

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Dianne Allendorf, Chairperson

DATE/TIME: March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

☒ Dianne Allendorf

☒ Tina Brandel

☒ Lynn Gallagher

☒ Joseph Heitkamp

☐ Bob Heuerman

☒ LaDon Trost

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole Hermesen, Sandra Schleicher and Scott Toot

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Social & Environmental Committee Meeting – Tina Brandel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Lynn Gallagher and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a) FY22 Strategic Goals and Plans – The committee reviewed their FY22 strategic goals and plans.
- b) Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to amend and Add Certain Environmental Health Fees Charged by the Jo Daviess County Health Department – Cottage Food/Farmers Market - **Dianne Allendorf made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of Jo Daviess County, Illinois Title 5, Public Health and Safety, Chapter 5, Animal Control. The following Environmental Health Food Program fees charged by the Jo Daviess County Health Department shall be amended and added as follows: The license fee for a Farmer's Market in-county and out of county shall be removed, the license fee for a Limited egg Farmers' Market permit shall be \$25 per year, the license fee for a Farmers' Market permit shall be \$75 per year, the registration fee for a Cottage Food Operation shall be increased from \$25 to \$50 and the inspection fee shall be \$325 per occurrence. Seconded by Tina Brandel and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.**

4. New Business:

- a) Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of Jo Daviess County, Illinois Title 5, Public Health and Safety, Chapter 5, Animal Control – **Dianne Allendorf made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of Jo Daviess County, Illinois Title 5, Public Health and Safety, Chapter 5, Animal Control as presented. Seconded by Lynn Gallagher and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.**
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding an annual Ordinance authorizing the County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County– **Lynn Gallagher made a motion to approve an annual Ordinance authorizing the County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County as presented. Seconded by Tina Brandel and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.**

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution authorizing application, execution and amendment of Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant – Section 5311 – LaDon Trost made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing application, execution and amendment of Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant – Section 5311 as presented. Seconded by Joseph Heitkamp and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.
- d) Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution authorizing application, execution and amendment of Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - DOAP –LaDon Trost made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing application, execution and amendment of Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant – DOAP as presented. Seconded by Joseph Heitkamp and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.
- e) Discussion and possible action regarding a contract between Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and Jo Daviess County Transit –Tina Brandel made a motion to approve a contract between Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and Jo Daviess County Transit as presented. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.
- f) Discussion and possible action regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit – Town Route – Lynn Gallagher made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit – Town Route as presented. Seconded by Tina Brandel and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.
- g) Discussion and possible action regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit – Ride Galena Route – Joseph Heitkamp made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit – Ride Galena Route as presented. Seconded by Tina Brandel and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.
- h) Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Special Warranty – Dianne Allendorf made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Special Warranty as presented. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion passed following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Absent - 1.

5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM – Nicole Hermesen, Transit Director, reported they have been very busy. The DOAP grant is due April 3. She and Todd Holland just attended a conference. Holland was fielding a lot of mechanic questions. Hermesen commented that we are one of the only rural transit departments in the State that has an in-house mechanic. It was nice to see that so many people were looking to him for advice and solutions. There is a HSTP meeting on the 23rd at the Transit office. It's for the NW region of Illinois. They expect around 30-40 attendees. They will also be having a demonstration by FirstNet to show all of the new devices they have in their vehicles. Transit is going to be using a new software company soon. One of the reasons for switching is because this software is extremely comprehensive. Hermesen feels that anyone could log into the program without guidance and get through everything. She is excited for her staff to go through it next week. Beta testing will begin in April. They will be posting new positions soon. They've had several people coming in without any posts, so there are many to go through. These are all from friends of drivers or someone that works in the Transit department. That is a good sign.
- b) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, reported that they're still working with a software developer for animal control. They will start looking

for a new program if they don't receive anything from the developer soon. Schleicher is trying to get out a posting out there for another Environmental Health Inspector, so they will have two people back in that office. There is also a bid out there to replace the Health Department's truck.

c) Mental Health Board – No report at this time.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

7. Board Member Concerns: None.

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:12 p.m. by Tina Brandel and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. Motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.