

Legislative & Public Safety  
January 13, 2016

Present: Keith Larkin, Julie Peterson, Steven Bost, Dan Bost, Milton Maxwell, Andrew Erbes, and Tamiko Mueller

Also: John S. Rendleman, Keri Gale, Bart Hagston, Derek Misener, Denise Light, Liz Gersbacher, Mandy Halstead, Ed Ford, Patty Weyhrich, and Mathew Whalen

Legislative & Public Safety Chair Keith Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Milton to approve the minutes of December 9, 2016 as presented.

Bart Hagston of Jackson County Health Department updated the committee on the activities of the Jackson County Health Department. The Health Department was part of the flood response, coordinating volunteers, and assisting EMA with the public.

Mr. Hagston also updated the committee on the Budget status, with the decreasing likelihood of a state budget soon, the department is developing plans on how to make it through at least July 1 without any State funds. Miriam –Link Mullison provided an updated to the Finance & Administration Committee this week and there will be more discussion at the next week's County Board meeting. She will be asking the Board for the ability to draw out budgeted solid waste and recycling program dollars ahead of time, and possibly asking for a loan from solid waste funds should a State budget not be passed by April 15. They will also be working with the Board of Health at their February 10. Meeting to identify other needed actions.

The committee discussed a variety of investment tools for the Solid Waste Fund.

The committee opened the floor to Ms. Liz Gersbacher of Women's Voter League of Jackson County. She has express their concerns over the two locations of the newly constructed businesses of Chicken Farms. The Concerns raised are contamination of drinking water for Cedar Lake, and Kinkaid Lake, she is bringing this to the committee's attention for informational and awareness purposes only. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to have Jackson County Board Chair John S. Rendleman to type a letter asking for baseline water testing for Kinkaid Reed Water District.

Derek Misener of Emergency Management Coordinator updated the committee on the December 2015 flooding, Mr. Misener and Ms. Michelle Tweedy Accounting Coordinator are currently collecting damage assessments at this time.

The committee reviewed the December 2015 Ambulance Service Claims in the amount of \$47,469.61.

**Motion by S. Bost and Peterson to pay Ambulance service claims in the amount of \$47,469.61.** Motion carried.

The committee reviewed and discussed County Board Compensation as outlined in the by-laws.

**Motion by Dan Bost, and second by Tamiko Mueller to recommend Mileage being reimbursed from the member's home to the meeting place at the IRS Rates. Motion carried. Motion by S. Bost and seconded by Maxwell to recommend travel related expenses to be reimbursed at the IRS Rate.**

Motion by S. Bost, and seconded by Erbes to approve the 2016 Polling Place Letters.

The committee was given in the packet the answers to the Bills Of Right's Questions, due to not been given enough time for the Committee to read and review the Answers this item has been put back on the February 2016 agenda.

Motion by Mueller and second by S. Bost meeting at adjourn at 6:36 p.m.