

Montgomery County Board

HWE Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 3rd, 2014

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Connie Beck, Chuck Graden, Earlene Robinson, Mike Webb, Richard Wendel, Board Chairman Roy Hertel and Vice-Chairman Mary Bathurst.

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

The committee met today to discuss the following:

- 1. Update/Approval Elections:** County Clerk Leitheiser reported that the Official Canvass of the March 18th, 2014 General Primary Election was completed on April 2nd, 2014.
- 2. Update/Approval Recycling Program and Events:** Dawn Lutz reported that the recycling program would no longer be receiving the \$.02 per pound on the electronics collected and they will still be using Com 2 for the electronics recycling drives. Lutz presented a couple of options and proposals to install fencing at the Hillsboro facility to help contain the trash that blows around. **Motion by Chuck Graden and second by Mike Webb to approve option C in the amount of \$4,595 with Fence Masters. All in favor, motion carried.** Lutz stated that she would like to look at installing drop off areas in Fillmore and Taylor Springs and that each one would cost about \$4,000.
- 3. Update/Approval EPA Report:** Bill Gonet reported that the grant is being reviewed by the state for the next fiscal year and they are still paying their quarterly payments. The state said as long as we have a land fill they will still continue to fund our program. Gonet gave the committee members his quarterly inspection report to review.
- 4. Update/Approval Fuel Expense:** General fund will not reimburse the highway department for the bad fuel from last month.
- 5. Update/Approval Animal Control Facility and Program:** Nancy Richardson reported.
 - Committee reviewed the Animal Control Intake Summary and the revenue & expense reports.
 - There is a transport driver information sheet for volunteers to complete before using the County Vehicle to transport animals.
 - Richardson stated that she has a hard time getting crates up into the new pickup truck and requested to purchase a step ladder. The pickup truck bed is higher and is harder to get the animals up into it. Chairman Hertel suggested looking into a conveyor with wheels on it to roll the crates up to the truck bed.
 - Richardson asked if Lloyd Meyer could do the maintenance and oil changes on the new generator and the committee stated that they should enter into a maintenance agreement with Hillers to do the work so that the five year warranty is not compromised.
 - Richardson reported that there could be some problems with legislative proposals regarding the adequate shelter language in the state statute. The state is defining adequate shelter regarding open slat floors for dogs which could cause some problems for hunters that have their dogs living in above ground pens with wire floors.
 - Friends Group got their charitable organization standing, not a 501 c 3 so donations are not tax deductible. Open house is scheduled for April 12th.
 - Richardson stated that she and part time employee Amanda Daniels asked to attend training at the Prairie States Animal Conference in June. There is a price break for two days and there are a couple of programs on Monday regarding feral cats. Committee approved the training.

- Chairman Hertel stated that Litchfield wants to see if animal control can come and pick up their animals. The committee also discussed a mileage reimbursement for going to other municipalities.
- Richardson stated that the state is requesting a new protocol regarding the documentation to deliver the animals to rescues. Richardson stated that the copies of the emails with rescues will be put in the file to confirm that they wanted the animal and that it was delivered there.

6. **Update/Approval Tour of Mason County Animal Control:** Committee discussed putting this on hold for now.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

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