

**Members Present**

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Liehr, Ms. Bernard, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Tripp, Mr. LaGesse, Mr. James, Mr. Vickery, Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Washington

**Members Absent**

Mr. Whitis

**In Attendance**

- **Board Members**

- **Department Heads**

Steve Beatty, Kevin Duval, Bonnie Schaafsma, and Lori Gadbois

**Others**

- **Media**

Leigh Marcotte and Dimitrios Kalantzis

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Bossert, at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

**2. Public Comment**

**3. Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2010**

**A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Liehr. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**4. Presentations**

**5. Legislative**

Ed Meents was not present. Mr. Bossert stated that there was a flurry of activity concerning potential reductions in payments and stipends to the various elected officials but in the end none of those made it into the final piece of legislation. There was also a piece of legislation that we had previously discussed concerning a possible imposition of some requirements of senior citizens to renew their senior exemption on their tax assessment. The bill got modified at the end and it excluded that requirement except for Cook County.

**6. Information Services**

Mr. Duval stated that they are working on making some changes to the website in an effort to make it more user-friendly. He will give a demonstration and walk the board members through it when it is completed.

Mr. Bossert stated that the County got approached by a company who was carrying an endorsement by NACCO and their pitch is that they can come to the County and produce some short video clips and have them available to post on our website. They are trying to get the County involved. This would be a no cost program for the County. Mr. Bossert brought up an example of this on the internet to show the committee. The company would come in and do the production. They would do the filming, help with the script, and do the voice-overs. The company would go out and solicit from our local business for all the advertisements around the parameter of the video. Each advertisement is linked to a short video. In the past we have had discussions about the propriety of tying a county website to private advertising. In this situation these advertisements are not on our website; they are on a server on another website. The County gets no revenue from this. All we are getting out of it is assistance in producing the video clips. He has not agreed to anything yet. He wanted to get the committee's input on it. It is a three year commitment and they could

modify it when needed. He doesn't see a downside; He thinks there is enough separation of the County's website and the server that has the video clips and advertisements.

Mr. James stated that he has difficulty accepting this because he doesn't like to see government used for profiteering by another agency. If we are going to promote economic development, then we need to include everybody that is doing something, not a select few.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she thinks Mr. James has a good point and we should look into it being produced locally. Maybe it would be possible to contact the agencies that are similar to the County or that have the same goals, such as the Chambers and the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and try to get them to link to the site first. We would have a whole showcase of the County.

Mr. Vickery stated that he doesn't see a lot wrong with it. If someone was looking to move into the area, it would give them a lot of information.

Mr. Tripp agrees with Mr. Vickery. He thinks everybody benefits by it.

Mr. Duval stated that this is a three year commitment so the committee needs to really think about it. If they go ahead, they will be signing a three year contract. They can't change their minds if they don't like it.

Mr. Washington stated that we have to keep in mind that this County still has a very high unemployment ratio and this is an opportunity to get the finer features of this County out on the airwaves so that we can encourage more people to come in. We should do everything that we can to get people and companies to come to K3 County. He is in favor of it.

Ms. Bernard asked what the minimum prices are for the advertising.

Mr. Bossert stated that the range was \$800 - \$3000.

Ms. Bernard stated that she would like until another committee meeting before she had to make a decision.

Mr. Bossert stated that would be fair.

Mr. LaGesse stated that he thinks that you need to be careful when you let someone else represent you. He would like to talk to people who have done this and find out what their experience has been.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she is not against this idea but she would like to see it done locally.

Mr. Vickery stated that most businesses set up a budget for advertising so it would be up to them to decide how they want to spend those dollars.

Ms. Bernard stated that she wonders if we could see about getting public access television going and then they would have the equipment to start doing this kind of work. It would keep it local and maybe all the sponsors around it would not be needed.

Mr. James stated that the people who buy the advertising are influenced by who endorses the person knocking on their door and this appears as though we are endorsing an outside agent to go knocking on their door. We are being used and he does not like that.

## **7. Health Department**

Ms. Schaafsma stated that the auditors have completed their audit and there were no findings. They ended last year with a \$39,000 deficient out of \$3.1 million. Two months of one grant they never did get paid for before the end of the fiscal year. If they had, they probably would have broken even. That was good news in these difficult times. Currently, their cash flow is adequate to sustain them for the next few months. They are still behind about \$500,000 in income from the state grants. Most of their grants will end June 30 and they have not heard as of yet which ones will be renewed for next year.

Mr. Bossert asked if the accounts receivable were counted as revenue even if money was not received or still has not been received.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that anything received by the end of January that was due in that budget year was adjusted back in.

Ms. Schmidt stated that in regard to the health report for K3 County that came out recently, she wondered if it would advantageous for us to do a search conference type situation where the Health Department gets all the players involved and sits down for a couple of days and hash out how to improve the situation.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that they currently do that every five years. She will get the report from that for Ms. Schmidt.

Ms. Bernard asked Ms. Schaafsma if she had seen any coverage on the report that was issued by the Presidential Cancer Commission a few weeks ago.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that she did not. She can take a look at it. The environmental studies on the County that they have received have been good.

Ms. Bernard asked if her department does any kind of solid waste inspections.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that they have not been funded to do that for three years. When they get complaints they follow them up and report them to the EPA if they warrant enforcement. They only do nuisance calls.

Ms. Bernard asked if they do complaints on standing water.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that they investigate it for mosquitoes.

Ms. Bernard stated that there is a situation on Lowe Road along the tracks. Nobody wants to take ownership of it.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that to her knowledge they have never received a complaint on it.

## **8. Pledge for Life**

## **9. Schools**

## **10. Veterans Assistance Commission**

- **Monthly Report**

The Committee reviewed the April 2010 VAC report.

**A motion to accept the “VAC Report for April 2010” was made by Mr. Vickery and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Mr. Campbell was not present.

## **11. Personnel/HR Issues**

## **12. Administrative Issues**

### **a. Reappointments/Appointments/Resignations**

- Resignation of Dave Duda from the K3 County Board of Health as a member-at-large
- Resignation of Chad Kalecki from the Kankakee County Board
- Reappointment of Dr. Leo O'Connor to the K3 County Board of Health, as a dentist
- Reappointment of Wayne Boudreau to the K3 County Board of Health, as a member-at-large
- Reappointment of Betty Durell to the K3 County Board of Health, as a member-at-large
- Reappointment of Michael Quigley to the K3 River Valley Forest Preserve District Board
- Reappointment of Hugh Boyt to the K3 Township Fire Protection District
- Reappointment of Thomas Caise to the St. Anne Fire Protection District
- Appointment of Dr. J. R. Tripp to the K3 County Board of Health, as a member-at-large
- Appointment of Steve Schultz to the Limestone Fire Protection District

**A motion to combine and accept all of the resignations was made by Mr. McLaren and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Mr. Bossert pulled the reappointment of Thomas Caise to the St. Anne Fire Protection District from the agenda.**

**A motion to reappoint the list presented above except for Thomas Caise was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Vickery. Motion carried.**

The committee interviewed Dr. J.R. Tripp and Steve Schultz.

**Mr. James made a motion to appoint Dr. J.R. Tripp to the K3 County Board of Health as a member-at-large and Mr. Liehr seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Mr. James made a motion to appoint Steve Schultz to the Limestone Fire Protection District and Mr. LaGesse seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

### **b. Openings**

- One Opening on the K3 County Board of Health for a county board member
- One Opening on the Cabery Area Fire Protection District

Mr. Bossert announced the openings listed above.

### **c. Resolutions**

## **13. Information Items**

- **Update on University of Illinois Extension Consolidation**

Mr. Bossert stated that what we didn't want to happen did happen. K3 County has been grouped with Will County and Grundy County into an administrative unit. The issue will resurface as to how we can rectify the situation of our County supporting extension with a \$300,000 tax levy and Will and Grundy do not levy for

extension directly nor do they provide much direct support from the county operating budget. There will be some discussion to follow as to how this is all going to work.

- **Update/Status on Solid Waste Plan**

Mr. Bossert stated that the solid waste plan update was retrieved from the State's Attorney's office and his staff has been carefully reviewing the wording and the comparison of the plan as it was left a couple years ago against what we have now. To a large extent, we are working on updating some history which all needs to be revised and updated. If we are going to get an accurate account of what happened we are going to need some input from the lawyers who can better describe the legal status. Once that is done, it will be handed off to the Regional Planning Commission to allow them to review it and offer some input.

Ms. Schmidt asked if the State's Attorney's office could work on the history while the RPC works on the plan itself, in the interest of expediting some time.

Mr. Bossert stated that they may cut it off and move ahead.

Ms. Schmidt stated that she thinks we should.

Mr. Bossert stated that in regards to the Aqua rate hearing the Attorney General's office has filed to intervene along with the County. This happened on May 20. He thinks this is a significant development that would aid the effort in contesting the rate increase. We are still waiting to hear whether or not they are going to pay for an expert or rely on the staff of the ICC to provide their expertise.

## **14. Old Business**

## **15. New Business**

- **Policy on Appointments and Reappointments**

Mr. Bossert stated in the case of a reappointment on a particular board when the current office holder seeks reappointment he will have the name on the list and if anyone on the committee wishes to bring that person in for a discussion then it can be pulled of the agenda and brought back the next month. In the case of a true vacancy due to a resignation, death, or retirement, he will make a determination and bring in a person and the committee will have a chance to question the applicant. The committee agreed with this procedure.

- **Policy on Local Records and Retention**

Mr. Bossert stated that the local records application for authority to dispose was updated back in March. It is merely a revised list. There was a certificate filed for disposal of some personnel records in the HR department and also some in Finance. There is a 60-day waiting period and once they get permission back from the Local Records Commission those items will be disposed of. Nothing got filed in terms of the recordings issue and he does not intend on doing that. He is still inclined to say that five years is plenty on the recordings and beyond that they will be discussing with the libraries and perhaps the State archivist to see if they are interested in hanging on to some to the old recordings.

Mr. McLaren stated that he had a suggestion in regards to the appointments. If there are two or more people up for a position, his concern is that the questioning of each of them may be perceived by the candidates as not done fairly or equally. He suggested having more of a standard questioning process so that all of the candidates are questioned equally.

Mr. Bossert stated that part of the interview process will be him screening the applicants and he will bring in who he thinks should be appointed. The committee can interview them and if they don't care for that person they can vote them down. He doesn't see the point of dragging numerous people through the interview process.

Mr. James stated that on the application everybody answers the same questions. Perhaps we can review that and add a question or two to the application, if needed.

Mr. Bossert stated that if anyone has any suggestions to let him know.

Ms. Schmidt questioned voting with the applicant in the room.

Mr. Bossert stated that that was a good point.

Mr. James stated that he has some information for the committee in regards to foreclosures – for the month of April 2010 there were 126% more properties in foreclosure then in April 2009.

#### **16. Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn at 10:14 was made by Mr. Vickery and seconded by Mr. LaGesse. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Mike Bossert, Chairman  
Joanne Langlois, Executive Coordinator