

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 4, 2015  
PLACE: Conference Room, Rock Island County Health Department  
2112 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

MEMBERS Mr. John Neary, RN, President  
PRESENT: Ms. Kate Varlas Teel, Vice President  
Mr. Ed Langdon, County Board Representative  
Dr. Mark Bollaert  
Mr. Jim Flannery  
Ms. Sommer Livengood, ARNP  
Mr. Greg Pagliuzza  
Mr. Doug Vroman

MEMBERS Mr. Leon Gibson, Secretary  
ABSENT: Dr. Patricia Barron  
Dr. Prem Viridi

STAFF Ms. Nita Ludwig, Public Health Administrator  
PRESENT: Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer  
Ms. Linda Livengood, Chief Nursing Officer  
Ms. Traci Owens, Chief Operating Officer

GUEST: Mr. Dave Ross, Rock Island County Administrator

President Neary called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Dave Ross, Rock Island County Administrator, was introduced to the members of the Board and staff that were present.

MOTION The minutes of the January meeting were approved with a motion by Ms. Varlas Teel, second by Mr. Flannery. Motion carried.

The financial report for the period ending January 31, 2016, shows revenues of \$94,234 and expenditures of \$283,082 for a total net loss for the year of \$386,069.

The Health Department's balance sheet shows our cash balance of \$40,891.83 and investments of \$374,000. The department currently has enough funds available to pay the first payroll in March.

The department's grants accounts receivable has a balance for the end of January of \$634,689.

MOTION The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Langdon, second by Mr. Pagliuzza. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig reported that the department had a Department of Human Services (DHS) audit in October and the recommendations included the need to have annual evaluations of the staff. This had been hindered by the changes in Administrators over the past few years. We currently have basically caught up through December of 2015.

Mr. Bryant informed the members that other recommendations included policy and procedure updates and DHS requested that we inventory all items \$500 and above. We were given until the end of June to complete this inventory.

Mr. Neary requested the Board be given an update on the DHS recommendations at the May meeting.

MOTION Ms. Varlas Teel made a motion to approve the DHS audit findings, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant gave an update on the Finance Committee's finding. The projected cash flow shows that we will need to obtain the first draw of the Tax Anticipation Warrant by the middle of March. We are asking the Board to approve this \$200,000 Tax Anticipation Warrant. Mr. Neary stated that the Finance Committee will need to meet again in April if things do not change in order to consider other measures.

MOTION Mr. Pagliuzza made a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$200,000 Tax Anticipation Warrant, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

We will pay this amount back from our tax distribution in June 2016.

Mr. Neary introduced Mr. Dave Ross, who will speak regarding the meetings we have had in the attempt to consolidate County offices in the Bituminous Building (BitCo) in Rock Island.

The cost to acquire the BitCo building is \$1.00. It is a 59,000 square foot building and the County would need to pay the realtor cost of \$67,000. The County would then need to equip the BitCo building and build it out to obtain what the Health Department and Probation would require in order for the building to fit out needs. The Records' Office and the Coroner would also love to move into this building.

The County received the appraisal; replacing the air handler system, roof repairs, exam rooms, individual offices, plumbing, and two new elevators. The total cost would be \$4,600,000. The appraisal of this property, the land and the building of the Health Department and Adult Probation is \$844,000. Clearly we are off quite a bit. The appraiser placed all the value in the land because of its location next to the hospital. Had this been feasible the Health Department would occupy 39.7% of the facility and the build out cost would have been approximately \$1.1 million for the dedicated space. The entire first floor would have been designated for the Health Department; Adult and Juvenile Probation would be on the second floor, and the Recorder's Office on the top floor, with the Coroner in the basement.

MOTION Mr. Langdon made a motion to approve the service delivery report, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig reported that Paul Guse, Supervisor of Environmental Health, is in the process of renewing and revising his ordinances and fees and will be bringing them to the Board in an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Ludwig informed the members of a press conference held at the department. In attendance was Representatives Pat Verschoore and Mike Smiddy about the budget impasse. Members of other social service programs spoke of the issues they were facing. The Representatives didn't seem to be fazed by the stories they heard. This is the same message that is being heard throughout the State of Illinois.

Mr. Neary said what upsets him is that the State continues to turn its back on the poor and neediest and they can do that because they generally do not vote and they are not the people who will stand up and complain about what is going on so they are an easy target. It is an ugly situation.

The department is going after Federal grant opportunities and these are generally more difficult to obtain. However, since they are Federal Grants the money would be more forthcoming.

Mr. Langdon asked about the Zika virus. Ms. Ludwig informed the members that they have now found that it can be sexually transmitted. Zika is a rapidly developing issue and we will be monitoring it closely.

MOTION The human resource report was approved with a motion by Mr. Langdon, second by Mr. Flannery. Motion carried.

MOTION      The claims were approved with a motion by Ms. Livengood, second by Mr. Flannery. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Gibson, Secretary, by  
Linda L. Roberts, PHR

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