H.E.W. and Solid Waste Committee Agenda
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Tentative Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman Bauer at 4:00
   - Members present: Bauer, Kilker, Bowers, Horner, Barnes, Williams, Janes
   - Members absent: none
   - Others present: Colbert, DeArvil, Finfrock, McKinley, members of VAC, Gocken, O'Brien, Rypkema, Clemens, members of the public

2. Approve Committee Minutes: July 13, 2010
   - Motion by Bowers
   - 2nd by Horner
   - Motion carried

3. Public Comment- none

4. Regional Office of Education
   - Bills for Approval
     - Motion to approve bills in the amount of $5,033.58 by Bowers
     - 2nd by Horner
     - Motion carried
   - Monthly Update- Clemens distributed the annual onsite visitations to regional schools report, noting the format will change next year with the implementation of a new database to ensure we are addressing all statutes. Training for the ROE staff will take place next week, and automated reports will be generated from the system. Kilker asked if we're seeing any bullying trends, and Clemens described the process for how schools assess and address bullying, noting it must be monitored ongoing, not just on a one time-basis. She confirmed if a problem is recurring and not addressed, the ROE is the next point of escalation, although she acts more as an ombudsman to help all parties address the root issues.

5. Health Department
   - Monthly Reports – O'Brien reported on a recent scam of people pretending to be Health Inspectors and has notified their database of contacts. She distributed the monthly budget, noting almost all state dollars have come in. She reported the environmental staff has moved into the old Animal Control space and the H1N1 funding allowed them to add necessary phone lines. H1N1 will be in the regular flu vaccination this fall. The Health Department is also giving shingles vaccinations for about $175- people should call to get on the waiting list if they are 60 or over since there is a shortage. Colbert indicated Walgreens is also giving the Shingles immunization for $75. O'Brien distributed her FY2011 projected budget again.
   - Health Department Fees- O'Brien distributed and discussed the itemization of restaurant inspections explaining how restaurant inspections are managed and priced today. Current fees don't cover the full cost of the restaurant inspections. She distributed the fee increase proposal for Fy2011 approved by the Board of Health, noting they haven't raised fees in 6 years. O'Brien reported we are comparable to other county fees, and most counties are considering fee increases also. Barnes is concerned about raising fees for non-profits. O'Brien said under this proposal, they would pay the same as for-profits, which would be new to them. O'Brien believes this is necessary because the county is not increasing funding to the Health

Department, yet expects the service level to remain high despite increasing costs. Discussion followed.

- Motion to recommend fee increases as presented by Horner
- 2nd by Bowers
- Motion carried

6. Solid Waste Department – Kilker thanked Rypkema for his presentation at the last board meeting noting it was very well done. The committee agreed.
   - Bills for Approval- Rypkema distributed and explained the expenses. The total of the host fee payments minus the payments made to Rochelle and Creston is the amount transferred to the Long Range Fund.
     - Motion to approve bills in the amount of $1,049,505.27 by Bowers
     - 2nd by Janes
     - Motion carried
   - Grant Applications – One clean up grant was received for Forward Oregon, who is organizing the Rock River Sweep in the Oregon area. This would be to purchase supplies, T-Shirts, and other materials for the volunteers helping out on this event. The event was rescheduled to August 21 due to the flood state of the river. They are asking for $500. This is a 50/50 match grant.
     - Motion to approve $500 for Forward Oregon clean up grant application by Barnes
     - 2nd by Janes
     - Motion carried
   - Department Updates – Rypkema distributed the monthly budget report noting 2nd, 3rd, 4th quarter enforcement grant payments of over $42,000 have been received, and expects the same thing to happen this year. Rypkema distributed and explained the recap of host fees collected, stating recent fees collected have increased. Janes indicated this is because of the decrease in fees agreed upon by Davis Junction, bringing more volume, driving more revenues. Rypkema reported we are still working with the auditors to check waste receipts and are taking RFPs for the recycling event planned for this fall in Ogle County. Rypkema noted he is working with the Sheriff's Department to review the waste collection services, putting it out to bid soon.

7. Animal Control –
   - Bills for Approval
     - Motion to approve animal control bills in the amount of $10,166.14 by Bowers
     - 2nd by Horner
     - Motion carried
     - Motion to approve pet population bills in the amount of $3,624.25 by Bowers
     - 2nd by Horner
     - Motion carried

8. New Business –
   - Pines Road Furniture Distribution to Agencies- McKinley asked if the committee has any preference regarding how to prioritize allowing agencies to go through the Pines Road furniture storage. They would like to start with the senior citizen agencies, then move to others. McKinley to arrange this with Buildings & Grounds.
   - VAC Office Location- Clint Strouse reported that they discussed the county's offer to use space for their office in the renovated courthouse, but after review have decided to stay where they are. He indicated if they moved, Marcy Egyd would not be able to

come with them, requiring them to hire another person and provide health care, which would be cost prohibitive. Mr. Strouse noted they appreciate the offer. He also provided an update regarding their meetings with John Coffman noting they will not make changes until next fiscal year. The Treasurer will reimburse at least once per month or as needed to maintain the $10,000 balance in the checking account. December 31, the Treasurer will write a check transferring the remaining amount. The VAC will then be responsible for their money and distribution as other county agencies are. Bills will go to the Treasurer. They will have bond insurance and continue working with John, who agrees this is a workable approach. He needs something in writing from the committee to make money transfers as described.

- Kilker moved to approve the new funding mechanism as described above
- 2nd by Bowers
- Motion carried. President of VAC thanked John Coffman for all of his help in setting this up.

- Henry Coy Retirement Notice – Henry Coy provided retirement notice and job description recommendations as requested Bauer suggested reviewing and discussing with next month's agenda.

9. Old Business –

- HEW & Senior Citizen Applications & Hearings- Bauer reported he will be overseas to the Philippines and that Dorothy Bowers will be managing the hearings. McKinley distributed all application packets to the committee members. Dennis Williams will not be there either. Dorothy asked if there are any questions they'd like to ensure be asked during the hearings, to please forward them to Dorothy. Questions each committee member intents to ask include:
  i. Kilker - Individual audit / book keeping details
  ii. Kilker - What requested last year vs. this year
  iii. Janes - How their numbers are – is participation up or down?
  iv. Janes - Will they be trying new programs?
  v. Horner – Fund raising approaches
  vi. Barnes – Certifications and how they keep training current
  vii. Bowers – Employee and salary justifications
  viii. Bauer - Ensure applications are complete and not blank

- Rock River – Rock River Center is asking for a letter of support from the Ogle County Board to apply for a World Development construction loan. The committee is in support of this and will put it on the Board agenda. McKinley then read a thank you letter Chairman Rice Received from the Rock River Center for their continued support.
- Solid Waste / Long Range Fund Resolution Language- Bauer noted this is a topic that was discussed last month and this is to be a working session of ideas on how to address the lack of process. Williams noted definitions are a problem (e.g., what is a capital expenditure?) Bauer noted there is no documented process to show what was discussed, evaluated, and approved at the project level. The committee discussed the wide interpretation of policies and language. Williams and Janes thought capital expenditures are defined as buildings only. Barnes indicated it should be something you can put your hands on, like building, sewer, water, but not things like generators because they are too small. Kilker indicated it should not be a petty cash fund. Williams wants to recommend a clear definition and the process we'll go through. McKinley suggested clarifying expectations of review and progress reporting to the Board beyond the budget process, which is being followed as written. Barnes said the problem is in not agreeing on what should be allowed to be a long range expense.

Discussion followed regarding whether it's just budget reporting or project management involvement that is desired. Kilker indicated there is no reporting to the board on things happening that are funded from LRP like there used to be. McKinley said she wanted the group to know that no funds have been spent that weren't budgeted to be spent in LRP because she has heard rumors of people saying they have been spent without being budgeted and it's not true. In terms of information sharing, Rypkema said the HEW chair used to also be on Finance and Executive, which naturally brought information together across the committees. He said there was also an LRP task force looking at county's long term needs and setting a plan, and the committee expressed concern that there is no such focus right now. Bauer asked if this committee would function in that role. Discussion followed with Bauer suggesting the Executive committee, department heads, and citizens from each district form a new committee to evaluate needs and make the decisions. O'Brien reminded the committee that the last group was disbanded because the County was uncomfortable with citizens and department heads making decisions about county funding. Bauer noted the County Board would ultimately vote on the projects and fund approvals. Kilker suggests thinking about this one more month, discussing next month, then bringing a written recommendation the following month. McKinley suggested waiting for the next leadership team to come in December before setting the plan in motion. Kilker would like to see Rypkema more involved in the process to keep the committees aware of the revenue swings. Bauer will report to Executive on progress to date.

- FY 2011 Budgets- nothing new to report

10. Adjournment- at 5:50

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator

Jason Bauer – Chairman

H.E.W. and Solid Waste Committee
HEW Funding Hearings
Tuesday, August 25, 2010

Tentative Minutes

1. Call to Order – by Dorothy Bowers at 8:05.
   - Members present – Bowers, Kilker, Horner, Barnes, Janes joined at 8:45.
   - Members absent – Bauer
   - Others present: McKinley, HEW funding applicants

2. Hearings –
   a. Uof I: Vicki Broos & Shey Lowman presented their request of $150,000, which is the same as the 2010 funding level. The State did fund U of I's Extension office on June 28, 2010, allowing them to end the year with a balance of $29,000. Broos explained how the State's funding problems impact their organization. Kilker thanked Broos for the listing of past amounts and asked about the level of reserves they expect to have. Broos reported that with the reorganization combining with Boone County and DeKalb county, they have 2/3 reserve of what they expect to get from the State and that $35,000 for each educator will come to U of I now. Horner asked about the classes for the seniors, and Broos explained it's not the U of I goal to help them stay in their homes, rather service them in regards to the issues they face. The identity theft program and other relevant senior topics are offered twice per year, and created by the consumer educators annually to reflect the issues seniors face. Broos clarified the staff are all dedicated to U of I except Ag in the Classroom, which is shared with Carroll County. Broos explained there will be additional educators evaluating programs and opportunities, providing recommendations September 1. Bowers asked Broos to let McKinley know about any updates needed to be on the HEW committee agenda. Bowers noted funding decisions will be reviewed at 1:30 today. Barnes clarified that the county's financial situation is very poor and is glad to see no increase in funding request.

   b. Lutheran Social Services – Sara Karras and Emily Taylor presented their funding request of $7,500, which is the same as 2010 funding levels. They explained their certification process to allow them to go into homes of those 60 or older, bringing as many services to them as possible. Karras explained LSSI's role in authorizing state services for the seniors and how the process works. She noted that training for certification is costly and that 14-16 hours per year per employee are required. They have taken advantage of cost effective webinars. Karras noted her application included information about where they get supplies so others might be able to use it. LSSI covers a 4 county area with senior tax levy funding from other counties as well. Last year, 478 unduplicated people in Ogle County were served as shown on page 1. 575 reassessments were done. She reported all nursing facilities must have an assessment and screening for residents coming in done by LSSI with a 2 day turnaround time. Kilker thanked them for a thorough, complete application, and asked what they do for the annual audit. Karras said it was over 46 pages, and as such, she pulled out critical information and put it in the HEW funding application. Karras noted she could provide a copy if necessary since it is published, and that there were no findings needing to be addressed.

They also partner with Tri Counties, Help at Home, Lifeline, Home Health, Hospice, Lifescape, U of I and others funded through the state. Comparing to Catholic Charities, they are licensed. Attachment #2 shows grants received, per Horner, who asked about funding sources. Karras explained that the attachment references the numbering for the item found in other attachments. Karras noted they receive the least amount of funding in Ogle County, but didn't ask for funding increases in any county as they are trying to do as much as possible with what they have. She noted the Faith Lutheran facility has one dedicated case officer for Ogle County, who also makes connections with the long term services needed and networking in the community. Bowers said funding decisions will be reviewed at 1:00 today and that McKinley will provide notice of the decisions.

c. 708 Board – Kathe Wilson and her team were present asking for a funding increase of $17,602 compared to 2010 because the state has not been making their payments, with a tremendous negative impact on the agencies. The total 2011 funding request is $824,900. She stated they serve people in very fragile mental states, those with a history of mental illness, children locked out of their homes, people abused in their homes, and people who will never be able to work but still need to have a life and require help for what they need. She noted these fragile people in our community, if not helped, end up in the penal system. When these people go into the penal system, our system requires that we provide the services they need in the end anyway and so it is much better to provide the services up front. More people are having problems because of the economy. Louise indicated all the agencies are doing things to reduce costs, such as laying off people. She noted Medicaid will only pay for 10 sessions with people and that the mentally disabled will need more services, and are on a waiting list. Kilker asked if any agencies gave raises, and Wilson confirmed they all have wage freezes across the board. Some have eliminated positions, and some are giving back parts of their salaries. Sinissippi has picked up some of the services that were dropped based on a domestic violence grant, and when that was lost, they closed their Ogle County offices. The money now covers the runaway program. Regarding the number of people served in question #6, Kilker asked about the formula used for this. Louise indicated the way funding is provided is based on need. Incidents of needs have dramatically increased. VOP serves long term people throughout the year, and others see them once or twice a month, so the hours are higher compared to the number of people in looking at other agencies. Kilker asked about the audits and Wilson indicated their financial report is included in the application with audit findings they are addressing. Horner said the 708 Board does an excellent job. Bowers noted decisions will be made at 1:30 today. Barnes asked how many workers are in VOP, and the response was 103 plus 30 staff in the building plus janitorial services of 40 people. Wilson noted in 1978 a max rate of 1.0 was voted on, then 1.5 was put into law. She stated .05 is our current mill rate, and would like to respectfully ask the rate be raised to support these vital services.

d. Mt. Morris Senior Center – Brenda Hayden reported on the Mt. Morris Senior Center application, asking for an increase of $16,250 this year, for a total of $48,250. Hayden reviewed the application and Vernon noted they are feeding over 500 in their food pantry and that unemployment is terrible in Mt. Morris – Hayden mentioned an 84% job decrease in Mt. Morris per a recent board report.

She mentioned restructuring the book keeping system according to a bank's financial planner recommendations with the goal of making it more understandable through two categories of operations and capital outlays. Kilker asked for a copy of the budget, which they explained is in attachment 1, 2a and 2b, combined now. The committee asked her to explain why the increase is being requested. She indicated no employee raises are given this year, but that they don't get enough funding to meet their budget to support all the seniors, staff, programs, and services. Their request is a 50.8% increase. Horner asked about special events, and Hayden reported they took a big trip to NY City, and made $5,000 on that trip as a fundraising event. Many seniors and others went. Kilker asked if doing two trips a year would help raise more funds; Hayden indicated it is difficult without other staff to help because it is so time consuming, but it might be possible. Horner asked what would happen if the increase isn't given. She indicated they would have to keep pulling from capital and do more fund raising. She reported the elevator is working, and Barnes asked about the food pantry, which they explained the four churches operate based on the need in the community. The senior center provides volunteers, along with Pine Crest. Brenda and Vernon serve on the food pantry board, and she clarified in the past, funds have been donated to it, but not recently. Barnes asked about the building repairs and parking lot, which Hayden indicated will come from capital outlay and not the county levy since they don't pay any capital outlay from the county levy. Barnes clarified how poor the county's financial situation is, and that people have been keeping their requests at no increase from last year. Hayden said she is just asking for what they need. Kilker asked about United Way, and Hayden noted the 30% decrease last year. She indicated receiving $400 from the township twice in the last few years. The village gives $200 each year to store band instruments. Kilker asked if Hayden has attended the village and township meetings asking for help, and she indicated she has not done that this year or last, but will be sending a letter of request. She indicated she will do this more officially going forward. Decisions will be made at 1:30 today per Bowers. Bowers indicated a short break will be taken.

e. <u>OWL Coop</u> – Penny O'Rourke and Becky McCanse requested funding of $2,000 which is $1,000 more than 2010 funding, or a 100% increase. OWL is a cooperative formed for providing large print books for seniors with a grant from the state. They provide a collection to the Ogle County libraries and rotate the books regularly. They are asking for funding to keep this program going since the libraries are pinched and large print books are not cheap. The seniors provided letters of support, which are attached to the application. McCanse noted this is one of the most successful library programs she has ever seen in the library systems, along with the young reader programs in the summers. She noted people rely on these services, seniors have the time to read, and explained how the partner with the communities to deliver these services based on senior population in each town. Libraries are funded by the state, which is dwindling. Barnes noted the county financials are poor and wonders if the request this year is a bit high. O'Rourke noted they have always received $2,000 except last year's $1,000. Over 14,000 books were checked out, per Kilker, which O'Rourke said represents about 1/3 of all large print books available. Kilker noted the increase will be difficult even though we'd like to give everyone what they ask for. There are 265x7 = 1855 books totaled with multiple copies of certain books. Only OWL

books are circulated, the other books are able to be loaned. Discussion of the loaning system followed. Decisions will be made at 1:30 today, per Bowers.

f. Catholic Charities- Kathy Weightman-Moore discussed her application requesting $2,500 this year, which is the same as the 2010 funding. She noted they are the only ombudsman provider and have been in place for 25 years. They are a resident advocate, and anyone can ask for their assistance. The resident is then their "boss" and can accept or reject their services. She explained their services and process. She reported on funding challenges with decreases from the state. She reported that if they lose the $30,000 CMP funding, the program will have to look different because they can't make it up. 9 counties are covered, and Barnes noted only 3 give from the tax levy which is Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside. DeKalb County denied their request for funding because they only wanted agencies doing home community services. Carroll County and others don't provide senior levies and won't provide the funding. There are 3 full time and 2 part time employees, with the main office in Rockford. Kilker noted she went to Pinecrest for her knee replacement and a person from Catholic Charities came to her and asked good questions about the care she was getting, which is proactive and appreciated. No raises were given this year, and Kilker asked about the audit process and if there were any findings. Weightman wasn't sure and can ask the fiscal director and follow up with the committee. Kilker noted findings need to be taken care of. Of the 8 facilities in Ogle County, they received 25 complaints, responded to and provided additional 33 consults and 190 facility visits and attended 16 resident council meetings. Kathy explained their processes in these areas. Bowers said she has been a 30 year geriatric nurse and appreciates their advocacy because it's also good for the nursing homes. Bowers noted decisions will be made at 1:30 and they don't need to be present.

g. Byron Seniors – Dorothy Bowers and Delores Mallard presented their applications requesting the same $2,000 funding as last year. They noted their group is primarily a social group providing meat and supplies for pot lucks. The insurance is a big cost for them, but is required. They joined the Chamber of Commerce to get more exposure and get more members. She explained the budget and needs in each item, as well as the activities they provide. Stillman Valley, Leaf River, Oregon, and others often join them and are welcome to all in Ogle County. Horner asked if Chamber of Commerce membership is a benefit, and also asked if the memorial fund for the spouse comes out of the county funds. They indicated no, the memorial fund is from non-county revenues, usually donated from the families. The city provides the room and electricity for the meetings, and they haven't approached the township. Fire department comes for free to check blood pressure. Kilker encouraged them to talk with the townships to request funding assistance. They meet in the Jarrett center about once per month, and Barnes suggested asking for rent free space. Janes said he thinks the Jarrett charges everyone equally. The City doesn't make additional contributions. Barnes suggested asking the City for a donation to help the seniors and suggests going in person for the request. They are talking about utility tax in Byron, so they are in need of funds too, per Bowers. 75-80 attend the potlucks. Bowers clarified no salaries are paid; all are volunteers. Bowers noted decisions will be made at 1:30 and they don't need to be present.

h. Hub City – Connie Dougherty recapped her application with a request for $40,000 just like last year. She noted revenue is going up each year, and even more this year because they are receiving downstate operating assistance program funds along with 5311 for transportation. These trends are expected to continue, and Hub City services are increasing as a result. The transportation includes going to Chicago and other places outside the county. The LOTS contract is to be done today, and Dougherty expects a per unit fare increase in that new contract to help cover costs. Meals have been decreasing for the last few years, but expect them to go back up again. Lifescape is used for meals. Dougherty explained how thankful families are for the Hub City Center and their services, giving examples. She noted they will be starting an endowment fund with an excess $3,000 received for roof contributions. She noted interest in participating in any centralized purchasing that may take place, and said they work on a very small staff. Horner asked about the advertising van income, and Dougherty noted it has been put in as fundraising, and is about $8,000. Follow your heart is only every 4 years. Connie confirmed the remaining fundraising amounts are for the roof fundraiser. Flagg township gave $15,000 last year, and each year the increase is about $5,000. Horner said they are doing outstanding work in the current facility, although the location is not great. Barnes stated the county is in poor financial standing and thanked her for not increasing her request. He asked if the City of Rochelle has provided funds, and Connie said they took them out of the City budget a few years ago, but earlier this year, they gave $10,000, which went into the reserve account at Lincoln State Bank. They have 4 full time employees, 4 part time, including drivers. Participation is going up. Raises were given to accommodate the minimum raise increase. Bowers noted decisions will be made at 1:30.

i. Polo Area Seniors – Richard Jacks and Donna Gillingham were present and recapped the request, which is the same as last year's $30,000 request. He noted there is $500 less in donation income this year. Barnes suggested asking the city and township for funding also, which currently don't fund the Polo seniors. Barnes suggested going to the city and township meetings and asking in person. Barnes noted the county financial condition isn't good, and thanked them for not increasing their funding request. Kilker thanked them for the continued operating plan, which is excellent, showing they are looking ahead. Kilker would like to see all centers do this. Windows in the facility are done, per Jacks, which came from savings and it has helped with the heating bill. They may be adding blinds to the front windows for better heating and cooling efficiency. Lions and Masons clubs pay for use of the building. Supervisor salary is the only full time paid employee plus a weekly janitor. No increase in pay has been given. Bowers indicated decisions will be made at 1:30 today. Jacks noted the copying requirements were significant as we asked them to give 10 copies. He'd like to see the board handle this. Jacks noted he complimented Bauer on his change of attitude in working with seniors. It's been a positive experience this year.

j. Tri County Opportunities- Sandra Julifs and Deb Ritchie reviewed their request for $26,000, which is the same as last year's funding. They do what the statute requires, which is providing services to seniors at home to prevent pre-institutionalism, but they do not provide medical services. 157 people were served with 33,333 hours provided just in Ogle County. They are the only non-

profit agency that provides this service in the 4 counties. The major problems are getting money from the state of Illinois. 90 day reserves are now required, which is obtained through their line of credit, but in the 4th month of late payments, they are beyond their credit limit. Without Ogle County contributions, they'd be running in the hole. In the last 3 years, the reimbursement and wage rates have increased, which puts a burden on them with and the amount they can take for operating expenses dictated by the previous governor. The Dept of Aging has to cut funds, and many options are being considered without knowing exactly what will happen. Billing processes have changed to daily billing, which is taking much longer than the previous billing cycle. April state payments are still not paid. Kilker asked why the name is Tri County when they support 9 counties now. Julifs indicated this came from the original 3 counties in the 70's and they've grown without changing the name. Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside were the original three counties. Barnes thanked them for keeping their request at the same as last year since the county is in bad financial shape. 33 employees are designated for Ogle County, plus Deb Ritchie who lives in Ogle County, as do all 33. Bowers indicated we'll make decisions at 1:30 today.

k. Lifescape Community Services – Carol Green recapped the 3 programs provided to Ogle County as part of her application and request for $30,000, which is a $3,000 increase over last year. Home delivery meals are the greatest need in Ogle County and is the focus of Ogle County funds. A letter was read regarding one employee's situation in finding a deceased elderly in his home, which begs the question how long he would have been there if Lifescape hadn't come on their daily visit. Nutrition is extremely important to health, along with the peace of mind that they are there every day and if something isn't right, they will report it. Home delivered meals have had nutritional values changed, which not all seniors like because it's more fiber and fruit. She said while Lifescape food doesn't make them well, it slows the progression and helps them stay healthier longer, including a diabetic option. The state owes Lifescape $500,000, and Lifescape is looking at all ways to cut costs, including the buying consortium, and an energy consortium that saved 5% on utility bills last year. The Humana program that helped fund some things might be cut this year. 4 counties are covered, but Barns noted Ogle County's revenue isn't shown. Carol said the amounts are included with other grants and foundations. Lee only gives $8,000. Boone County doesn't give anything. Winnebago gives the majority of the money, including the fundraising. Carol explained the fundraising activities they have and their services. Last year $70,000 was raised at the indoor sport center in Rockford, the biggest fundraising of the year. They worked with First Free Evangelical Church of Rockford this year and do senior performance fundraisers and raised $16,000. No 708 board monies are given to Lifescape. Wages have been frozen, but they had to raise the minimum wage as required by law. ARRA ends in September, which is the stimulus money. 120 people have participated in the Logli partnership in Rockford in providing low cost groceries. This drove their pharmacy business up too, which was a benefit to them. National site attendance is going down because younger seniors don't see themselves as seniors, and this is a good way to reach them when they are active and healthy. 8000 meals are put out in Boone County through one meal site. 34,000 meals are put out in Ogle County. Bowers asked about the persons served numbers with 2010 being estimates and 2009 actual. Home delivered meals clients are staying on the program longer, and had a

waiting list in 2008. Bowers indicated decisions will be made at 1:30 today and that McKinley will provide email notifications of decisions.

l. Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation District – Phil Fossler, Sterling Taylor, Maryann Baker were present to discuss their application for $22,500 which is a decrease of $3,217 from last year. The state of Illinois has paid nothing the last fiscal year, with nothing planned for this year. As such, they are in the hole $65,000 already. Fossler noted they might receive last year's funding by December. Cost share funds for landowners have been received, but not the operating funds. $100,000 have been sent for cost share funds, and there have been some carryover to exist another year without the state funding. After that, they may have to close their doors. Lee County soil & water is closing their doors this year, with 8 more in southern Illinois and others as well in the next 4-6 months. Operations were discussed. Taylor said they are thankful the county board has contributed what they have, since the first funding request for a full time employee in 1985. They indicated the request is less this year because they have reserves to use and we know the county is in poor shape too. Salaries have been held at no increase for last 2 years and this upcoming year as well. Barnes commented that the county is in poor financial condition and thanked them for dropping their funding request. Horner asked how long they can survive, and Taylor indicated about 12 more months. The closest soil scientist is now in Rockford. Janes noted water quality is impacted by what the Soil & Water Conservation District does, and most don't realize how the water shed and streams are protected. If this program goes down, many things go down behind it like the CRP and switch grass programs for erosion, etc. Pollution issues then come. Janes thanked them for doing a good job. Ogle County is an agricultural county needing to support the watershed of the Rock River and more issues will be created for the county down the road without the Soil & Water Conservation District. Water quality will deteriorate quickly. Decisions will be made at 1:30 per Bowers. Email notifications will be sent if they can't come.

m. Rock River Center – Karen Copeland and Ann Haas were present to discuss the application with a funding request the same as last year's at $57,117. They distributed information available through all the case workers. NIIA service standards were also included, which explain why they are the focal point of senior services for Ogle County. Calendar year service summary was provided showing everything done for those over 65. Year end is June 30, 2010 and the audit will come up September, which Copeland can provide if needed. Copeland confirmed there have never been audit findings, and have used Sikich for their audits because they understand all the non-profit grants and funding requirements. Without the senior levy fund, Copeland said they'd be laying off a lot of people. She believes the key for efficiency is educating your board to help them understand the non-profit world. Copeland noted utility savings have been in place and highlighted the training certifications. Kilker asked about raises, and Copeland said she moved one person up $.50, which was necessary for minimum wage requirements, and 2 more coming. No across the board raises have been given. Total cost of the new building is $1.75 million. An urgent care clinic will come in, with additional employees of theirs. Rock River will need to add one position of a building supervisor and another as a government subsidized person for building maintenance. The part district position they lost will be replaced with

subsidy money. They hoped to open the doors this fall, but expect it to be next spring most likely. Janes asked if there is more space in this facility, and they confirmed the old building is 11,000 square feet, and the new building is 17,000 square feet. Within that, 1500 is dedicated for urgent, immediate care. This brings more opportunity for others to rent out space also. There are 20 total employees, with 10 FTE and transportation driving so much of what they have to do. Barnes commended them for holding the budget request flat, given the county's financial condition. Bowers noted decisions will be made at 1:30 today. Email notice will be sent.

n. Forreston Senior Friendship Club – Melvin Colberg noted they are requesting the same amount as last year which is $1,300. They own nothing and owe nothing – it's all cash for the gatherings and activities provided. They ensure their members get hot meals twice per month and line them up with services provided by other agencies in the county. Younger seniors are still working, raising grandchildren and great grandchildren, and are very busy, and so they need to turn their focus on how to reach them. For the older seniors, without these services, they'd have less reason to get out and socialize and would be just socializing through phone, email, and TV. Income history was reviewed, and without the County support, it would be difficult to keep things going. There are 40-50 members, with about 20-25 coming regularly. Many have been transitioned into nursing facilities and have had a few deaths from those in their 80s and 90s. All bring dishes to pass, and the cooks are volunteer seniors. No fundraising done. Janes suggested asking the Village for funds. Kilker suggested visiting with the township and asking for additional funding. Forreston seniors meet at the churches, who don't charge them rent. Barnes suggested asking the Lions Club and the banks for donations. Bowers stated decisions will be made at 1:30 and they are welcome to return but not required.

o. Ogle County Veterans- Clint Strouse presented the application requesting $100,000 this year, which is an increase of $32,575 over last year, or a 48.3% increase. He noted Stephenson county veteran numbers are similar to Ogle County and they have worked with them to see how they operate and deliver service to the veterans. Stephenson County's levy is $186,000 per year compared to Ogle's at much less. Dick noted they pay their assistant and superintendent very well. They've also talked with Springfield to see how others operate their VAC and it was shocking to see the number of full time employees, which help them help more veterans, but through a higher budget. One of the things Ogle County VAC believes they do well is to refer them to the Rock River Center so they don't duplicate services that others are providing. They also provide transportation to the clinics they need to go to directly without making them get to a centralized center first. As a veteran, Dick believes our system is working. They are getting more Vietnam era veterans are more and more in need now as they are in their 60s and 70s and looking for veterans benefits. With the economic situation, they are more in need. Dick will personally look into any situation where veterans are looking for help and aren't getting it. The advertising has worked bringing more opportunities to us in the last year. In the last 6 months, requests have increased. Transportation requests are increasing. Veterans usually find food through other sources. VAC pays for things others don't, like rent, utilities, and 57% of expenses going to transportation. They have to prove they

are looking for jobs, other income, family help. They have to have applied for public aid to be able to help them. Kilker pointed out on the operating budget, there is an extra digit in the total funds granted to veterans line – it should be $77,575.00. Barnes asked about the transportation needs of $60,000 and Strouse said this represents mileage for the volunteer drivers, and the VAC board wants to increase services for this. Horner asked if veterans can be reimbursed for mileage, and Strouse said they cannot be if they have been driven by the VAC. Horner wants to confirm they do or do not actually have to be on aid now to be reimbursed, not just applied for it because he thought that was the original requirement. They will confirm the statute language. McKinley asked if LOTS transportation could be a more cost effective solution and the committee asked them to evaluate the option. Some transportation could be LOTS while some could be individual mileage reimbursement. The VAC could reimburse whoever is the most cost effective approach. Decisions will be made at 1:30, per Dorothy Bowers.

3. Adjournment – The committee discussed open questions they still have before being able to make funding decisions. The committee agreed to follow up on various questions and then discuss and possibly make the funding decisions at the next regular HEW meeting on Thursday September 14, 2010. McKinley will notify the agencies. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30

Respectfully submitted,
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Dorothy Bowers – Vice Chairman