

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Dianne Allendorf, Chairperson

DATE/TIME: June 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

☒ Dianne Allendorf

☐ Tina Brandel

☐ Michael Dittmar

☒ Lynn Gallagher

☒ Joseph Heitkamp

☒ Bob Heuerman

☒ LaDon Trost

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Toot and Nicole Hermsen.

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the April 18, 2024 Social & Environmental Committee Meeting – Lynn Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Joseph Heitkamp and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.
- b) Minutes of the May 2, 2024 Special Social & Environmental Committee Meeting – Joseph Heitkamp made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024 Special 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) FY2023/FY2024 Strategic Goals and Plans –The committee reviewed their strategic goals and plans.

4. New Business:

- a) Discussion and possible action on a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and Regional Office of Education #8 – Joseph Heitkamp made a motion to approve a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and Regional Office of Education #8. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.
- b) Discussion and possible action on a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and Midwest Senior Care Assisted Living – Lynn Gallagher made a motion to approve a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and Midwest Senior Care Assisted Living. Seconded by Joseph Heitkamp and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.
- c) Discussion and possible action on a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and West Galena Township – Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and West Galena Township. Seconded by Joseph Heitkamp and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.
- d) Discussion and possible action on a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and The United Churches of Galena Food Pantry – Joseph Heitkamp made a motion to approve a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and The United Churches of Galena Food Pantry. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.
- e) Discussion and possible action on a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and RLS & Associates, Inc. – Joseph Heitkamp made a motion to approve a Contract with Jo

Daviess County Transit and RLS & Associates, Inc. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.

5. Staff Reports

- a) Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM – Nicole Hermesen thanked everyone for approving the contracts and explained the importance of match funding for Transit's grants. They are wrapping up the State Fiscal Year 2024 because SFY 2025 begins July 1st. Transit is seeking applications for full-time and part-time drivers, as well as a dispatcher.
- b) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Public Health Administrator, was not in attendance.
- c) Mental Health Board – Colleen Farrell was not in attendance.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

- 7. Board Member Concerns:** Lynn Gallagher commented that she is interested in pursuing additional opportunities to provide mental health support to residents of the county. She is concerned that at our retreat last July it was "voted" over 60 times that mental health was a concern in the county. We need to investigate ways to provide support. She would like either the 708 Mental Health Board or another sub-committee or task force to work with the professionals in the county to determine needs and supports. If it's not the responsibility of the 708 Board, we need to create a group to work on this. Gallagher is willing to chair any such group or work with the group, once identified, to create a study, plan of action, and/or any other such activity that provides information and implementation of support for our residents.

- 8. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made at 7:01 p.m. by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Bob Heuerman. Motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.