

**Health & Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2016
Courthouse Annex, Room 319, 5:15 PM**

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Bill Wright called the Health & Education meeting to order at 5:15PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Chuck Nesbitt, Tom Morse, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler, and Bill Wright. Danny Walls and Chad Turner were absent and excused.

Also present were: Mike Marron, County Board Chairman; Cheryl S. Reifsteck, ROE Director; Jim Russell, Mental Health Director; Paige Brown, Animal Regulations Director; and Cynthia Johnson, Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Morris moved, second by Butler, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2016

Green moved, second by Nesbitt, to approve the minutes presented. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

There were none.

Agenda Item 5 – Review of Regional Office of Education Annual Report

Cheryl Reifsteck provided a color copy of annual report. Reifsteck reviewed the annual report as follows:

- Explanation of the responsibilities of the Regional Office and the participation with both the county and state.
- Documentation of the 2015/2016 Six Day Enrollment was provided. It is used to compare enrollment trends across the county. Six Day Enrollment is completed annually on the sixth day of the school year for private and public schools. Enrollment this year was comparable to last year in both private and public schools. Butler asked if home based school was included. Reifsteck stated that it was not. Reifsteck explained the state does not require home school registration; however, it is encouraged. Forms are available for parents to register homeschool children. Discussion ensued.
- Statistics: 11 school districts and 37 school buildings that are inspected for health life safety amendments and building permits by ROE.
- Services provided: Register teacher's and substitute teacher's licenses,
- Background checks and fingerprinting are now contracted with an outside company and service is provided to other businesses besides the schools.
- ROE conducts school recognition evaluations and compliance recognition. Reifsteck explained full compliance inspection review.
- ROE is the official keeper of records for GED testing and transcripts.
- Bus driver training. There were 231 bus drivers were trained last year.
- Truancy grants and county provided stipend for truancy officer salary. The truancy officer served 325 students last year. Of the 325 students, 250 were chronic truants and 42 were court referrals.

- The homeless liaison served 532 homeless students this year. This is an increase from last year. Discussion ensued. Reifsteck explained the Federal guidelines could say that a displaced family is considered homeless, but may not be on the streets. Discussion continued with committee.
- The Regional Office provides professional development for teachers and administrators. There were 126 events with 2,828 participants last year.
- ROE serves as the flow through for most of the school districts for all Federal and State money to schools. Discussion ensued regarding state payments, over payments received and re-payment plan.
- Reifsteck explained the Regional Safe School program for expelled or expelled eligible students for junior high and high school students in the entire county that is state funded.
- Reifsteck discussed the year old Salt Fork consolidation and the continuation of discussion for future consolidations in other districts. Floor was opened for questions. Green asked if a full compliance inspection was completed on Salt Fork. A full compliance inspection was completed. Discussion ensued.
- Reifsteck clarified Life Safety visits. Life Safety visits are planned with the State Fire Marshall. The Fire Marshall looks at fire issues, and ROE looks at the whole building by room to room checklist. The closure of Cannon school was given as an example.
- Questions and discussion ensued regarding the annual report.
- Committee Chairman Wright asked about contingency emergency plans. Reifsteck explained requirements of crisis management. Discussion ensued.

Morse moved, second by Nesbitt, to approve the Regional Office of Education Annual Report. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 6 – Review of Regional Office of Education Budget

Cheryl Reifsteck explained two form budget and the differences between the fiscal year of the county and the fiscal year of the schools. Reifsteck provided budget line explanations. Grants applied for were mentioned. Questions and discussion ensued. Butler moved, second by Nesbitt, to approve the Regional Office of Education Budget. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Chuck Nesbitt, Tom Morse, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler and Bill Wright. 5 yes, 2 absent.

Agenda Item 7 – Review of Mental Health 708 Board Budget

Jim Russell updated the committee on the following items:

- Mike Marron and Jim Russel to set a meeting with Vickie Hogan regarding recruiting professionals in the Danville area.
- Met with Director Norwood, of Health Care and Family Services for the State regarding program in Cook County where 708 dollars are matched by federal money.
- Had meetings with Carle and Aunt Martha's about recruiting psychiatry. Announcements will be made.
- The State announced that the spending plan was approved; however the money for the entire fiscal year has not arrived for 16 Crosspoint programs.
- In two weeks, meeting with the providers to discuss the state budget, next fiscal year, what is happening from a federal stand point. Discussed the switch from grant payments to fee for service to value based. There is cooperation between agencies in the area.
- Floor was opened for questions. Committee Chairman Wright commented on progress.

Jim Russell explained budget line items moved. Budget amendment will go to 708 Board, Health/Education and Finance committees to take any monies that are left in line items at the end of the fiscal year and move to contractual services. Gave examples of how that money is spent by the different agencies. The majority of the levy set is going into the contractual services. Services are increased to the consumers and clients through the agencies. Questions and discussion ensued. Morse moved, second by Nesbitt, to approve the Mental Health 708 Board budget. Committee Chairman Wright continued with questions after motion regarding Hoopston Multi-Agency. Discussion ensued. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Chuck Nesbitt, Tom Morse, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler and Bill Wright. 5 yes, 2 absent.

Agenda Item 8 – Review of Animal Regulation Budget

Paige Brown provided replacement top copy of budget to committee members. Brown explained budget expenditures, salaries and revenue. Nesbitt moved, second by Morse, to approve the Animal Regulation Budget. Committee Chairman Wright opened for questions and discussion. Questions and discussion continued. County Board Chairman, Mike Marron mentioned setting up administrative judification system for fines and fees much like the city. A meeting will be set with Judge O'shaughnessy to discuss program to stream line court cases and fees collection. Discussion ensued. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Chuck Nesbitt, Tom Morse, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler and Bill Wright. 5 yes, 2 absent.

Paige Brown updated the committee on the following items:

- The status on the horses was discussed. Felony court case is August 12, 2016. There are two more horses on the property at this time. Discussion ensued.
- Ordinances have been re-written by Brown and the County Veterinarian to provide actual guidelines and consistent fines.
- Volunteer groups are very active. Currently have 42 volunteers.

Agenda Item 9 - Executive Session

Not necessary.

Agenda Item 10 – Items of Information

- County Board Chairman informed committee that the preliminary audit is back and should go to Finance Committee and County Board in August for fiscal year 2015.
- County Board office has received preliminary reports from BellWether that provides good suggestions towards simple action.
- Green started discussion regarding the Health department and U of I cooperative extension working together. Chairman Wright will follow-up with Doug Toole and Ginger regarding the progress and push for action. Explanation of plan by Committee Chairman Wright.
- Extension board discussed. County Board Chairman Marron requested re-appointment of Kevin Green to board. Green declined.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

Committee Chairman Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes by: Cynthia Johnson, Administrative Assistant