

COUNTY BOARD STAFF/FINANCE COMMITTEES

July 13, 2009

Call to Order. Vice Chair Kraft called the joint meeting of the County Board Staff/Finance Committees to order at 8:04 A.M. in Conference Room N-1/N-2 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: County Board Staff Committee: Supervisors Kraft, Bussie, Joiner, Ott, Peer, Yankee, Podzilni (at 8:20 A.M.). Finance Committee: Supervisors Kraft, Beaver, Diestler, Podzilni.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors Arnold, Jensen, Mawhinney.

Staff Members Present: Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Josh Smith, Assistant to the County Administrator; Karen Cain, Public Health Officer; Tim Banwell, Environmental Health Director; Janet Zoellner, Nursing Director.

Others Present: Supervisors Fizzell, Johnson, Thomas; Kay Deupree, Carolyn Brandeen and Nancy Stabb, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Joiner moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Bussie. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie advised Supervisor Arnold is in the Beloit Hospital but anticipates being released today.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes of June 26, 2009, second by Supervisor Ott. ADOPTED.

Review and Discussion of Preliminary 2010 Budget Projections and Program Information – Health Department. Ms. Cain introduced Mr. Banwell and Ms. Zoellner who distributed copies of the budget presentation, the 2008 Health Department Annual Report and the Department organizational chart.

Ms. Cain explained the Health Department has two locations – on Highway 51 North in Janesville and at 61 Eclipse Center in Beloit. The staff totals 37.4 and is divided as follows:

Administrative Division	4
Nursing Division	22.6 (2.6 clerical support, 20 nursing staff)
Environmental	10.8

Ms. Cain said there are Level I, Level II and Level III Health Departments in the State of Wisconsin. The Level is determined by the services and programs provided.

<u>Level I</u>	Communicable Disease Surveillance
	Generalized PH Nursing Program
	Health Promotion
	Disease Prevention
	Human Health Hazard Prevention and Control

Level II All of Level I
Have a full time Health Officer with 3 years of supervisory experience in a full time position with a local Health Department
Have a Board of Health
Provide 7 programs or services that address at least 7 health priorities in the current state health plan

Level III All of Level I and Level II
Be an Agent for the State Hotel & Restaurant Program
Be an Agent for the State Tattoo & Body Piercing Program
Provide 14 programs or services that address at least 7 health priorities in the current state health plan

Ms. Cain said Rock County is a Level III Health Department. The State develops a new State Health Plan every ten years. Rock County has to be re-certified as a Level III Health Department every five years.

Rock County's Health Department Services fall into four major programs.

Public Health Nursing Services

Communicable Disease Control

Over 80 diseases that must be reported to the State.
1,127 confirmed cases in 2008 that received follow up.

Maternal and Child Health

High-risk women and babies, low birth weight.
Do home visits to provide information and education.
Collaborate with WIC in Beloit.
Supported by grant dollars, MA billing and county tax dollars.

Immunization Services

Ms. Cain said only 60% of children under the age of two years are adequately immunized in Rock County. In 2009 there have been outbreaks of Pertussis (20 cases), H1N1 Virus, and one high-risk case of Tuberculosis.
Ms. Cain said there are immunization clinics somewhere in the county every work day.

Clinic Services

Provide intake services three days a week – anyone with a health concern can come in by appointment.

Other

Occupational Health and some emergency preparedness.
Pandemic Planning
School Nursing (contracted)

Community Partnerships/Health Education

Ms. Cain referenced page 12 of the Annual Report for a list of these partnerships. She said health education is an important part of their services and they are looking at how they can do more health population-based services.

Environmental Health Services

Food Protection and Public Lodging – also includes school cafeterias, senior meal sites, vending machines. Do pre-inspections for new restaurants before they open.

Human Health Hazards (General Sanitation) – radon, lead, animal bites, rabies follow-up, junk yards, carcasses in the community.
 Ground Water Protection – well sampling. Work with LEPC to identify hazardous chemicals at businesses and farms. Have a new program with Land Conservation working on abandoned wells.
 Private Sewage Disposal – testing on new homes, send notices to septic tank owners every three years to have septic tanks pumped.

Laboratory Services - well water testing, trying to increase outreach and do more well testing.

Mr. Banwell said they are working with the Planning Department to get home owners (Beloit and Janesville) to apply for funding grants to take care of lead in their homes. He advised 27-30% of housing in Rock County was built before 1950. He said children are tested routinely for lead poisoning when they go to the WIC Program or their Pediatrician because this is an issue for children under the age of six.

Mr. Knutson commented that Rock County has had a very strong lead program for the last 10-15 years. Three years ago we received a \$1,000,000 grant for a cooperative effort between Beloit, Janesville and Rock County. This grant just ended, but we have received a \$1,100,000 grant through the stimulus program money.

2009 Budget

Ms. Cain said they are looking at a \$30,000 decrease in anticipated revenues. The Private Onsite Water Treatment System (POWTS) is down \$26,000 because of the reduction in new construction. The Worksite Wellness program is down \$1,500 due to one business canceling their contract, and we lost the \$3,000 Radon Grant which was used for education and outreach.

Uncertainties in the budget include the Seasonal Flu Clinics and the H1N1 Clinics – there is no way to know how many vaccinations we will be giving.

Ms. Cain said expense projections for 2009 are anticipated to be \$115,000 less than budgeted, and revenue is anticipated to be \$30,000 less than budgeted. However, at this time, the overall effect could be \$85,000 returned to the General Fund.

2010 Projections

2010 Budget	\$3,525,820
2010 Revenue	\$1,113,861
2010 Tax Levy	\$2,411,959
Tax Levy Increase	\$ 157,077 or 7%

2010 Cost to Continue Budget:

- Assumptions: 2% increase in expenditures
- 15% increase in immunization fees collected (more clients)
- 2.5% decrease in grant funding
- 15% decrease in POWTS Revenue
- Loss of Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Report (WIMCR) Funding (\$100,000).

Mr. Knutson said counties report the cost of services that would be MA eligible but are not MA reimbursed. If those costs increase, any additional revenues the State gets over and above, the State keeps. This is an example of the State's gain and the County's loss. He explained the City of Beloit received WIMCR funding prior to the merger with Rock County. In order to encourage the merger, the State of Wisconsin agreed to continue the subsidy funding to Rock County for three years (the third year being 2009).

To Continue at the Current Levy:

- 1) Eliminate .6 FTE Nursing Position (\$38,200), resulting in:
 - Reduction of outreach.
 - Reduction of Maternal & Child Health services. Infant mortality is a huge concern in Rock County where we are above the state average in Caucasian and African American infant mortality.
 - Decrease flexibility in services, i.e., H1N1 virus clinics.
- 2) Increase immunization fees from \$5 to \$7 (\$20,000) which could cause economic hardship for some and result in clients not getting immunizations. Ms. Cain said immunizations are the cornerstone of public health and a needed service.
- 3) No capital items requested.
- 4) Savings will have to come from not filling or eliminating positions, causing longer waiting times for complaints, longer waiting times at clinics, fewer high-risk mothers and infants being seen, and less community awareness of health issues.

Ms. Cain said the following are public health needs of Rock County that are not currently being met:

- African American Infant Mortality is 2nd highest in the State.
- All infant mortality rates are above the state average
- 20% of pregnant women smoke
- 219 people die of smoking-related illnesses in Rock County each year.
- 40% of children are not adequately immunized at age 2.
- More than 50% of our citizens are overweight.
- Rock County ranks 66th in the State for teen births.
- Rock County ranks 69th in the State for health determinants (access to health care, smoking, drinking, mental health).
- Rock County ranks last in the State for the quality of our environment
- Rock County ranks 69th in the State for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

Ms. Cain said they recently completed a community health needs assessment which will be released to the Board of Health in August.

Supervisor Kraft offered congratulations to Ms. Cain, Mr. Banwell and Ms. Zoellner on everything that was done during the recent H1N1 virus situation. She thanked them for coming to today's meeting and sharing all of this information. Ms. Cain commented that Administration and the Board of Health have been very supportive.

Supervisor Peer complimented the Health Department on the water testing they did at no charge during the flooding. Supervisor Joiner said all Departments will have to find ways to do what is necessary without increasing fees. Supervisor Ott asked about the quality of our environment, with Mr. Banwell advising Rock County has very high nitrates in the ground water.

Mr. Knutson said Rock County has a great Public Health Department. However, if the H1N1 virus hits this Fall, the Department is not sized to help everybody at one time. It is important to prepare.

Set Future Meeting Dates. The next meeting of the Joint County Board Staff/Finance Committee will be Friday, July 24, 2009, 8:00 A.M., here in Conference Room N-1/N-2. The Human Services Department will make a presentation.

Adjournment. Supervisor Beaver moved adjournment at 9:38 A.M., second by Supervisor Diestler. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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