

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 8, 2010

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 8:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: None.

Also Present: J. Moustis, F. Stewart and B. Friefeld.

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Seiler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Gould welcomed Ms. McPhillips as a member of the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Ms. Seiler, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Tobacco Vendor Education Program

Mr. Cicero introduced Cindy Jackson, the program manager for the tobacco vendor education program. This ordinance was passed for the unincorporated areas in June of 2009. The health department is responsible for the vendor education component.

Ms. Jackson stated we started in February and 16 of the 60 vendors have attended training; we have only had two sessions so far. There are at least 20 vendors who do not sell tobacco. We will have someone contact them to confirm if they sell tobacco. One of the

components of the training is going over all the different laws. We distribute a packet of information about the different laws. We have been in the process of developing on-line training and having a demo put together.

Ms. Konicki arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Cicero indicated at this time the vendors that have been attending have had no complaints to travel for the training.

Ms. Jackson stated all of the gas stations have gone through the training;

Mr. Babich questioned if the individual brings the material back to the establishment.

Mr. Moustis arrived at this juncture.

Ms. Jackson replied they bring the information back; they are required to train their employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunny Hill Replacement Hires

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Blackburn, to place the replacement hires for Sunny Hill on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Renew EMA Garage Lease

Mr. Damron stated they have been leasing the garage for two years and are looking to renew this for 12 months with an option for an additional 12 months; the landlord has agreed to maintain the same rate for the next two years.

Mrs. May questioned if it is cheaper to lease.

Mr. Damron replied at this point at least for the short term that is our best option.

Mr. Gould asked if in a year from now we will be looking at another renewal.

Mr. Damron answered if the proposed facility on Caton Farm Road moves forward there is a garage incorporated into that concept.

Mr. Stewart suggested a tour of the facilities for the new board members.

Mrs. Johannsen indicated the Capital Improvements committee will be scheduling a tour of the entire Laraway Road complex.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda renewing the lease for the EMA garage. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lockport to join Will County IEPA Medication Take Back Program

Ms. Keane stated this different than the agreements with the pharmacies. We have had police departments without the benefit of an intergovernmental agreement; the police

departments are allowed to collect medication. The EPA lost their funding for most of their programs but is continuing the program for anyone in the program. They will not pay for anyone new whether a pharmacy or police department. We have had several police departments inquire about this program. Lockport has approved this intergovernmental agreement and wants to collect the medication; they will give it to us to dispose of. We will outline how we will pay that; we could dispose of it during our collection or pass through that charge if the EPA has to collect it.

A motion was made by Ms. Konicki, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Lockport to join the Will County IPEA Medication Take Back Program. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Other New Business

Ms. Boucher with the TB Clinic provided an update on the cases of TB in Will County. She stated Kane County had a problem with their homeless shelters; there have been 7 cases reported to the CDC. We have had 2 cases confirmed and 1 suspect; the 2 homeless were in the hospital until they were not contagious. We have been to both homeless shelters and will be going back in May. The suspect case was in a home environment. We found 4 latent cases of TB in our investigation and they are taking medication.

Ms. Seiler questioned how it is contracted; do you have to be exposed to someone?

Ms. Boucher replied you have to be in the same room with them.

Mr. Babich asked if Sunny Hill is required to be tested.

Mrs. Sober answered all the volunteers, residents and staff are tested yearly.

Mr. Cicero provided an update on the H1N1; there still are some cases. The IDPH continues to advise that immunizations are available. We have vaccinated about 26,000 people ourselves at the health department; as a county about 55,000 were vaccinated with different doctors and pharmacies providing immunizations as well. We still have 25,000 to 30,000 doses of the vaccine available. The H1N1 component will be incorporated into the regular flu shot that will be available in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Blackburn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.