

Health and Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Vermilion County Administration Building, 2nd Floor, 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1- Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Kevin Green called the Health & Education meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call, the following members were present: Kevin Green, Chuck Nesbitt, Phearn Butler and Robert J Watson. Charles Mockbee, Marla Mackiewicz, Daniel Wright were absent. (4 present, 3 absent). Charles Mockbee was excused.

Also present were: William Donahue, Vermilion County Risk Consultant, Larry Baughn, Jr., Vermilion County Board Chairman, Douglas Toole- Health Department, James Russell, Director, 708 Community Mental Health Board and Kasey Snyder, Animal Control Director.

Agenda Item 2- Adoption/ Amendment to the Agenda

Motion moved by Green, second by Butler to approve the agenda. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from August

Motion moved by Green, second by Butler, to approve minutes presented. Motion carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 – Audience Comments

None.

Agenda Item 5 – 708 Mental Health Board Budget

Executive Director Jim Russell presented his budget. There were no substantial changes aside from routine cost of living compensation of 3%. Director Mason pointed out that approximately 10% of his budget went to administrative costs and the balance to direct services by provider agencies. Green moved to accept; Nesbitt seconded. Upon roll call vote the following answer “Yes”: Green, Nesbitt, Butler and Watson. There were no “Nays”. Mackiewicz, Mockbee and Wright were absent. Ordinance passed by Committee.

Agenda Item 6 – Health Department Ordinance to Adjust Fees for Vital Records

Doug Toole presented and stated that the amendment was to equalize the document fees for vital records between the County Clerk and Health Department. Green moved to accept; Nesbitt seconded. Upon roll call vote the following answer “Yes”: Green, Nesbitt, Butler, Watson. There were no “Nays.” Mackiewicz, Wright, Mockbee were absent. Ordinance passed by Committee.

Agenda Item 7 – Health Department and Solid Waste Budgets

Administrator Doug Toole presented both budgets and separate votes were taken on each. Toole pointed out that his budget will be subject to change as various Covid 19 grants to assist public health departments were made available. That will be an on-going process and assist the County. Other than routine compensation changes in both budgets, there were no substantial changes except they did cease their lead paint evaluation grant as it was not as active and they were not seeing it as a need for now. No substantial changes to the Solid Waste Budget. Separately, but on both votes: Green moved to accept; Nesbitt seconded. Upon roll call vote the following answer “Yes”: Green, Nesbitt, Butler, Watson. There were no “Nays.” And Wright, Mockbee Butler, Mackiewicz, Watson were absent. Ordinance passed by Committee.

Agenda Item 8 – Animal Control Department Budget

Director Kasey Snyder presented the budget. Other than negotiated pay increases it was largely the same as in prior years. The budget was previously reviewed by the Financial Resources Director and Chairman and was reviewed by the committee. Green moved to accept the budget and Nesbitt seconded. Upon roll call the vote the following answered “Yes”: Green, Nesbitt, Butler. There were no “Nays”. There were three absent and one abstention. Upon inquiry there was information provided that the abstention where a simple majority vote was required constituted agreement with the majority and as absent members were not negative votes, the budget passed by a majority vote. The Director also shared pictures of the remodeling and improvement of the Animal Control Department and Shelter and discussed other improvements. Board member Watson inquired about the Director answering questions by telephone and Chairman Baughn replied that during the Covid pandemic it was acceptable for any person to attend by telephone and that Director Snyder was obviously available to answer any question here and now since she was on the telephone that he might have just as if the Board were to conduct a “Zoom” meeting.

Agenda Item 9 Executive Session

No need for executive session.

Agenda Item 10 - Items of Information

No items of information other than additional compliments on improvements to the Animal Control Department and Shelter.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

All items having been addressed and nothing further on the table, Committee Chairman Green declared the meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Minutes by William T. Donahue, Risk Consultant, Vermilion County Board.