

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Mr. Mark Hamilton, Chair

The Health & Social Services Committee met on March 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center. Members present were Hamilton, Dowd, Crandall and Regalado. Others present were Martin Koster, Joel Horn, Kurt Studnicki, Mike Delany and Sue Britt.

1. Monthly claims were reviewed and approved.
2. Health Department
  - a. Mr. Studnicki reported that the bids for the Dental addition are due March 24<sup>th</sup> and will be opened the following week.
  - b. Mr. Studnicki informed the committee they have met with the architect regarding the remodeling of area of the clinic approved by the board at its last meeting and bids will go out shortly. They hope to break ground in the fall.
  - c. Mr. Hamilton asked if there was an update on how the expiration of the governor's emergency order will affect the health department. Mr. Studnicki indicated he did not have the answer to that but would have Ms. Lee provide an update.
3. University of IL Extension
  - a. Mr. Delany distributed several flyers highlighting programs at Extension. He touched on the following:
    - i. May 6<sup>th</sup> – Walk for Hunger
    - ii. April 1<sup>st</sup> – 4-H will be planting trees along Lynn Blvd. in Sterling. All are welcome to join.
    - iii. The Food Insecurity program is coordinating with the United Way, Whiteside Area Healthier Partnership and others regarding the summer Lunch program. They will be holding their second meeting tomorrow. Mr. Hamilton asked what the impact of the rollback of the SNAP program to prepandemic levels would have on us locally. Mr. Delany indicated he didn't have any information to report since that is not his area of expertise.
  - b. Mr. Delany informed the committee that he is the Economic Development educator for our unit and the Boone, DeKalb and Ogle unit. He indicated that his main focus right now is expanding broadband. There are a couple webinars coming up that he wanted to highlight.
    - i. March 10<sup>th</sup> – There will be a Local Government Educational webinar on Round 3 of the Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program.
    - ii. March 29<sup>th</sup> – There will be a webinar on the expansion of the electrical grid to plan for future needs related to EV's.
    - iii. April 13<sup>th</sup> – The Opportunity Equity Forum will meet to discuss helping underserved local businesses access the resources they need. The meeting will begin at 5:30.
4. Mr. Koster relayed information about the upcoming UCCI Legislative Reception and Educational Seminar. The reception will be Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> with the seminar being held the following morning.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – April 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Health & Social Services Committee's meeting report, February 2023 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.**