H.E.W. and Solid Waste Committee
Tentative Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2009

1. Call to Order: Member Dorothy Bowers motioned a call to order at 4:05. Members present: Horner, Barnes, Kilker, Bowers, Janes. Bauer arrived at 4:15. Also present: Bob DeArvil, Amy Jo Clemens, Steve Rypkema, Doreen O'Brien, Greg Martin, Meggon McKinley, members of the public.

2. Approve Committee Minutes : Kilker motioned to approve the June 9, 2009 minutes, 2nd by Horner, motion carried.

3. Public Comment- none

4. Regional Office of Education
   a. Bills for Approval- Horner motioned to approve the bills in the amount of $1,035.90. 2nd by Kilker. Motion carried.
   b. Monthly Update- Amy Jo Clemens reported that Lee and Ogle counties will hear testimony and evidence of the Byron special education coop situation shortly, and she wants to comment Assistant States Attorney Scott Robinson for doing a great job in dealing with all attorneys and doing everything he can to make this a smooth process. They will take 30 days to make the final decision, then it stands unless one side wants to appeals, which is likely. While it may not be over for the kids, the county will be out of the situation once the ruling comes.

5. Health Department
   a. Monthly Report(s) – Doreen O'Brien reported she is sending more letters and making more calls than normal to appeal to state officials to resume funding. She is concerned about not having resources to inspect restaurants if certain grants are cut. O'Brien noted the Illinois Department of Public Health hasn't issued any contracts yet, and no grants indicating she can operate a few months in this situation, but not much further. Restaurant inspections would be the first thing the Health Dept would have to stop doing. She also noted that projected income is okay so far, and expenses are coming in as expected. She is not filling a part time case management position, after meeting with the union to ensure this is appropriate. Another full time nurse is picking up the tasks. O'Brien also noted that mileage is down because she cut back trips to Rochelle. She also reminded the committee that last month she addressed the issue of tall grass and no standing ordinances leaving nothing to enforce. Discussion followed with O'Brien reminding the committee that if you want to enforce such ordinances, you have to staff it. There is currently no staff available for this after letting go of the weed commissioner. Mike Reibel indicated Zoning could take this on and is working with O'Brien and Rypkema to update the ordinances that would include this. Jim Barnes noted complaints he has received within rural subdivisions and will report back a solution should be coming in the next year.

6. Solid Waste Department –
   a. Bills for Approval- Kilker motioned to approve bills in the amount of $22,230.70. Horner 2nd. Motion carried.
   b. Financial Report- Steve Rypkema reported that copier maintenance was done early in the year, and they did copy more than was allotted this year. Site maintenance & supplies will go over a bit as estimates for replacing signs at drop off locations fell in

the old fiscal year, however there are other area that are under so overall, Solid Waste is well under where they should be this year.

c. Grant Applications & Updates- Rypkema noted there are no updates for this month. McKinley noted she will review the packet Rypkema provided last month and he indicated it was not urgent. Steve had shared information with the LRP for energy savings and remodeling some time ago and McKinley noted she would ask Kim Stahl for that information.

d. Rochelle Landfill Host Fees Status- Rypkema noted they received a letter from the Rochelle land fill stating they did not agree with our fee assessment. The States Attorney has noted there are 2 options: 1) move for a declaratory judgment on this or 2) settlement. We will head towards declaratory judgment and their attorney will come up with a stipulation of facts, then the attorneys must agree, then we move forward. John Holmstrum is their attorney. Also, we have not received feedback from EPA on their audit, although it is likely they found some issues that will need to be addressed in the future. Rypkema noted it is not unusual to find discrepancies and we are waiting to hear.

e. Electronics Recycling Event – Rypkema noted we are starting to plan the event for the fall, which has been slowed down as Lee County has been waiting patiently on a grant to support the event. If they do not receive the grant, they will have to use a firm other than Kreider. Because of this, the event is pushed out into October. It is normally held in September.

f. 2008 annual report – Rypkema distributed and highlighted the 2008 annual report, which is quite an undertaking to pull together. He highlighted the fact we have collected 120 tons more garbage this year than last, held 2 collection events, published the first green guide, and increased the level of municipal wast recycled by 2% to an estimated 38% of the municipal waste produced in the county, which is one of the best in the state. We recycled 988 tons at our drop off centers. He also highlighted the figures on waste removed from illegal sites and the 3 year comparisons. While the illegal site numbers are down, the complexities of cleaning them up is greater. Rypkema noted that next month, they will be taking bids for the truck they will be replacing. He also reported that the Health Department forwarded a call from the Red Cross noting that a disabled person's home burned down and it's not livable. The home was not insured, and this person doesn't have resources to clean it up. Rypkema let them know the County is not in a position to help, but wanted to let the committee know of the issue in case there were other ideas. Discussion followed. Bauer suggested bringing it up again next month after hearing how they progress with possible clean up this month.

7. Animal Control –
   a. Bills for Approval- Horner motioned to approve the bills of $11,784.34. 2nd by Bowers. Motion carried.
   b. Pet population fund – Kilker motioned to approve the bills of $2, 790.75. 2nd by Bowers. Motion carried. It was then noted that McKinley would send the committees' email addresses to Champley and Rypkema so they could email bills and documentation in advance without having to print so much paper.

8. New Business –
   a. Sinnissippi Services Update, Greg Martin- Martin updated the committee noting he had met with Sinnissippi based on a copy of their fee schedule which has recently changed. There has been a recent management decision to only serve people who have insurance to cover the fees, have a medical card to cover the fees, or can pay

cash. Each counseling session is $96, which will be a financial hardship to many of the clients the courts and Probation refer to Sinnissippi for counseling. Martin's request to this committee is to consider more aggressive oversight of how Sinnissippi manages their funds to ensure our community is receiving the affordable care they need. If Sinnissippi can't provide cost effective services, perhaps the county ought to put the business out to bid because there are other organizations which can provide affordable care to our residents. The question he posed is what is the best way to get affordable counseling services in our county? Bauer noted it is also a concern that Ogle County pays more than other counties for Sinnissippi services in the funding arrangement. Martin noted he'd like to see the committee ask for reporting on how the dollars are spent to show the benefit. Barnes asked what happens if the court orders counseling and the person can't afford it? Martin is concerned we could face legal problems in these situations. The committee will review this and look to Dorothy Bowers, the 708 Board liaison, for suggestions and further action.

b. Ogle County Soil & Water Allocation Request- Bauer confirmed his approval of the $25,717 allocation based on previous funding approval by the committee.

c. 2009 & 2010 Budget Updates, Meggon McKinley- McKinley provided an update to the committee that after reviewing revenue projections, the Finance Committee has asked departments to cut 3% from their budgets yet in 2009 and 7% from 2010. Revenues are expected to be down $500,000 - $700,000 in 2009 and possibly $1,000,000 in 2010. McKinley will be working with departments to review budgets and bring the proposed budgets to the committees next month. Brief discussion followed.

9. Old Business –
   - Senior Tax Levy Requests & HEW Funding for FY2010- Bauer reminded the committee of the July 31 application deadline and August 31 hearing, which starts at 8:00 and should run about 6 hours. McKinley will confirm there is a white board in the Farm Bureau Building to use. We are expecting 25 applications, each taking about 30 minutes to attend. McKinley will also attend. The disbursement amounts will be established up to the levy limit when all hearings are completed.

10. Interview & Recommendation – Board of Health –Lori A. Kmiecik – Ms. Kmiecik did not show to the planned appointment. McKinley will follow up with her to see if she is still interested and if she will attend next month's meeting.

11. Adjournment – Chairman Bauer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m..

Jason Bauer – Chairman

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator