

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Don Hill, Chairman

DATE/TIME: June 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

☒ Don Hill

☒ Bill Bingham

☒ Robert O'Connor

☒ Bob Heuerman

☒ Hendrica Regez

☐ Diane Allendorf

☒ Janet Checker

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Melisa Hammer, Sandra Schleicher and Scott Toot

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Special Social & Environmental Committee Meeting –
- b) Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Social & Environmental Committee Meeting - **Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 Special Social & Environmental Committee meeting and the minutes of the May 19, 2022 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Bob Heuerman 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 FY2021/FY2022 strategic goals and plans were not reviewed at this time.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding the closure of the Jo Daviess County Senior Resource Center –Don Hill commented that he would like to have more information before we go into this. We need to postpone this item until a later date. **Bill Bingham made a motion to postpone discussion and possible action on the closure of the Jo Daviess County Senior Resource Center at this time. Seconded by Bob O'Connor and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing the application for a capital assistance grant for Rebuild Round III – Nicole Hermsen informed that committee that this is the third and final round for the funding for Rebuild Illinois. We had previously been awarded grant funding for Round I and Round II. It is for a building to store equipment and two wash bays, proposing a 60 x 40 building. It is very critical that we maintain our buses especially with the salt in the winter so we figured that would be the best to have those two wash bays to maintain the vehicles. Also it provides a climate controlled storage for vehicles at close of business so we wouldn't have any vehicles sitting outside in all the weather conditions. The building has 15% contingency built into it and so it factored at about \$1 million dollars. The other portion of the grant that we are applying for is to replace three garage doors. Two of the doors are original to the building. The other has been damaged and repaired several times. This grant is 100% funded so we do not have a 20% match. **Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the application for a capital assistance grant for Rebuild Round III. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed following a roll vote resulting in all ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM – Nicole Hermesen, Transit Director, reported that we are still looking for drivers. She has several employees working 15 – 20 hours of overtime a pay period. We are still working seven days a week and are still doing the Saturday, Sunday routes for the City of Galena and that is going very well. The first weekend we had a significantly higher turnout of ridership than we had expected so we were very happy to see that. At the close of this month we are trending to have just over 40% increase in ridership since last year. We are still working on solutions to better serve seniors in the area. Hermesen received confirmation today of an additional \$1,000 donation being made to Transit for Veterans rides from the Galena Elks Club. That program is going very well and we have received lots of donations to the program. We are still working through a lot of the projects we have coming up next year. The end of this month will be the end of the State fiscal year so we will be doing all of the close out items.
- b) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, reported that they have still been working through COVID-19 so still doing the vaccinations and testing at the Health Department. The CDC is approving the vaccines for six months – five year olds this week. There should be vaccine available for that age group starting next week. They have been doing a lot of meetings and planning about Monkeypox. Yesterday the count in Illinois was ten cases; nine in Chicago and one in one of the surrounding counties. Our lab draw program is ready to go and we will be starting on Monday. Information will be going out on Facebook and in the newspaper that this program is available again. Still lots of dog and cat bites. They continue to work on their regular programs.
- c) Mental Health Board – Hendrica Regez reported that the 708 Mental Health Board approved the first quarter reimbursement requests for FY2022. The annual plan was updated and should be on the website.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

- 7. **Board Member Concerns:** Janet Checker commented on the lack of Artist Maps for the County. She shared a similar map from Door County.
- 8. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made at 6:21 p.m. by Bill Bingham, seconded by Bob Heuerman. Motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.