H.E.W. and Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Tentative Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2009

1. Call to Order by Vice Chair Bowers at Chairman at 4:00. Members present: Bowers, Barnes, Kilker, Janes. Bauer joined at 4:10. Members absent: Horner, Williams. Also present: Bob DeArvil, Rich Gronewold, Doreen O'Brien, Steve Rypkema, Amy Jo Clemens, Dr. Champley, members of the public.

2. Approve Committee Minutes: Kilker moved to approve the September 8, 2009 minutes. Janes 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment- none

4. Regional Office of Education
   - Bills for Approval – Motion to approve bills in the amount of $5,285.19 by Janes. 2nd by Kilker. Motion carried.
   - Monthly Update- O'Brien reported on the Official Visitations of the ROE as of June 30 fiscal year end. The report has changed a little in that they are reporting official acts and not just visitations. Clemens reported she will ensure this report fits the desired format. She noted we did a good job getting out to the districts and are doing more training. PLC is the Professional Learning Community and focuses on how you take struggling students and target a way to get to them, particularly in reading. PBIS is the same idea but for behavior targeting support methods for behavior to help them.

5. Health Department
   - Monthly Report(s) – O'Brien reported that her budget year to date is different because of H1N1 support activity that hasn't yet been reimbursed with the additional $67k grant monies. She notes that the request from county this year is $20,000 under what was budgeted. She reported that the emergency grant money from Homeland Security comes monthly in response to monthly expense reports the Health Department must file. Doreen noted she asked for more H1N1 up front support money and is still waiting for this. She then distributed and recapped the H1N1 activities, noting that Illinois is at 4% death rate for cases with less than 100 cases in Illinois. Of all deaths, they were all ages 24 and under. She reported that the clinics will start at the end of October and that we'll be doing injections only, not nasal sprays, which are the live virus with more side effects. O'Brien reported we've set up a surveillance system with the schools to report number of kids with influenza symptoms, and that rates are going up in Illinois now with 2 recent school closings (1 in Chicago, one in southern Illinois.) She noted it's likely the Health Department will give 20,000 or more vaccines.

6. Solid Waste Department –
   - Bills for Approval- Kilker moved to approve the bills in the amount of $20,722.61. 2nd by Bowers. Motion carried.
   - Grant applications – Rypkema noted that grant funds are gone for 2009 and that no requests were submitted.
   - Department Updates – Rypkema noted that he had emailed to the committee a copy of the letter Solid Waste received cancelling the environmental clean-up grant that was approved in May. He noted that in May we received a letter saying the enforcement grant had been approved. In July, the agency said to go ahead and spend

against it. Then, in September we received this letter saying the grant would not be paid. They funded 3 agencies that do enforcement work (Chicago, McHenry County, DuPage County.) Other counties throughout the state had funding cut and Rypkema hopes it's temporary with reinstatement next year. He reported the EPA director said we can do it for a lot less than they can hire someone to do the inspections, but it came down to either cutting grants or laying off people. As a result, Steve has revised the budget. The $56,000 grant revenue was taken out of his budget, and so there will be $56,000 less going into the Long Range Planning account. He clarified that his operating budget will stay the same as planned. He also reported that he met with the Director of EPA to talk primarilyabout waste exemptions at landfills and what the agency interpretation is in light of a new law passed (SB2034) called "beneficial use determination" (or BUD.) He noted that the construction industry had an opportunity to make their case regarding their belief that waste going to landfills being used beneficially for landfills (like daily fill cover) shouldn't be considered waste for fees to be assessed. Rypkema noted that he and other counties presented our position that these items do not meet the definition of recycling, rather, disposal because it's taking up space, emitting odors, etc. He indicated there are really 2 issues we have to deal with: 1) they are filling up the landfills with these materials and 2) they are not paying state and host fees on the waste although it clearly creates waste, odor, and enforcement problems. Rypkema notes many do not understand why the industry is doing this- perhaps it's cheaper to do that than to dig the soil, move the soil, dig the soil, etc., because it's dumped where they need it and they can use it immediately for their benefit. Rypkema notes we do not consider it recycling, but that the Director indicated they will wait and see if they get a request for BUD and treat it case by case. Rypkema reported this has a big potential impact to any of us receiving funds on the waste because we are already seeing decreases, and this could make the situation worse particularly if they apply this law to more and more materials. He clarified that these materials could not be dumped in a farm field – they are waste and must be managed as such. He said the recyclers benefit for this because it lowers their fees; the landfills do because they receive free or cheap material for cover; and Chicago benefits too, because anyone who builds or demolishes buildings can consider this approach to meet the City of Chicago ordinance requiring all of their city construction materials to be recycled. Rypkema then reported that a recent audit of the landfill showed 12% of waste collected was not reported in 4 days because it is being used for other purposes (BUD.) 31% was considered exempt for construction & demolition debris, even though the residue should be exempt, not the material itself. This adds to 41% of the material going to land fill not paying fees over the 4 day audit. Rypkema reports concern that if we add to this problem the new law problem, we may have a bad situation made worse. He said he and other county directors have been sending letters to the Director and senators, and that he'd like the board members to send letters and raise attention to the issue too. Kilker suggests a letter from the committee and from the county too. Rypkema will draft a letter for the committee to review and send. Janes agreed we must be aggressive on getting these dollars for our county. Rypkema reports that in the 90's landscaping was banned from land fills, but we're seeing it come back. The audit showed 3% of the 4 days of waste as landscape waste, because it's now falling into the category of beneficial use. Janes voiced concern about losing this fee base and is not concerned about how City of Chicago solves their problems. Bauer asked for the letter from Rypkema by next week. Kilker requested Rypkema to talk about this at the Finance Committee level to ensure the committee is aware of the potential revenue loss. Rypkema reported these audits haven't happened for 7 years because the EPA resources have been cut back. This is when all these issues began springing up.

- Finance Report –Rypkema noted no major issues.
- Electronic Recycling Event – Rypkema reported the location at the KSI Center for Material Reuse, with a map on the back. Rypkema invited committee members to come and attend and recycle.

7. Animal Control –
   - Monthly report – Dr. Champley reported one dog was deemed dangerous this month in Monroe Center when a loose dog had allegedly attacked a young girl and tore her clothing, although no bite. We deemed this dog dangerous in this situation (not viscious without the bite) and the owners did put the dog to sleep. Champley reported if they hadn't, we would have had to go to court. He reported the budget is 83% or less and income is fine. Pet Population Control fund is over spending, but once the funds are gone, we stop spending.
   - Bills for Approval- Motion by Bowers to approve bills in the amount of $13,448.34. 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. Motion by Bowers to approve Pet Population fund bills in the amount of $4,489.38. 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. Bauer asked if rabies tags have increased or decreased with the economy. Dr. Champley noted no increase in rabies tages, but in other services like standard vet care. He indicates the number of animals euthanized has tracked the same this year as last year, but they are seeing more dogs in the shelters not moving to homes.

8. New Business – none

9. Old Business –
   - 2010 Budget – Bauer reported that we are unable to find additional funds to cover the Health Dept's IMRF and FICA as committed to Doreen O'Brien earlier in the budgeting process without raising taxes . This is because the committee increased the 2010 Funding requests, which didn't allow for any offsetting levy reductions to keep tax payer taxes the same. Bauer explained two options of increasing the total levies above the max Excelon rate, or reducing funding amounts in multiple areas to reduce the overall levies. Kilker asks how lowering levies to groups like U of I Extension and Senior Citizens is possible when they aren't at their max levy rate as approved by the public. Bauer reminded the committee that the HEW committee is responsible for allocating levies within their limit. Kilker noted the committee decision was based on logical decision making and the ownership lives in the committee. McKinley noted she tried to explain the need to decrease the funding amounts the morning of the hearings and apologized if it wasn't clear. Kilker noted she was not aware of the amount of reduction needed. Bauer says this committee has a lot of levy power. McKinley asked the committee to consider reductions in areas where there may be room for the agencies to deliver service more efficiently so they have to look for ways to give the tax payer more value for less cost. Bauer suggested looking to reduce in areas where things like housing and feeding will not be impacted. Bowers suggested specific dollars and places to cut. Kilker wants to know what the process is before cuts are suggested, and expressed concern about the Finance Committee making decisions when they aren't familiar with the agencies of the committee discussions and processes. McKinley agreed the task should stay with the HEW committee so they can solve the problem before putting it back to the Finance Committee. Kilker noted it would be best if it goes back to the tax payers. Barnes said he doesn't want to take back what the committee had originally approved. Bauer noted the agencies know our recommendations are subject to the board. Bauer noted it's important to support Doreen because of the way she runs her department. Janes said we now have to work through it in a short time frame and would like to know

what give and take can come from both sides. McKinley said there can't be a split of IMRF and FICA funding; either one group does it or the other. Bowers said we must go line by line to see where we cut. Barnes says we should go through all the information again. Kilker said if we went back to 2008 levels, it would drop $32,099 and then we'd have to come up with more. Bauer said companies everywhere are having to make these hard choices. McKinley said we should not have to apologize for having to do the hard work this budget crisis is forcing us to do because we don't want to fall into the mindset of just always accepting increased taxes instead of making hard cuts. Gronewold said this is often why there are foundations to support the agencies. Bowers recommends asking Finance to send it back to us. Kilker agrees, Janes agrees, Barnes agrees. Bowers moved to ask the Finance committee to send this back to the HEW committee for review and possible action. 2nd by Kilker. Motion carried. Date for this special HEW meeting is Friday at 10:30 in the Sheriff's Training Room. McKinley will post the agenda.

10. Interviews & Recommendations - none

11. Adjournment – by Chairman Bauer at approximately 5:49

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