

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

January 8, 2009

8:30 a.m.

302 North Chicago Street
County Board Committee Room
Joliet IL 60432

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gould called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Blackburn, Babich, Konicki, May, Riley, Seiler and Gould.

Absent were Members: None.

Also Present: Bilotta, Stewart and Friefeld.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Mary Tatroe.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Seiler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, second by Mr. Blackburn, to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Sunny Hill Operation Audit- Resolution Setting Sunny Hill Nursing Home Census # at 238

Mrs. Sorbero stated they would like to set the census number at 238 versus the 300 beds where they are at now.

Mr. Gould commented a proposed resolution has been distributed to the committee members. This was the recommendation of the operational audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda setting the Sunny Hill census number at 238 for the proposed licensed bed capacity. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Update Re: NACo Drug Prescription Card

Mr. Cicero distributed a copy of the proofs that he received from NACo on what the actual card will look like. The next step is doing some PSA's and press releases. He received some canned releases from NACo that we are required to use. He questioned if the County Executive's office or the County Board should be handling the press releases.

Mr. Gould replied that is not a decision for the committee; this should be decided by leadership.

Mr. Cicero indicated the next step is to approve the proofs and then the cards should be here in about 2 to 4 weeks. He has talked to Will Grundy Clinic and with also work with St. Francis Wellness Center to promote the cards.

Discussion Re: Leaf Burning

Mr. Gould stated he had met with the State's Attorney's Office regarding a proposed ordinance for leaf burning.

Mr. Friefeld arrived at this juncture.

Mrs. Tatroe distributed a draft ordinance regulating open burning. This regulates the type of fire; how far from any structure; there is a requirement that someone has to attend the fire. There are hours that are listed, but if you choose, you could change the days and hours in which burning may occur. There are certain exemptions that are outlined in the ordinance as well.

Mr. Stewart arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Gould indicated we will have to set a public hearing for next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a public hearing on the agenda for the next meeting in February regarding the ordinance regulating open burning within unincorporated Will County. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Eastern Will County Senior Services – Introduction & Explanation of Services

Mrs. Joanne Alexander, Interim Director with the Eastern Will County Senior Services addressed the committee regarding the services they provide. Their main service is transportation to medical appointments for the seniors. They are looking for grants to apply for funding. Last year they provided 24,000 rides covering 102,000 miles. The program has been running for 34 years; they have 4 staff members and 7 drivers.

Ms. Seiler asked if they are promoting their organization with the local hospitals.

Mrs. Alexander answered they work with various communities; they are funded through Pace.

Mrs. Riley questioned if they work with the Dial-a-ride programs from other municipalities.

Mrs. Alexander replied the Dial-a-ride programs are limited to certain boundaries – where they can go. We will be working with the disability meetings in our area to get the information out to them.

Request for Electronic & Recycling Drop-Off Application with City of Joliet

Ms. Keane stated the City of Joliet is willing to have a traditional drop-off location at this time. They closed both of their locations the end of December.

Mr. Olson indicated this will be heard at Joliet's City Council meeting on January 20th.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Joliet for a traditional recycling drop off location. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Electronic & Recycling Drop-Off Application with New Lenox

Township

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with New Lenox Township for an electronic & recycling drop off location. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Electronic & Recycling Drop-Off Application with Manhattan Township

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, second by Mr. Blackburn, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Manhattan Township for an electronic & recycling drop off location. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta questioned if they anticipate a push for TV's with the digital change in February.

Ms. Keane replied it has been increasing over the last couple of years already.

Request to Award Bid for Pharmaceuticals at Sunny Hill Nursing Home

Mrs. Weiss stated they received 5 bids and are recommending awarding the bid to United Scripps.

Ms. May questioned the length of the contract.

Ms. Sorbero replied it is a one-year contract with an option for 2 one-year renewals if the county chooses.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Seiler, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for pharmaceuticals at Sunny Hill Nursing Home to United Scripps. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Appropriation of Grant Funds in Health Department Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda appropriating grant funds in the amount of \$29,000 from the Illinois Department of Public Health into the Health Department budget for additional tobacco programming. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

9-1-1 Report

Mr. Figved provided an update on the 9-1-1 Department. He indicated the reorganization of the ETSB went from 12 members to 16. We added more membership from user agencies and PSAP's; we added 7 new members as PSAP directors, we increased law enforcement and fire service to 2 full members each. We staggered the terms that are expiring in February: 6 positions for 3 years; 5 positions for 2 years; 5 positions for 1 year. We will need action from the County Executive's office and recommendation from the County Board to fill positions before the February board meeting. Regarding the finances, we started with \$9.5 million and received about \$5 million in revenue – 6% from interest on funds; 36% on hard lines; 56% on cell phones and 6% on voice over internet. We have added \$350,000 to the capital fund this year.

Mr. Gould asked when the 2008 audit is completed.

Mrs. Konicki arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Figved answered that is handled by the Auditor's Office. This is the first time we have not seen an increase in calls for the last 15 years. There were 638,000 calls out to the agencies with the three biggest agencies - Joliet, Sheriff and Wescom taking 85% of that traffic. We are looking to build a Will County Emergency Communication and Command Center at Caton Farm Road; we have been working on this for 4 years. We are looking at a needs assessment with the Sheriff and Wescom to bring together under one roof. We are looking to build a hardened building; the goal is to bring all emergency agencies under one roof. We have put another \$960,000 into the budget again this year; we will continue working on obtaining property for the command center. We will also work on improving our data and radio upgrades. The entire radio network has to be replaced by 2012. We are starting to work on building a radio communication system from Will County up to Lake County in light of the proposed acquisition by the CN for the EJ&E. The preliminary price tag is \$10 million to provide information to 600 emergency response units across the county as to where the trains are.

Mr. Gould thanked Mr. Figved for the update.

Other Business

Mrs. Seiler indicated at the last meeting she had requested someone from the Will Grundy Center for Independent Living provide a presentation in February. She asked for that to be moved to the March meeting. She questioned an issue regarding hunters on county land shooting onto residential property, causing damage to homes.

Mr. Romeo asked for more information on the issue and he will research it.

Mrs. Tatroe indicated the county has an ordinance regarding the discharge of firearms; they have to remain a certain distance from residences.

Mrs. Seiler requested a copy of the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mrs. Riley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.