H.E.W. and Solid Waste Committee
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: by Vice Chairman Bowers at 4:01. Members present Bowers, Kilker, Barnes, Janes, Horner. Members absent: Bauer, Williams, Also present: Ed Rice, Bob DeArvil, Doreen O'Brien, Steve Rypkema, Pam Brey, Dr. Champley, Meggon McKinley, members of the public.

2. Approve Committee Minutes: Motion by Kilker to approve the minutes from August 11, 2009. 2nd by Horner. Bowers asks McKinley to note the meeting start time is recorded incorrectly- change minutes to reflect the meeting started at 4:00 not 4:30. Motion carried. Motion by Janes to approve the August 28, 2009 minutes. 2nd by Horner. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment- none

4. Regional Office of Education
   - Bills for Approval – Motion by Horner to approve bills in the amount of $1,121.45. 2nd by Janes. Motion carried.
   - Monthly Update – It was a successful summer with many workshops executed and well attended.
   - 2010 Budget for Review & Approval – McKinley notes one change to the budget Clemens submitted last month, and that is keeping her salary line item at a $0 increases. The ROE has a very small budget through the County General Fund, with just one salaried employee. All other funding comes from grants and shared with Lee County. The ROE budget will be included in the Finance Committee review tomorrow, awaiting County Board 2010 budget direction next week.

5. Health Department
   - Monthly Report- O'Brien reported there will be an H1N1 press release in the papers this week to answer questions and outline upcoming vaccination procedures. The Health Department will be receiving federal grant funding to distribute H1N1 vaccination, screening, and will hold clinics for H1N1 in all Ogle County schools through teams consisting of 2 contract nurses and 1 clerk per school. It's important to note that the target audience is NOT 65 and older, because this group doesn't seem to get H1N1, and if they do it's not very bad because they may have had previous exposure to the virus. Top priorities include pregnant women, health care workers, children 6 months to 24 years, and adults 25 to 64 with chronic medical condition. There will also be open clinic times at the Health Department. People can obtain further information on the Health Department's website. To be vaccinated, children must have parental consent. There is no fee for the H1N1 vaccination, and information packets will begin going out to all the schools soon through the school nurses, who have been very helpful. Fees for traditional flu shots are $30 and $40 for the pneumonia shot.
   - 2009 Budget to Date – O'Brien distributed the current budget progress report and noted she expects to receive H1N1 funding details by September 15 to see how it will positively impact her 2009 budget.
   - 2010 Budget for Review & Approval – O'Brien noted there are no changes to the 2010 budget, which was presented and reviewed last month. McKinley noted that the Finance Committee roll up will have the Heath Department's $132,000 request, which is $67,000 less than last year if levy for IMRF and FICA like all

the other departments. The committee remained in support of this approach, focusing on the need to make the Health Department consistent with the other departments in terms of levying for IMRF and FICA.

- Other updates – O'Brien noted progress is being made towards obtaining the engineering grant to cover the cost of figuring out all possible solutions to King's sewage problem, but that a decision has not yet been made. O'Brien also reported that to save expenses in this year's budget, she is holding off on filling the Director of Environmental Health position, left open by the loss of Myron Richter. Linda Long, who has the environmental certification necessary to approve food licensing will provide necessary sign off in the short term. O'Brien has also hired a contract environmental health practitioner, Bill Atfield, who is the Boone County Director of Environmental Health to fill in via phone and support as needed. O'Brien plans to begin the hiring process in 2-3 months to fill the open Director of Environmental Health position.

6. Solid Waste Department –
   - Bills for Approval – Motion by Horner to approve bills in the amount of $47,071.09. Janes 2nd. Motion carried.
   - Current budget – Rypkema reported that overall, the Solid Waste Department is at 68% of planned expenditures, which is low, but the recycling electronics event is coming yet. On the income side, Rypkema reported receiving 100% of the grant for the state's last fiscal year. There hasn't been final word on this year's fiscal year grant.
   - Grant Applications & Updates- Rypkema reported that they have received one grant application from First Baptist Church of Byron, who wants to set up recycling in their church by purchasing a can crusher and different recycling containers. They project an expense of $1470.88, but $1176.70 was requested. Rypkema notes there is only $922.60 of the grant budget left, so the options are either to approve the $922 and let them pick up the $548 remainder, or ask them to revise their application to find cheaper containers to keep it within the amount remaining with us paying 80% and them paying 20%. Barnes suggests cutting out the can crusher, especially since some centers he hears aren't taking crushed cans any more. Rypkema notes the scores were 48 and 49, which is relatively high (2nd highest this year). He notes their request really fits in with the purpose of this grant – to help get them started and then let them be on their own. Rypkema recommends we approve the $922 and work with them to lower the price of the containers or they will have to pay the higher portion. Bowers noted she will abstain from this vote since this is her church. Horner motioned to approve up to $922.60 for the church for this grant. 2nd by Janes. Motion carries.
   - Revised 2010 Budget for Review & Approval- Rykema presented a revised budget to reflect the requested $0 wage increase. His 2010 projected budget is now $298,146, which is $29,560 less than 2009, for a total decrease of 9%.
   - Electronics Recycling Event- Rypkema reported he is working with Lee County to finalize our plans for the electronic recycling event with Kreider Services. They submitted a proposal with competitive numbers and Rypkema noted they won't do all the electronics processing, but will partner with 5R out of Wisconsin, which seems like a good match. Lee County has their solid waste committee meeting this week, and Rypkema will be attending to answer questions. Dates are for the event are Friday October 23 from 8 – 2 (time may change) and Saturday October 24 from 8 – 1 (times may change.) Location will be at the Kreider Services Warehouse. There will be a flyer coming for further details. Rypkema noted that if anyone wants to volunteer, it's a fun day.

7. Animal Control –
   - Bills for Approval – Horner motions to approve the bills in the amount of $9,025.39. 2nd by Kilker. Motion carried. Kilker motions to approve Pet Population bills in the amount of $2360.25. 2nd by Horner. Motion carried.
   - 2010 Budget for Review & Approval – Dr. Champley updated the budget he submitted last month by holding wages to $0 to keep parity in the county. McKinley thanked Dr. Champley for his willingness to contribute to the wage equity and for his support of the process along the way. Horner noted he would like to see a break down of salaries in next month's report.

8. New Business – none

9. Old Business –
   - Interview & Recommendation – Board of Health – Elizabeth Mendeloff - Motion by Barnes to go into closed session to interview and discuss Elizabeth Mendeloff's qualifications for the position. Kilker 2nd. Role call vote: Kilker yes, Barnes yes, Janes yes, Horner yes, Bowers yes. Motion carried. Closed session discussion followed. Motion to come out of closed session by Janes. 2nd by Barnes. Motion carried. Kilker motions to recommend Elizabeth Mendeloff to the Board of Health. Barnes 2nd. Motion carried.

10. Senior Tax Levy Requests & HEW Funding for FY2010- Kilker would like to revisit the Veteran's hearing discussion with Marcy and Clint. Her calculations indicate Marcy is receiving $161.53 per week or $32 per hour for 5 active veterans clients she indicated she supports. Clint supervises and answers Marcy's questions and is paid $4,000 per year. Kilker wants to know how they got this money allocated to them. They are receiving $400 per month for office space, and last year they had $40,000 left over. There are only 5 active VFW clients with 54,000 people in our county. They have no phone number any where and no advertising- not even a sign in the window. Kilker noted she has no problem paying people to do a job, but stated she is not comfortable with this model. Horner notes there must be an ordinance that talks about how this position was established and what its requirements are. Barnes and Bowers do not believe that what they are doing is in the best interest of the veterans and that we need to do as much as we can for the veterans. McKinley agreed to talk with Ben Roe to help find the statute that created this and see what the regulations are so we can ensure the veterans get more of this money than those administering the limited programs. Kilker then also asked about the senior center programs noting it seems we have a great deal of redundancy since they all have directors. In the past, Kilker noted that we had these centers because there was no public transportation to get them to places that provided necessary services, but we have public transportation for them now. Kilker posed the questions as to whether there is a way to help consolidate functions, or phase out senior centers over a period of time that would better serve the seniors and more effectively leverage the tax dollars. McKinley noted she will also check with Ben Roe on the statutes for funding these centers. Kilker indicated she would like to see them picked up at a central place, like Rock River Center so that agencies like Lifescape could come in and serve them. She noted concern about the lack of certified staff at various senior centers. She clarified she is not suggesting this is done quickly, but rather a consideration over time. She asked the committee for ideas on how to pursue this. Barnes says only paid staff are in Oregon, Byron, Rochelle. Horner wants to know what other counties do. Barnes noted all the services that come to Rock River Center are there to support the seniors

and they would benefit from their services. He noted that when the Rock River facility is complete, each worker in Rock River worker will have privacy, unlike now, for confidential conversations. The committee agreed that when we have the completed Rock River Center, it provides an opportunity to take a fresh look at how we leverage our senior centers and services provided to seniors. Barnes noted that the Rock River Center has leveraged volunteers, donations, fundraisers, and that the building will be paid for. Jerry Mitchell has been a support providing $250,000 towards it.

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:35

Respectfully Submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator