

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2009

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Scribner, G. Hall, Shay, Banks, N. Hall,

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Suprenant, Campbell

SUPERVISORS: Wilbur, LaPointe, Henke, Trinkle

Patty Hunt, Director of Public Health

Doug Cosey, Administrator PV

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Tina McDougall, PH Fiscal Manager

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2009
- 3) Department Reports/Request
 - A) Pleasant Valley
 - 1) Municipal Water Treatment Study Presentation – Garry Robinson, P.E.
 - 2) State Budget Update
 - 3) Fiscal Report
 - 4) Miscellaneous
 - B) Public Health
 - 1) Fiscal Report
 - 2) State Budget Impact
 - 3) Agency Program Updates
 - 4) Miscellaneous
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairman Scribner called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mrs. G. Hall and adopted.

PLEASANT VALLEY – Doug Cosey, Administrator, addressed the following items with the committee:

- State Budget Update – Pleasant Valley did sustain some cuts. The total cuts revolve around Medicaid, inflation factors taken out, for a loss of approximately \$178,000 and also implemented the rebasing methodology but reduced the dollars they were putting in resulting in a loss of \$190,000 for a total of about \$384,000 in cuts. He stated that they budgeted conservatively for 2009 and from a budget standpoint they should be fine. He stated there is another provision in this year's state budget for IGT/Upper Payment funds. Pleasant Valley could receive about \$3M if the County participated and the County would need to contribute about \$1.15M to receive that funding. The last matching rate was 38.5%.
- Municipal Water Treatment Study Presentation – Garry Robinson, P.E. Mr. Robinson presented an overview of draft report submitted, on file. "The purpose of this report is to evaluate the transportation of sewage from Pleasant Valley Infirmary, owned and operated by Washington County, to the Village of Argyle for treatment and discharge into the Moses Kill. Sewage from homes and businesses located along the proposed path within the Town of Argyle will also be transported to the village for treatment. The draft report states the scope as follows: The project scope consists of the following items:
 - 1. Evaluation of the maximum waste assimilative capacity of the Moses Kill at the Village WWTP property.

- 2. Determination of the expected design flows from PVI and the Town of Argyle area that would result from a sewer line being constructed along NYS Route 40.
- 3. Evaluation of the Village of Argyle WWTP property to accommodate additional flows. Determination of the maximum capacity of the site to treat sewage. “

The summary findings from the draft report are attached. It appears a plant is feasible in size to meet the discharge. The village has applied for stimulus funds but it does not appear that the village will get any stimulus funds and he does not believe they will proceed without some funding source as the cost would be prohibitive. The next phase would look at the grade, forced mains and estimated costs. A motion to present a resolution in support of the Village of Argyle's application for a wastewater treatment plant was moved by Mr. Shay and seconded by Mr. Scribner. Discussion ensued regarding if the County supports Argyle's application that was a commitment on the County's part to participate/move forward. Mr. Robinson stated that the Village of Argyle plans to continue to move forward. The septic situation at PV has stabilized. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, informed the committee about formation of a sewer district. Messrs. Shay and Scribner withdrew their motions for a resolution in support of the Village of Argyle's application for a wastewater treatment plant. The next phase would cost approximately \$16,900 to \$23,000 depending on survey/topography costs and both prices include the cost of this draft report, \$4,550. Mr. Robinson will submit a proposal for the next phase and issue a final report on phase one after checking on the flow numbers.

- Fiscal Report – A summary financial information handout was distributed and explained, on file. PV will be receiving an additional \$400,000 in disadvantage funding and the second IGT/Upper Payment funds.
- Miscellaneous -
 - Cook Chill Food – Kevin suggested that Pleasant Valley should explore the option of possibly using some cook chill food and check with the Jail as they are using cook chill items.
 - Budget Amendment, resolution data form on file – Doug is proposing to transfer funds budgeted for a van toward finishing off the fuel piping system and toward a small project from their state survey. A motion to transfer funds between line items in the amount of \$20,000 was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Shay and adopted.
 - Food Service Director – Doug informed the committee that the Food Service Director is retiring in June and he is requesting to go to Staffing Review for a backfill. He does have a nineteen-year employee who would be a candidate for this position but he needs to take a dietary managers class costing \$700 for the class and book. He stated that they do receive recruitment and retention funding usually used toward nursing/aide positions. A motion to approve use of funds to cover class cost and book was moved by Mr. Banks and seconded by Mrs. N. Hall. Discussion. It was asked if this was setting precedence. Kevin stated if this person was made provisional pending the course and he would be receiving a pay increase and could pay for his own course. A motion to recommend backfill of Food Service Director position and corresponding backfills was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Shay and adopted. Mrs. G. Hall opposed. The committee did not take any action on the request to pay the course expense.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Fiscal Report – Tina McDougall, Fiscal Manager, distributed and explained the 2008 and 2009 budget to actual figures, handouts on file. The issue with the Medicaid billing has been resolved. The number of children in the 3-5 program increased by an additional 17. They have received notice of award of Ryan White funds for HIV education in the amount of \$4,000. A motion to amend budget recognizing Ryan White funds in the amount of \$4,000 and forward to the Finance and Personnel committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mrs. N. Hall and adopted.
- Budget Impact – Washington County Public Health State budget cuts 2009 – 2010 handout, attached. Cuts were made to core public health programs but with grants remain at last year's level.
- Agency Program Updates:
 - Long-term waiver expiration extending until July 14th. This could affect staffing and they are on hold until a decision is made. Only looking at the income of the ill person and the well person can maintain their assets.
 - Out posting at the Salem Substation – Three nurses are currently working out from the Salem substation.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Request from WIC - \$3000 additional dollars from State WIC – They participate in several outreach opportunities and would like to use these funds to purchase items for wellness packets including toothbrushes, exercise bands and mini frisbees at a total cost of \$2,610. The State representative overseeing such programs for the region approved these purchases. A motion to approve requested WIC items was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.
 - Radio Spot – Patty Hunt, Director and Ann Reynolds, Assistant Director, will be doing a radio spot tomorrow to promote their services.
 - Cell Track System – They are working on issues with the cell track mileage recording system with the CSEA union. An upgrade to the cell track system caused a few problems that they are working to resolve.
 - Swine Flu – Up to 91 cases nationally. There are now 10 states affected. During a regular flu season, there are 36,000 deaths annually. Two cultures have been sent from Washington County but no confirmed case.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Suggestion Box Item – Request for windshield wash as the gas pumps and a reception area phone to allow clients to make a call.
- Conferences/Trips – Chairman Scribner stated any requests for trips or attendance at conference should come before the committee. The County is working on a travel policy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

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