H.E.W. and Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Tentative Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2009

1. Call to Order- by Vice Chair Bowers at 4:00. Bauer joined at 4:07. Members present: Horner, Kilker, Barnes, Janes, Bauer. Members absent: Williams. Also present: Bob DeArvil, Meggon McKinley, Doreen O'Brien, Steve Rypkema, members of the public

2. Approve Committee Minutes: Barnes moved to approve the November 9, 2009 minutes. 2nd by Janes. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment- none

4. Regional Office of Education
   - Bills for Approval – Horner moves to approve bills in the amount of $938.47. 2nd by Kilker. Motion carried.
   - Monthly Update- none

5. Health Department
   - Monthly Report(s) – O'Brien provided the annual year end budget. By not filling positions, O'Brien saved over $33,000 to help the end balance. Increases in expenses were for Public Health Emergency Response grant. Barnes asked why they have to pay for repairs to the building when we rent. O'Brien stated the contract requires it, which is a 10 year contract with 5 more years to go. This contract was originally reviewed and approved by the States Attorney office, per O'Brien. She reported they are holding clinics for H1N1 every Monday through next Monday and then 21st until noon, then nothing the rest of December. The January schedule has not been set but will be posted. O'Brien notes we expect H1N1 to be around until April. Her monthly report shows 6,318 H1N1 vaccines given to date by age group. She reported they've hit all the schools twice and the walk in clinics have been well attended. She noted they are still just giving vaccinations to the priority groups, but that phone call volumes have decreased significantly. She reported the staff is tired. O'Brien also reported that she received a thank you letter from the Rochelle community Hospital because we provided them with vaccinations, because they didn't receive all they needed. She also distributed a thank you letter from an individual on WIC that was appreciative of all the help she received. She owed the Health Dept money, and sent it in with a letter offering a donation above what was owed so they can help someone else. O'Brin also reported that the Kings engineering project did receive the assessment grant, so once it's funded, they can proceed. She then reported we are losing the Emergency Response Coordinator as he moves on to other things, and the position is open, and covered by grants.

6. Solid Waste Department –
   - Bills for Approval- Rypkema explained line items of the monthly bills. Kilker moves to approve bills in amount of $10,817.41. Second by Bowers. Motion carried. Rypkema reported we spent 95% of plan. For income, we exceeded, which was surprising because we were down in Violia, but also because Rochelle land fill began paying the host fees in 2009, which may not have been budgeted, so it offset the budgeted income. Rypkema also passed out the 2010 budget approved in this year's budget for future reference. Motion by Bowers to approve second half of November bills for $21,832.84. 2nd by Horner. Motion carried.

- Department Updates–Rypkema reported that the recycling event broke all records. 2008 had 600 vehicles and 2009 had 1011 vehicles, even though it was a terrible rainy day. He reported that the we collected 71 tons of electronics in 2008 and 116 tons in 2009 at a very reasonable cost. Rypkema believes these costs will go down as the cost of recycling as of January 1 falls to the manufacturers. Rypkema also reported that he met with Ben Roe, Ed Rice, and Meggon McKinley to discuss the ongoing disagreement regarding whether certain types of materials are subject to host fees. The group decided we need to seek outside counsel to get an opinion on our options. Ben Roe will be making an appointment for a special assistant to the States Attorney office to move forward. Rypkema noted the attorney bills will come to this committee, as we have budgeted for it. He also reported this Thursday there is a hearing regarding the new law passed about the beneficial use law. The hearing is to see if amending this law is necessary. Rypkema will be testifying at that hearing in Waukegan. The Illinois County Solid Waste association has a good article on this subject in the newsletter, which Rypkema distributed. He reported Joy has been working hard at the Christmas tree recycling program with Stillman Valley and the City of Byron to arrange drop off trees at designated locations. This is a good partnership with many entities, which are noted on the hand out he provided.

7. Animal Control –
   - Bills for Approval- Motion by Bowers to approve $2,601.25 for the first half of December's Pet Population Fund. 2nd by Horner. Motion carried. Motion by Bowers to approve Animal Control bills for Nov 16-30, 2009 in the amount of $4,698.08 by Bowers. 2nd by Kilker. Motion carried. Motion by Bowers to approve Animal Control Dec 1-15 bills for $6,606.63 by Bowers. 2nd by Horner. Motion carried.
   - Monthly report – Dr. Champley provided the monthly report and noted he hopes next month to return to the topic of how to manage the Pet Population control program when it appears they may be abusing the system.

New Business – Kilker reported there are grants by Quinn noting any service members that have been wounded abroad can apply for $5,000 grants. This is from the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, started in 2003, and just now funded. Each recipient is to receive one grant per injury. Military Affairs will oversee the program. McKinley will forward this on to Clint Strauss of the VAC. McKinley asked about the 708 Board and $14,000 amended budget request. Bauer reported they want the appropriation increased to $821,000 to allow for the $14,000 spend they would like to make since the funds were left over from 2008 and not spent. Discussion followed about how money can or cannot be carried over and the committee confirmed the state statute that indicates money cannot be spent without appropriating it. Committee members noted they are hesitant to open and increase any budgets at this time. Bauer noted if anyone has funds left over in a year, they should actually be lowering the levy amount to reflect the savings. More discussion followed. The 708 Board presented a letter requesting the $14,000 appropriation & budget amendment. Bowers moves to ask for the $14,000 increased appropriation for the 708 Board, representing their plans to distribute $7,000 to Village of Progress and $7,000 to Sinnissippi. 2nd by Horner. Discussion followed. The committee clarified there was $14,000 left over from 2008 and in April 2009, the 708 Board voted to give $7,000 to VOP and $7,000 to Sinissippi since these groups' state funding was reduced. Bowers reported they thought it was paid but found the treasurer never distributed it (since it wasn't appropriated.) Motion defeated with all nay votes except Bowers, who voted in favor of the motion. McKiney will respond with a letter saying the request was denied.

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9. Old Business – Horner asks how the VAC is doing. McKinley reported they have implemented the new web site tab from the Ogle County home page, have entered a float in the parades to advertise, have a sign and number in the window, and seem to be doing very well communicating with the veterans to ensure they are aware of their services.

10. Adjournment – by Chairman Bauer at approximately 4:55

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator

Jason Bauer – Chairman

Sheriff's Department Training Room
103 Jefferson St in Oregon, Illinois
Public Entrance – gated entrance off Jefferson Street – use East door of building