

## H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans Committee

### Tentative Minutes

January 11, 2024

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present Asp, Finfrock (3:02), Ramsey, Simms, Williams Others: Animal Control Administrator Tom Champley, Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney, Regional School Superintendent Chris Tennyson, Griffin, Arlene Sangmeister. Absent: Huber
2. Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2023: Motion by Williams to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asp. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Regional Office of Education
  - a) Monthly Bills: Motion by Simms to approve the bills totaling \$2,697.82, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ramsey. Motion carried.
  - b) Department Update: Regional School Superintendent, Chris Tennyson shared there will be a bigger update in February but wanted to let the Committee know that they had applied for a grant and were awarded \$200,000 for youth and mental health. Tennyson stated the next step is to join forces with our local mental health agencies and decide where and how that money will be used best.
5. Health Department Update: Director Melissa Spangler shared the County Board chairman sent out a letter in the end of December to the city/village governance to assist the Health Department with recent vermin issues. Spangler stated the goal of the letter was to instruct individual municipalities to create an ordinance for vermin control so they can handle them. Spangler shared she is willing to help the municipalities with creating an ordinance if they needed it. Spangler stated the hours put into the recent issues have taken away from her staff's regular responsibilities and becomes a time consuming task. Spangler shared she has started a fee schedule for enforcement when the county has to enter into the municipalities jurisdiction to resolve an issue. The committee discussed that there should be an initial fee and then an additional charge for each hour. Williams commented the initial fee should be high enough to deter the municipalities from relying on the county. Spangler stated she will take this information to her board to approve fees and then bring the decision back for a final vote.

IPLAN is due in 2025 so they have to begin working on it now. This is a report that is completed to show a needs assessment for our area. Spangler stated as soon as she has it put together she will be emailing it out a survey to individuals to complete. The results will be used to show what types of needs are in our area how the Health Department needs to focus on through the next 5 years.

Finfrock asked Spangler if there is a rise in COVID. Spangler said not that she has seen from the State. There is a rise in the cases but it is also that time of year that we see an increase in these kinds of illnesses.
6. Solid Waste Department
  - a) Monthly Bills: Motion by Finfrock to approve the bills totaling \$2,039.45, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Williams. Motion carried.
  - b) Department Update: Director of Solid Waste, Paul Cooney stated he is going to be applying for an IL EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant that will allow up to \$10,000. Cooney stated he isn't sure they will get anything but is going through the process to see if we can get some money.

Cooney explained the Orchard Hill audit is near completion the results will be released to our attorney and then there will be a meeting set up with Davis Junction. Cooney commented on a few enforcement issues.

Cooney shared the trees and lights program is to close soon. Trees are on sight and where scheduled to be picked up on Saturday but due to the weather he is looking for another pick-up date. The next recycling event is on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm. And our tire event is looking to be on May 4<sup>th</sup> but not all the details have been worked out yet.

7. Animal Control

a) Monthly Bills: Motion by Asp to approve the Animal Control bills in the amount of \$6,370.75, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simms. Motion carried. Motion by Williams to approve the Pet Population bills in the amount of \$1,894, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Williams. Motion carried.

b) Department Update: Director, Champley reported the dog bites and excessive number of pets in one home as the issues since last meeting. There was discussion on what the county or committee can do in situations with vicious dogs, since they are happening at least once a month. Champley stated he isn't sure but he knows we cannot pinpoint one breed but he would check with State's Attorney, Rock. Champley shared he had heard that Byron has a zero tolerance policy for bite cases within the city. Fox commented he would try and get in touch with someone from Byron to see what and how their policy works.

Simms asked what fines are for dog bites and Champley stated the maximum is \$400 but those individuals usually don't have the money to pay fees so he doesn't see how increasing those will make a difference.

8. Veterans Assistance Commission:

a) Department Update: None

Fox shared they have chosen a new director and hopes him and Finfrock can meet him soon.

9. LOTS (Lee-Ogle Transportation System): None

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business: Ramsey asked if the Senior Tax Levy application can be edited to include particular questions to help during the funding hearings. Ramsey shared specifically the question of cash on hand is one that was asked continually. Finfrock shared that Cindy Bergstrom now sits on the Mental Health Board and she has worked on adjusting their funding applications and we could use that format. Simms stated he will talk to her at the next Mental Health meeting and see ask for a sample application. Fox asked Ramsey to contact the Clerk's office and get our application and forward it to the committee to review. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Closed Session – Interviews 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1) Fox stated there will be no closed session because both applicants are renewal applicants

13. Open Session – None

A. Simms shared that both of these individuals are seeking reappointment and have been instrumental to the Mental Health board.

Motion by Asp to send appointment of Judy Tatlock and Amy Zbinden to the full County Board. Seconded by Finfrock. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Jacobs

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Ogle County Animal Control  
Warden Activity Record  
December 2023

<i>Month of November</i>	<i>Monthly Total</i>	<i>Misc. Notes</i>	<i>2023 Year to Date</i>	<i>2022 Year to Date</i>
<b>Miles Driven</b>	<b>1862</b>	Regular duties - Check Complaints Stray pick up - Tag Doors for Non Vac	<b>109187</b>	<b>Miles Driven</b>
<b>Bites Reported</b>	<b>4</b>	Dog 2 Cat 2	<b>1032</b>	
<b>Strays</b>	<b>2</b>	Ogle Co.	<b>53</b>	
<b>Notices to Comply Given</b>	<b>6</b>	No Current Vac / Registration Dogs Running @ Large	<b>340</b>	
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>0</b>	Dogs Running @ Large No Rabies Shot and Tag	<b>6</b>	
<b>Welfare Calls</b>	<b>2</b>	Dogs - No proper shelter - No water	<b>47</b>	
<b>Animal Bites on Animals</b>	<b>0</b>	Dog on Dog Dog on Cat	<b>43</b>	
<b>Assist Other Agencies</b>	<b>0</b>	MT. Morris Ogle County Sheriff	<b>14</b>	
<b>Dogs Deemed Dangerous</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>Dogs Deemed Vicious</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Other Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	DEAD DOG 1	<b>16</b>	
<b>PACKET</b>	<b>4</b>	PACKET PICKUP/TAG DELIRVERY 10 tag delivery	<b>14</b>	
<b>Phne calls</b>	<b>36</b>	36 phonr contact reminders PHWONE CALL NOTICE	<b>36</b>	
<b>At Large</b>	<b>2</b>	1-TRANSPORT TO SHELTER	<b>2</b>	

Submitted by:

**Shane Box OCAC Warden  
Ogle County Animal Control**

**Veterans Assistance Commission**  
**Report for the Month of December 2023**

Communication	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Phone	205	2,343
Office Visit	81	829
Outreach (6/83) / Home Visits (0/1)	6	84
Email (25/354) / Mail (8/39)	33	393
Direct Submit (claims 7/115, ITF & other 20/378)	27	493
Fax	23	195
Other (54/918) / General Contact Log (29/262)	83	1,180
Employee Communications	402	4,762
Employee Activity (date entered)	(Nov - 1575)	(Nov - 12896)
<b>Total Veterans in System</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>734</b>

<b>VA AWARDANCE</b>	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Monthly	\$811.86	\$30,723.88
Retro	\$0.00	164,522.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$811.86</b>	<b>\$195,246.80</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 14,165.60	\$ 122,720.77
Training and Meetings	\$ 49.24	\$ 4,396.14
Office Rent/Utilities	\$ 515.46	\$ 6,008.60
Office Build-Out	\$ 584.74	\$ 18,144.47
Other Expenses	\$ 561.02	\$ 13,689.64

<b>Direct Assistance to Veterans</b>	Number Assisted			
Shelter	0	\$	-	\$ -
Other	0	\$	-	\$ -
Drivers Per Diem		\$	4,251.02	\$ 25,914.62
Other Assistance	0	\$	-	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>		\$	20,127.08	\$ 190,874.24

<b>Transportation Logs</b>	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Trips	38.0	228.0
Hours Donated	187.5	1,310.3
Transported	39.0	234.0
Miles	6,382.0	40,851.2

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget Submitted		\$ 276,895.00
Year To Date (Dec 2023) Expenditures	68.934%	\$ (190,874.24)
<b>Balance</b>		\$ 86,020.76

Budget approved by Ogle County	51.644%	\$ 143,000.00
Actual Budget Received	65.327%	\$ 180,887.58