

TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 23, 2009

Members Present: Chuck Bowen, Gary Burton, Bill Ebert, Dr. Bill Edwards, Mike Harris, Rich Karneboge, Dr. Jerry Stonecipher and Tom Wojtas.

Staff present: Amy Tippey, Janet Johnson, Ev Neavear and Sarah Fenton.

Members Absent: Peggy Flannigan, Dr. Erika Hunter and Dr. Jami Walsh.

President Chuck Bowen called the scheduled monthly Board of Health meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Center, Tremont.

Motion to approve the monthly minutes for February 23, 2009 as mailed, by member Karneboge; seconded by member Wojtas; motion carried.

No agenda changes.

Handouts: Packets were handed out of materials that were emailed due to a computer virus that appeared at the department today. No laptops were connected at the meeting as a result.

**Reports:**

**Item #1: TB Costs-** Mrs. Fenton reported the department had four cases of TB reported since the first of the year, with the department normally having only one-two per year. The cases have no correlation and they all live in different communities within the county. She explained the ages, orientations and contact individuals related to the situation. The new Nursing Supervisor had spent approximately 80% of her time on these cases and Director Fenton has spent approximately 30% of her time. As a result of the confirmed cases, 22 charts have been opened. Mrs. Tippey stated the budget line item for TB is okay at this time but the staffing hours are not usually expected to be this high. The funding from the TB Levy through the county is inadequate at this time with this much activity being addressed. Dr. Edwards stated that this may not be a unique situation, as diverse cultural populations are becoming more prevalent in this area, the trend may continue to grow. President Bowen questioned if there was any drug resistance in these four cases. Mrs. Fenton stated that the reports are not back yet. Mrs. Fenton also stated we cannot require someone to take the medication but we could work with the States' Attorney's office to require isolation quarantine if the department felt an individual was contagious.

Mrs. Tippey wanted to acknowledge the nursing department's exceptional work with the TB related cases. Also, during a WIC visit within this last month of a six-week old, Nurse Jamie Beskow found what she believed was a heart defect, referred back to the primary physician and then onto a Pediatric Cardiologist. The BOH wanted to make sure that Jamie was commended on her "great catch" during her exam.

**Item #2: West Nile Conference-** Mrs. Neavear reported the conference was held March 12<sup>th</sup> with 40 people from the county communities. These individuals are now certified by the USDA to utilize larvicides this summer. There was also media coverage and Melissa Goetze did a wonderful job!

**Item #3: Margaret Burt Award-** Mrs. Tippey reported that Dr. Cliff Brown was selected as the recipient. He has volunteered a lot of dental time and providing sealants and education in the schools. Dr. Marshall made the nomination. Dr. Stonecipher stated he was a very deserving individual for the award and deserved the recognition.

**Item #4: Economic Climate & Budget Management-** Mrs. Tippey sent out the memo from the Tazewell County Board office from Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Neuhauser, and Mr. Jones. The department was already doing most of the items suggested. The department was also working with the county offices to compare prices for office and building supplies. The number of printers in the building would be addressed in the near future and move towards more network printer use and not as many individual printers. Member Harris brought up the item of merging the maintenance departments. The item is in the County Board's hands. Mrs. Tippey informed our maintenance staff of the possibility and nothing has developed any further. Member Harris reminded members that Mrs. Tippey cut more in her budget than any other department in the County, in the upcoming year that may not be possible.

Mrs. Tippey reminded the Board of the Capital Improvement projects set for the department this year. While the funding had been allocated, Mrs. Tippey wanted the input of the Board on what projects to continue with and which to delay. The Board had general consensus to proceed with the projects that were allocated, especially the roof on the EH Building and the window replacement. Mrs. Tippey would get bids going and present them back to the Board at the May meeting.

**Item #5: Health Services Committee-** Member Harris reported that the committee is still concerned with the Pekin Landfill. Health issues are always a possibility with no liner, leachate and erosion. The method to finance could be through tipping fees.

The committee had a presentation a couple of months ago about the fact that the County funds could be unprotected at local banks even though the Treasurer stated all funds were collateralized. This was different from what the Board was previously informed.

**Action:**

**Item #1: Geothermal Ordinances-** Motion to approve changes to the Geothermal Ordinance as presented last month made by Member Harris; 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Burton. Mrs. Neavear explained the changes related to the excavator signing not the contractor (section 9-5), and the change to the penalty be increased to \$250 to deter non-compliance. This ordinance would then go back to the Health Services Committee, then to Executive Committee and then to the County Board. Motion carried, no opposition.

**Item #2: Smoke-free Illinois Citations-** Mrs. Tippey placed the item in action but should have been in reports. The action was tabled by Member Edwards; 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Ebert; motion carried. Through the clarification in the Act, the department had been given the authority to write citations, with a sample citation in the packet as mailed. Because health department staff has no law enforcement capabilities, violators don't have to provide their identification and they don't have to take the written citation, issuing

citations at this time is near impossible. The sample citation was in member packets for viewing. The Board members were in consensus that this law has no teeth in it and is unrealistic to have public health staff enforce these citations at this time. Mrs. Tippey stated that the department would continue to be involved and work with the States' Attorney in hopes that law enforcement would continue to handle this issue in Tazewell County.

**Item #3: Approval of Invoices and Bills-** Member Ebert reviewed statements and moved to approve payment of invoices for the month of March in the amount of \$128,383.64, 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Stonecipher. Roll call of votes: Bowen-yes, Burton-yes, Ebert-yes, Edwards-yes, Harris-yes, Karneboge-yes, Stonecipher-yes and Wojtas-yes. Results: 8-yes, 0-no, 3 absent; motion carried.

Member Ebert moved to approve an additional batch of invoices, with Dr. Edwards included, in the amount of \$24,298.78, 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Stonecipher. Roll call of votes: Bowen-yes, Burton-yes, Ebert-yes, Edwards-abstain, Harris-yes, Karneboge-yes, Stonecipher-yes and Wojtas-yes. Results: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 0-no, 3 absent; motion carried.

**Announcements:**

Next scheduled meeting would be at Jonah's in East Peoria on April 27, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Cash bar available. Agenda would be very brief.

Mrs. Tippey reported Director Corey would have a Code Enforcement Conference on April 15, 2009. The Agenda was passed around for viewing.

Women's Health Fair is at the Pekin Moose Lodge on April 2, 2009, 5:30-8:30pm.

Dr. Edwards suggested that due to budget conservation, BOH members pay for their own meals this year at the dinner. Members agreed to this upon consensus.

Member Harris moved to adjourn at 7:36 pm, seconded by Member Stonecipher; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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