

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Don Hill, Chairman
DATE/TIME: August 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

☒ Don Hill	☒ Bob Heuerman	☐ Janet Checker
☒ Bill Bingham	☐ Hendrica Regez	
☐ Robert O'Connor	☒ Diane Allendorf	

A quorum was established.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Gallagher

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Althof, Amanda Faivre, Melisa Hammer, Nicole Hermsen, Sandra Schleicher, Sonja Shoemaker, Robert Sproel and Scott Toot

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Social & Environmental Committee Meeting – Bill Bingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 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. Review and Summary of FY2023 Budget Process to Date – Scott Toot commented that this is the second of our budget committee meetings to approve the budgets and move them forward to the Budget Workshops. Monday night we had approximately 50 budgets at the Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Attached in your packet are General Fund Round 1 Revenues and also General Fund Target amounts. We are proceeding with the budget process and everything from this point will go to the budget workshops. These meetings are taking the place of the joint committee budget review meetings that were held in previous years.

4. Budget Review Session with Social & Environmental Committee

a) Public Health

- i. Public Health Fund (003) – SF
- ii. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund (005) - SF
- iii. Public Health Catastrophic Emergency Fund (046) - SF
- iv. Public Health Capital Investment Fund (055) - SF

Sandra Schleicher reported that they were supposed to have a Board of Health Finance meeting before their last Board of Health meeting, but did not have a quorum. These budgets were reviewed at a Special Board of Health Finance Committee meeting last week but have not been approved by the Board of Health. They will be reviewed at their next meeting on September 7th. **Bill Bingham made a motion to defer the Public Health Fund (003), Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund (005), Public Health Catastrophic Emergency Fund (046) and Public Health Capital Investment Fund (055) and send them back to the Board of Health for their review. Seconded by Diane Allendorf and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**

b) Animal Control

- i. Animal Control Fund (020) – SF
- ii. Pet Population Fund (080) - SF

Diane Allendorf made a motion to send the Animal Control Fund (020) and the Pet Population Fund (080) back to the Board of Health for further review. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

c) Social and Environmental Services

i. Social and Environmental Services (001-44157) - GF

- a) NICAA Senior Citizens Service – GF – **Don Hill made a motion to approve the NICAA Senior Citizens Services request for funding of \$8,133 and move forward to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Diane Allendorf and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
 - b) Senior Resource Center – GF – Sonja Shoemaker and Amanda Faivre presented their request for funding. **Bill Bingham made a motion to approve the Senior Resource Center request for funding of \$8,170 and move forward to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
 - c) American Legion Veterans' Grave Markers – GF – Bob Heuerman presented the American Legion Veterans' Grave Markers request for funding. **Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the American Legion Veterans' Grave Markers request for funding of \$2,000 and move forward to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
 - d) Jo Daviess/Carroll Solid Waste Agency – GF – Bob Sproel presented the Jo Daviess/Carroll Solid Waste Agency request for funding. **Bill Bingham made a motion to approve the Jo Daviess/Carroll Solid Waste Agency request for funding of \$7,000 and move forward to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Diane Allendorf and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.** The Illinois EPA has requested that the Solid Waste Agency procure and use an online registration system in order to continue to be a host agency for Household Hazardous Waste events that are coordinated and funded by the state. This requirement to have an on-line registration system that can be accessed by any resident in the state would be an annual recurring expense of \$600 to be split by Jo Daviess County and Carroll County. **Don Hill made a motion to approve a recurring necessary expense of \$300 for the Jo Daviess/Carroll Solid Waste Agency and move to the Unfunded List. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
- d) *Jo Daviess County Transit Fund (071) – SF*** – Nicole Hermesen presented the Jo Daviess County Transit Fund (071) budget. Melisa Hammer gave kudos to Hermesen on how she prepared and presented her budget. This is spot on on the information that is needed. This is only her second year and she is doing an amazing job. **Don Hill made a motion to approve the Jo Daviess County Transit Fund (071) with revenues of \$4,419,356.96 and expenses of \$4,250,673.57 and the associated fund description, and move forward to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Diane Allendorf and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
- e) *708 Mental Health Fund (014) – SF*** – There was no one to present the 708 Mental Health Fund budget and we discovered some amendments that will need to be made to this budget. **Bill Bingham made a motion to defer the 708 Mental Health Fund (014) until we can establish another meeting. Seconded by Bob Heuerman and motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**

f) ***Small Rental Properties Program Fund (040) – SF*** – Scott Toot informed the committee that this fund has not been used in several years. A resolution to dissolve this fund for FY2023 will be going to the Finance, Tax & Budget Committee. No action was taken at this time.

5. **Discussion and possible action to approve mandatory/necessary expense requests to increase/decrease FY2023 Budget target amounts** – There were no mandatory/necessary expense requests to present.

6. **Review Unfunded Requests and possible action to move them forward to the FY2023 Unfunded Request list** – We have already reviewed the unfunded request from the Jo Daviess/Carroll Solid Waste Agency.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a) FY22 Strategic Goals and Plans – Don Hill did a brief rundown of the FY2021/FY2022 strategic goals and plans.

8. **New Business**

9. **Staff Reports**

a) Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM – Nicole Hermesen, Transit Director, reported that we have suffered a terrible loss on August 6th. Our dispatcher/driver Cara has passed away. Her dad is also a Transit staff member. We will post this position in the weeks to come. It is a part-time dispatcher/driver position. We had six catalytic convertors stolen. It totaled about \$11,480. One of the vehicles was in service and the rest were vehicles that are up for disposal. That day we had an accident with one of the drivers; there were no injuries. Today we had a dually vehicle that had two tires blow out on the same side going down Stagecoach. An update on the final FY2022 ridership is an increase of 49%. That is over 20,000 additional rides than Transit has ever done before. Hermesen will be attending the Illinois Public Transportation Mandatory Conference September 13 – 15 in O’Fallon, IL. We are working through training with three new part-time drivers. We have two more that are on their last steps of being fully trained. We are waiting for the State to write some of our grant contracts. They have been awarded but we do not have contracts so therefore we cannot spend the money yet. Tomorrow Hermesen will be meeting with Riverview Center to discuss a draft proposal that she sent to them in January.

b) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher, Jo Daviess County Public Health Administrator, reported that things are pretty steady with COVID-19. We are still seeing cases. We do have vaccines at the Health Department now for kids down to six months old. There is not a huge demand for it but it is available. We do not currently have any Monkeypox in the County. There was a case in Winnebago County earlier this week. The state is pushing out vaccine to counties that have at least one case. No vaccine is coming our direction yet. They have reached out to the 708 Mental Health Board chairman to discuss the Mental Health Plan but have not heard back. At the last Board of Health meeting they discussed fees. The Board of Health did approve a fee increase for our restaurant fees so that will be coming to this committee next month. Part of that is farmer’s market and cottage food which is more of the temporary food at home operations. There were some changes that were put out at the state level for that. Animal Control has been having a terrible time with PetData losing checks, doing their paperwork monthly, lost paperwork, things not getting processed that should so we have identified a new vendor. Our goal is to discontinue PetData on December 1st. We will get our own software program/website to manage in-house. We are finally through our certification process with the state and have received our certificate. Melisa Hammer interjected that our Caselle software does have a program for pet data and might be something that Schleicher would want to look at.

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

10. Citizens' Comments: None.

11. Board Member Concerns: None.

12. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:01 p.m. by Bob Heuerman, seconded by Bill Bingham.
Motion passed following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.