Sandy Leitheiser

The committee met today to discuss the following:

- 1. Update/Approval Elections:** County Clerk Leitheiser stated that the commissioning of election judges will be presented to the full board at their July meeting, and she plans to receive election judge names from the Democratic and Republican Party Precinct Committee Representatives by the June 20th, 2014 deadline so all their names will be compiled to be submitted to the County Board in July. Leitheiser also provided members the County Candidate listing for the November, 2014 Election.
- 2. Update/Approval Recycling Program and Events:** Dawn Lutz shared the proposed Recycling budget for FY 2015. An increase was made to the maintenance of equipment and maintenance to buildings line items. Lutz stated that the committee needs to look at putting up drop sheds in Fillmore and Taylor Springs, with Fillmore as a priority. The committee also discussed budget concerns and different ways to recycle and Lutz stated that we will lose businesses if you start charging them to pick up their recycling. Lutz stated that an idea to consider would be for the County to put in a transfer station at an estimated cost of \$250,000. This could bring in about \$75,000 more money in recycling revenue. Chairman Hertel asked about other ways to recycle without sorting and Lutz replied that there is a method called “single stream” recycling; however the revenue is only about \$40.00 per ton. When the Litchfield drop off had the fire, we had to process all materials together because it was too much labor to sort. Midwest Fiber in Decatur has a plant that can take in and process single stream recycling. Dawn Lutz stated that she submitted a letter of resignation to the Connie Beck on Monday and her last day will be Friday, June 27th, 2014. Lutz did not have any specific reasons for leaving County employment. She stated that after 13 years of service she needed to take care of other things. The committee accepted the resignation and wished Lutz luck in the future. The committee also discussed that they will need to look at the different options to replace Lutz.
- 3. Update/Approval EPA Report:** Connie Beck reported that she reviewed the FY2015 EPA budget with Bill Gonet. The current EPA truck is a 2008 and has a little over 100,000 miles on it. The committee discussed the need to put a new vehicle in the FY 2015 budget.
- 4. Update/Approval Animal Control Facility and Program:** Nancy Richardson dropped off her reports for the committee to review and went back to the facility because Andrew was the only one back at the facility. The committee reviewed the applications for the part time Kennel Attendant and interviews will be conducted next week.
- 5. Update/Approval Bliss McKnight asking when the Insurance will be bid out again:** The committee discussed the inquiry from Bliss McKnight Insurance Company on when the County plans to bid out the insurance again. After checking the county board minutes, the Property Casualty and Worker Compensation insurance does not need to be bid out again until the summer of 2016 per the board minutes of October 11th, 2011. Daniels will email Bliss McKnight and let them know that we will bid this out again in 2016.
- 6. Update/Approval Other Business:** The committee discussed and agreed to pay a Vet bill that was submitted and discussed the need to find a backup Veterinarian for injured animals or emergencies if Dr. Probst is unavailable.

Motion by Mike Web, 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 10:00 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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