

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Jording called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- 2. Roll Call – Present:** Jason Jording (Chairman), Russell Cotton, Barry, Logan, Randy Roethler.
Absent: Donald Tolan

3. Public Input

None.

4. Animal Control

- a. Animal Control Administrator and Warden positions

Mr. Jording stated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine what to do with the animal control administrator and warden positions. Mr. Jording stated he spoke with several people who wanted to look at the bigger picture and not deal with just the warden position. Mr. Jording stated that Mr. Tolan had told him that the County would not be upsetting Doctor McKenna if the County chose to do something different with the program.

Mr. Jording stated that the idea brought to him was potentially block granting out the entire program for a lump sum. Mr. Jording stated that the statute allows a non-veterinarian to be the administrator if no veterinarian is available. Mr. Cotton stated he liked the idea, but was concerned about what happens if there is medical that needs to be administered. Mr. Jording stated that the medical decisions would need to be deferred to a veterinarian, probably for an additional fee.

Mr. Logan stated he wants to explore block granting the program. Mr. Logan noted that if the County was willing to pay more, like Dr. McKenna wants, there may be more interest in the County to run the program. Mr. Logan stated he wants the program all under one person rather than managed piecemeal.

Mr. Tolan arrived at 6:03pm.

Mr. Roethler stated he is concerned that the County is spending money on a program which is more applicable to the townships. Mr. Roethler noted that the program needs to be self-supported by fees, not from the County's tax collection. Mr. Roethler stated farmers will not want to pay for this program. Mr. Roethler suggested that the County be the administrator, but each community which requested services could fund the services they request. Mr. Roethler believed the persons wanting the services should pay.

Mr. Tolan asked if we need a DVM for the position. Mr. Jording answered if a DVM is available, we need a DVM. However, Mr. Tolan noted if we exhausted our resources, we could use someone else.

Mr. Jording asked if there was a consensus to step back from the Committee's RFP plan and look at the block grant idea. Mr. Roethler stated he would like to find out what services the townships want and if they are willing to pay for the services. Mr. Logan questioned why that would be an option if the law requires the County to run the program. The County Treasurer stated the County's ordinance mirrors the State law, and cities and villages currently contract with us to do work in their towns. The Treasurer suggested the Committee read the ordinances before making a decision. Mr. Jording noted he had reviewed the state law and that the County's ordinance could say whatever the County chose it to say.

Mr. Jording stated we must have an administrator, a vaccination program, and maybe a microchip clinic. Several of the state law items are “may” items.

Mr. Jording stated the Treasure has a good point about the Committee becoming familiar with the ordinances. However, Dr. McKenna has stated the County can do without a warden.

The Committee will receive the ordinances and review the item at the next meeting.

5. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote

6. Any action coming out of Executive Session

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cotton. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jording declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Submitted by: Jason Jording

Jason Jording, Chairman
Public Safety Committee

Date