Health & Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025
5:00 PM, 2nd Floor, Joseph G. Cannon Building

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2025

4. Audience Comments

5. Discussion and Action – Approval of the Spay & Neuter Clinic @ the Department of Animal Regulations

6. Executive Sessions:
   A **Pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.
   B **Pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)** Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

7. Items of Information

8. Adjournment

Special Health and Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
5:00 PM, 2nd Floor, Joseph G Cannon Building

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1- Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Lon Henderson called the Special Health & Education meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Upon the Roll Call, the following members were present: Lon Henderson, Kevin Bodine, Gary Wright, Britny Hoag and Christine Lamar. Robert Boyd was absent. (5 present, 1 absent). Boyd arrived to the meeting (via call) at 5:02PM.

Also present were: Steve Miller – County Board Chairman, Tim McFadden – County Board Vice Chairman, Kevin Green, Jerry Hawker, Joe Eakle, Nancy O'Kane, Kevin Bodine, Vic McFadden, Becky Stark and Mark Steinbaugh – County Board Members, Jimmy Nelson and Dana Clary – Animal Shelter Employees, Ryan Goodner – Animal Shelter Director, Aaron Hird – ROE, Clayton Fauver – Health Department Finance Director, Bill Donahue – WITY, Gina Roach, Lori Weese, Michele Carden and Melanie Wolcott– Audience Members and Cassy Carter – Finance Director.

Agenda Item 2- Adoption/ Amendment to the Agenda

Hoag motioned to approve agenda as presented, second by Lamar. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2025

Bodine motioned, second by Wright to approve minutes. Motion passed by acclamation

Agenda Item 4 – Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion – Mrs. Dana Clary and Mr. Jimmie Nelson – Low-Cost Spay Neuter Clinic

Nelson and Clary presented how Vermilion County would benefit by having a low-cost clinic. There currently is a backlog of dogs and cats in "foster" status. This means they are in homes, not in shelter, but cannot be adopted until spay or neutered. The concern on this is that the county is still responsible for these animals until they are fully adopted. The cost for the county to pay local vet clinics is more expensive than if this could be done in house. Discussion ensued regarding the low-cost spay and neuter clinic.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget - Regional Office of Education

Lamar motioned, second by Bodine to approve. Hird and Henderson met and have added a line for the ROE employees' stipends from the State of Illinois. There is now an expense line for employee health insurance, since they will be hiring a new person, due to employee leaving, they wanted to make sure the health insurance line was budgeted incase the new employee opts to carry health insurance. The audit line increased due to the mandatory requirements of the audit. There were no other changes.

Upon the call of the roll the following members votes yes, to wit: Henderson, Bodine, Hoag, Wright, Boyd, Lamar. 6 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Budget – Health Department

Bodine motioned, second by Lamar to approve. Fauver stated there is a request to increase in the levy to help cover costs of the new STI clinic. Hawker stated he does not agree with the $40,000 increased ask from the levy, due to their fund balance being so high. Fauver stated this is due to STI clinic and not exactly sure of costs that will be associated with this start up.

Upon the call of the roll the following members votes yes, to wit: Henderson, Bodine, Hoag, Wright, Boyd, Lamar. 6 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8 – Budget – Solid Waste
Lamar motioned, second by Bodine. Fauver stated there were no changes from the budget last year.
Upon the call of the roll the following members votes yes, to wit: Henderson, Bodine, Hoag, Wright, Boyd, Lamar. 6 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9 – Budget – Animal Shelter
Lamar motioned, second by Bodine. Goodner stated he had inherited the current budget so there are changes to this FY2026 budget to correct the difference he found with FY2025 budget. Stark stated, she feels the increase in the new director pay of $20,000 should only be paid after some results have been proven. Some changes to the budget are; a decrease in salary, decrease in overtime and decrease in dog/cat tag expense. The revenue line from the City of Danville has increased from $190,000 to $500,000. This results in the transfer from the general fund into the animal shelter fund in FY2025 of $1,300,398 to FY2026 $844,783. This is a saving of $455,615 to the General Fund.
Upon the call of the roll the following members votes yes, to wit: Henderson, Bodine, Hoag, Wright, Boyd, Lamar. 6 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10 – Executive Session
None

Agenda Item 11 - Items of Information
Green asked about an alternate location for the Animal Shelter. Miller stated there is an outside possible donor and that conversation is still taking place on all possible options.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment
Henderson adjourned the meeting at 6:52PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director