

Montgomery County Board

HWE Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 6th, 2014

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

Members Absent: Mike Webb

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser, Kim Fenton, Betsy Wilson, Bill Gonet, Nancy Richardson, and Dawn Lutz

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Elections:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that early voting is taking place and working well in the new early voting space in the basement of the Historic Courthouse. There have been 320 votes submitted so far. Of the 320 votes, 94 voters came in early to cast their ballot and the remainder have been mailed in. Leitheiser stated that her office will be open for early voting from 8:00 AM to noon this Saturday and next Saturday.
2. **Update/Approval Recycling Program and Events:** Dawn Lutz reported that the winter has been harsh on equipment and that baler issues have been repaired. The Electronics Drive has been tentatively set for April 24 and 25. The IEPA grant of 2,000 was received and that will pay for all advertising in newspapers, and fliers to the schools and for WSMI radio ads five days before the drive. Lutz reported that when temperatures are so low the ceiling tube radiant heat is not efficient so she will be looking at forced air heat in the warehouse for next year. Chairman Hertel asked Lutz to figure the square footage of the Hillsboro drop off area and to double it and to also address the drainage issues. The Committee also discussed putting up a fence in the future around the garbage dumpsters because the trash blows across to the sports complex.
3. **Update/Approval EPA Report:** Bill Gonet reported that there was about \$900 repairs made to the truck to replace a bad fuel pump that froze up due to getting water down gas. The alternator on the truck then went out and had to be fixed. Gonet stated that the EPA grant will be paid and that he has applied for the State Fiscal Year 2015 grant. Goner reported that he will be attending a hazardous waste training and first aid training with IL EPA.
4. **Update/Approval Animal Control Facility and Program:** Nancy Richardson reported.
 - **Animal Control Intake Summary:** The Committee reviewed the reports.
 - **Update on Revenues & Expenses:** The committee reviewed the reports.
 - **Animal Control Ordinance** – Richardson is still working on some revisions to the Ordinance.
 - The new truck has been delivered and the letters are being installed on the doors this morning. Richardson stated that she is looking to put a spray-in truck bed liner in the back for a cost of \$595.00 so the cages won't slide. **Motion by Graden and second by Wendel to approve the purchase of a truck bed liner for the back of the truck for a cost of \$595.00.**
 - Animal Control Vehicle needed to get repairs due to watered down fuel from the highway department.
 - Microchip clinic will be held at the facility tonight from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
 - The propane expenses this season have been expensive due to the cold temperatures and the cost of propane.
 - Had 22 adoptions for February.
 - Friends of Montgomery County Animal Control: Kim Fenton addressed the committee and stated that she and her daughter have been volunteering at the facility. Fenton stated that it is a

well-run facility. There were eight dogs that a Friends of Montgomery County Animal Control Volunteer took on Saturday to a rescue. Kim Fenton also stated that they are helping with an open house at animal control on Saturday April 12th from on to 2:00 PM. Fenton stated that the volunteer group wants to help with more programs this year.

- Richardson stated that the Humane Society in Bond County is closing and the new part time Bond County animal control employee wants to observe at animal control. The Bond County Board would like a letter stating that he was there. Chairman Hertel stated that he can come to the facility to observe and Betsy Wilson stated that we should not have to write a letter to Bond County.

5. **Update/Approval Tour of Mason County Animal Control:** No Date has been set yet. Plan before the May board meeting.
6. **Update/Approval Volunteer Survey – IPRF:** The committee will review for the next month the response from IPMG Insurance Agent Jeff Weis on the use of volunteers at various County offices.
7. **Update/Approval Priorities for Long-Term Improvement Fund:** The committee discussed the intent of what the Long-Term Improvement Fund could be spent on. The Board members need to decide if the 33% of the Coal revenues that are being set aside in the Long-Term Improvement Fund include the County structures and infrastructure. The full board will discuss and define at the March full board meeting.
8. **RSVP for Farm Bureau Breakfast and Coal Mine Tour:** Taking reservations for the breakfast and coal mine tour scheduled for April.
9. **Update/Approval UCCI Education Seminar:** Rescheduled for Saturday, April 26th at 8:15 a.m. in Springfield at the Abraham Library.
10. **Update/Approval Other Business:** Chairman Hertel stated that the issues with the estate have been completed. Chairman Hertel thanked Betsy Wilson for all her work on the Vanek estate. Assistant States Attorney Wilson stated that there is a \$15,000 fee from Michael Glenn to finish the estate. **Motion by Earlene Robinson and second by Richard Wendel to pay Attorney Michael Glenn \$15,000 for his fees to work on the Vanek estate. All in favor, motion carried.** Kim Fenton asked about the Science Diet food program for animal control. There were a few issues that the committee was concerned about so they decided not to get go through this program. Chairman Hertel stated that we can check with other County Animal Controls to see if they are involved with any free food programs.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM

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

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