

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Chair Evans, Supervisor La Violette, Supervisor Robinson, Supervisor Haefs

Excused: Supervisor Hopp

Also Present: Alderman Tom Sladek, Alderman Mark Steuer, Steven Van Lannen, Fred Monique, Laurie Radtke, Larry Collins, Don Johnson, John Hager, Judy Friederichs, John Paul, Dale Schmitt, Jeremy Kral, Doug Marsh, and other interested parties.

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Evans at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs , seconded by Supervisor La Violette to modify the agenda, switch item #2 and Item #3, and for the “Audit of bills” (updated agenda has it listed as item #13) to make it item “12a” after “Vacant Budgeted Positions”.

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of June 26, 2013.**

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Comments from the Public (Excluding Communication from Supervisor Robinson (item #2), and Amending Chapter 38 (item #3), comments from the public regarding these items will be postponed for the time of their discussion). **NONE.**

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans. NONE.

1. **Review Minutes of:**

- a. Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County Executive/Finance Committee (June 27, 2013).
- b. Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Board of Directors (June 5, 2013).
- c. Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Executive Committee (June 19, 2013).
- d. Veterans’ Recognition Subcommittee (June 18, 2013).

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, and seconded by Supervisor La Violette to approve 1a-1d. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Communications

Carried after Item #3, after modifying the agenda

2. **Communication from Supervisor Robinson re: That the Brown County Board of Supervisors consider a resolution of support for efforts to address the issue of homelessness in the Brown County community, especially the work of the HOPE group and other community organizations. Referred from July County Board.**

Robinson wanted to make it clear why he wanted the County to address this issue.

1. To recognize that homelessness is a county issue affecting multiple areas.
2. County Government to increase the efforts to increase what it is already doing.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Department

Carried after Item #1, after modifying the agenda

3. **Recommendation to Amend Chapter 38 Public Nuisance Ordinance, (4)(2)(a)(ii) Odor Violations to change the number of verifiable complaints that would initiate a citation from (the current) three (3) to two (2) verifiable complaints. Motion at April meeting: To give Sanimax until the July Human Services meeting to fulfill the commitments made and look at the ordinance at that time.**

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to suspend the rules and open the floor to allow public to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Aldermen, Tom Sladek, District 12; 2634 Sequoia Lane, presented a sample of complaints/ concerns and emails that he has received from the public. The samples are from the months of April to July. Sladek lives a mile away from the Sanimax plant, and has lived in Green Bay since 1971. Since then, residents have taken a stance, realizing they don't have to put up with that smell. Many plants have taken care of their odor problems, but after 40 years, Sanimax is a plant that hasn't done so in his opinion. Sanimax doesn't have objectionable odors every day, which suggests they are capable of operating in a way that doesn't affect the surrounding community. Sladek said he believes they can do it, and that it's just the question of what additional investments and operations are needed. In his opinion, Sanimax hasn't demonstrated an absolute determination to operate in a way that doesn't affect the surrounding neighborhoods. Dropping the number of complaints from 3 to 2 is not a drastic step but necessary to solve the problem. His area is not the worst affected by the odor, but he has heard from many around him complain about the odor. This is something people should not have to face in this day and age. Sladek closed his statement saying he strongly urges the committee to take the measures to reduce the complaints from 3 to 2.

City Aldermen, Mark Steuer, District 10; address: 1730 Nancy Ave., has lived there since 1990, shared that the area that seems to be most affected is around Taylor St. and Military Ave., and from Bond St. down to Shawano Ave. Steuer shared that the odor problem is definitely affected by weather. Physical changes of the landscapes and HWY 41 project may have altered some of

the dynamics of this issue as well. He and Aldermen Sladek did have an opportunity to tour the plant, and he felt that the leadership there is trying to do something, and he commends them on that. But to reiterate what Sladek said earlier, other areas are not being taken care of. Not that they want Sanimax to move, but action needs to be taken, because there is frustration with residents. Calls have been coming in with a rate of smell scaling from 1-10, and residents are getting good with that. The odor is sporadic, but it is an issue that needs to be taken care of. People are concerned about health and their property value. Businesses need to be accountable, and government officials need to be accountable as well. Steuer stated his stance is to bring the complaints down to two. Supervisor La Violette shared that she thought this committee has been very involved with this issue, and sees progress. She asked Steuer, in his opinion, if he had seen progress. Steuer responded, "somewhat", the smell is less. He shared he has heard rumors, and hopes he can be proven wrong, that the plant is using industrial perfumes to mask the foul odors. Like anything else, the importance is accountability and taking care of the issue. He shared stories about other plants/ firms that have faced similar problems in the past, and for the most part, they were accountable and took action. Steuer concluded that they simply want Sanimax to be a "good neighbor". La Violette asked what Steuer would find acceptable; no odor at all? How much is acceptable? She shared that she's been told that no matter what these companies do, they can't eliminate the entire odor. Steuer said he could not answer for that, but said that any type of company that has these potential problems coming forward, should have some sort of fund built to take care of these issues.

Tim Mayville; 912 Rolling Green Dr., two blocks down from the town of Hobart. In the 8 years at that address, the odors have drifted further to the west, to an area that was a mile west of the technical college. In the last few years you can smell those odors, and the wind does determine the smell. As a community, in Mayville's opinion, with the highway, Lambeau Field expansions, River Walk, you don't want that foul odor to add to those fabulous attractions. The smell will not attract businesses and visitors to the area, and doesn't present a positive image.

Jerry Meyer; 1817 Aspen Ln., one block east of Taylor St. Lived there for 37 years, and he has smelled this odor for a while. He believes the odor has improved, but lately has been reminded that it is still there. Would like Sanimax to keep up the efforts to improve.

Steven Van Lannen, American Foods Group, LLC shared they operate 5 facilities across Brown County, and also shared they are one of the largest employers. In full disclosure, they have a business relationship with Sanimax. He shared business is loyal to their industry. Transportation is a major issue for the high volume of product. He understands the concerns, but urges the committee not to change the ordinance, because it isn't going to solve the problem. What needs to be done to solve the problem is to work with the elected officials, industry, and the neighborhood. Supervisor Robinson asked exactly what that meant, "to work with elected officials and neighborhoods." Van Lannen shared that their plant on Acme Street had the most bad odor out of the five plants, the residents would call the Alderwomen in that district, who they have a great relationship with. She then called them about the complaints/ concerns. Van Lannen said knowing the time, wind direction and such, they can start to fix problems. Robinson asked what Van Lannen thinks should be done to solve the problem. Van Lannen answered that communication to determine when the smell comes, working with the industry will help, but changing the ordinance will do little. The odors are difficult, but this town's ordinance is already one of the strictest. Chairman Evans wanted to make clear that Van Lannen understands that he

is clear he stated himself that the odor is a problem, he doesn't expect neighbors to accept the odors, and that he doesn't want Sanimax ordinance lowered to two. Van Lannen confirmed that was correct. La Violette asked Van Lannen how much it would affect his facilities if Sanimax moved out of the area. Van Lannen said it would be a major impact, because the next closest facility would be Brillion, WI or St. Paul. It would change the nature they are in. Supervisor Haefs said if they were to go with the two complaints, and possibly say there was a malfunction, that is understandable... but it's the consistent nagging.

Fred Monique, Vice President of the Economic Development at Advance, and Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, shared some viewpoints from the chamber's perspective. The chamber is a business membership organization and among its primary objectives is to advocate on behalf of the business community. They oppose the proposal to change the citation from three to two. Brown County is one of the strictest counties in Wisconsin. Monique shared they don't feel this amendment would support business growth in these communities and could hurt the expansion of growth. The current ordinance at three provides a good balance between the community and business. Sanimax is involved in the community, one of the longest in operating since 1881. Funding and contributions have benefited hospitals, charities, and environmental agencies, and has proven to be a strong partner in the community. Last year, Sanimax invested approximately \$1 million in capital investment to address the odor issue, but unfortunately it didn't work as planned due to poor results. They've also invested an estimated \$800,000 this year to continue to address the odor issue, using chemists, replacing old generators, ventilators, and more. They have demonstrated their efforts to eliminate odors from their operations. Through effort, an assessment was done to determine the dollar impact of businesses. Sanimax has an annual economic impact of \$121.6 million dollars not only limited to Brown County, but the other five counties that it touches, too. This represents purchases for operations. Consequences of this evening may have significant impact on related industries in the community. Meat truckers will have to travel to other render companies like Brillion and Minnesota, which will be at full capacity, cost of travel, receiving less dollars for the products, or putting the material back into a landfill, which is not an acceptable alternative. Not to exactly say Sanimax will leave the community, but a business will go where it can make money, see future capital and expansion. It impacts not just on Sanimax but the meat packing industry. Monique asked the committee to consider all these aspects before amending the current ordinance.

Due to a conflicting event, Supervisor Haefs left at approximately 6:45 p.m. Before his exit, he expressed he understands this situation is complicated. He believed Sanimax is trying to fix the problem, but it's the citizens' quality of life that's important. Being stern about this situation needs to be acted, to show the seriousness of this issue, showing "they mean business, here".

Evans expressed his disappointment to Monique about Advance in previous times that they stated they didn't want to get involved in politics. And now with this ordinance, which clearly is politics, they are involved. Monique said they advocate on behalf of businesses. Evans then shared a list of professionals and asked Monique if he knew the individuals, many of which he did. Monique explained their duty is similar to Evans and the committee's. They are asked as supervisors of the County to vote on issues that many do not agree on. They look at industries that would be impacted most, and in this situation, it would be the meat processing industry. They then ask for the opinions of those most affected, whether they should go forward with

opposing the ordinance or not. Monique also wanted to clarify that he was here tonight in representation of the Chamber, not Advance. Evans didn't agree it was necessary to choose which institution to represent. Doing nothing is not an option, he doesn't think he's seen a lot done, but with what was just shared and how much Sanimax has invested to try to fix the problem, they should continue on that path. Evans clarified that he is a supporter of Advance and the Chamber. But they can agree to disagree, and he will still support both. There are other issues he'd like to get the Chamber involved in. He understands the big economic impact Sanimax has, and the good they've done with fundraising, but that isn't a reason to give a free pass.

Evans wanted to clarify the switch over of Sanimax, that it was originally Animax in 2005. That's a new company and business has changed. It's the same operations since 1881, but with new owners.

Robinson addressed the comment "working with the corporate sector", Monique said that it could mean a range of things; delaying action, leaving the ordinance unchanged, working something out with Sanimax. Robinson said they've done two of the things listed already. Maybe the issue is getting better, but it's not acceptable. Shared were the number of complaints in the previous months:

7 complaints/ within 3 weeks in July
15/ within 2 weeks in June

Larry Collins, Environmental Manager with JBS, stated he and his company are in favor of leaving the ordinance as is. They concur that they are trying to improve their performance with the investments. Collins shared a situation similar that they had in the past, and how they were successful in getting over the hump of complaints through capital expenditures and additional innovations. Collins asked the committee to be open minded about Sanimax's improvement over last couple of years. He shared at JBS, on the wrong day with certain winds, the odor could become stronger. On behalf of JBS, Collins said they would like the committee to keep it at three for the ordinance. He then shared that he thinks Sanimax could be successful in installing a thermal oxidation type of control technology, but expressed that more accurate answers will come from the Sanimax representatives themselves who will come to the stand shortly.

Don Johnson, General Manager at Sanimax, came to address many of the issues brought up. On June 27, they implemented a new technology, Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer. Last week, they had their nationally recognized consultant perform additional odor monitoring of the new technology. Those results showed 61% improvement of their odor profile in July last week when it was hot, compared to last year's during more mild conditions in October. Heat and humidity do have a significant impact. There was an odor issue last week, as Mr. Meyer did mention earlier due to a power outage from the storm. During that outage, significant damage was done to their equipment, but since then this has been fixed. Certain publications show odor intensity is down 43% year after year-over-year, in addition, there is a 50% reduction in the area. Intensity rating of the odor has reduced as well. Sanimax is extremely dedicated to lowering their odor problem to the lowest level possible. Johnson understood that this was a challenging position, and would like a task force formed between Sanimax and external representatives, to understand every step that Sanimax is taking as well as future plans to improve. Time, energy, and understanding is

necessary to solve the problem, because the committee doesn't have a thorough understanding of the environment they work in and the processes they are doing, or planning.

Johnson confirmed to Robinson, he does believe a portion of the odor complaints were due to the power outage last week. Their plant lost power for four hours, equipment was damaged for over 24 hours, and wasn't fully fixed until the past Saturday. Robinson shared that they received a complaint on the following Sunday... Johnson said their plant wasn't even running for 12 hours prior to that. It was determined that complaint wasn't verifiable.

After doing some math, Robinson determined if the maximum fine went through, a complaint a week for the entire year, it would be around \$101,500 and it would take 18 years of being fined every week to equal the investment Sanimax has made in the last two years. Robinson stressed his concerns about the levels of fine, and if it is going to be enough as an incentive for them to do anything at all.

Evans brought out a letter that was addressed to Mr. Couture, CEO of Sanimax (attached). The letter of complaint was read out loud and then it was shared that it was addressed in 2009, over 4 years ago...how much time does Sanimax need, Evans then asked. Johnson shared his position with Sanimax, he's been with the company for 18 months only. In 2009, there were 52 complaints. Prior to campaign to complain against Sanimax this year, there were 8, 50% reduction year-over-year. There have be drastic improvements from 2009 to last year. From last year's footprint, they have made a 61% improvement in their odor profile, and have plans to make it better.

Regarding the task force idea that Johnson offered, Evans said he would never support that, because that would just slow down the process. If there have been the listed number of improvements as Johnson shared, it should not matter what the ordinance is, stated Evans. He added performance is the key, and he doesn't see the performance. Johnson disagreed, the verified intensity is down year after year, and the people have seen improvement.

Determining a fair decision on the ordinance, Robinson asked Johnson in his opinion, how many complaints were due to mechanical failures. Definitely all five last week were, upon fixing, air flow needs to be balanced within the plant, answered Johnson. Robinson asked if they were to lower the complaints to two, excluding the verifiable complaints due to mechanical failure, what Johnson's reaction would be. Johnson asked, how would it be applied consistently and would it be applied fairly. If given this choice, Johnson said he could live with that.

John Hager, Attorney for Sanimax since March 1987. Hager shared that when he first worked with Sanimax in 1987, it was called Animax, Green Bay Soap Products. As shared earlier, in the absence of Sanimax being where it is today, there would be a huge number that would go to the landfill. Hager expressed the commitment of Sanimax on this issue to be a good corporation in this community. Hager thought the letter that Evans read was disingenuous, because some of the people who signed had partnerships with Sanimax at different times. He reiterated the comments made; complaints are down 50%, Sanimax has invested a large amount into trying to fix the odor problem, and he shared he received an email from an individual who lives on Sequoia saying that he's seen a reduction in odor, and built a home just a couple blocks away from Sequoia Way.

Hager appreciated the idea to accommodate the violations to equipment breakdown, but once the citation is given, fighting it is going to depend on who is representing the county, or what the judge thinks. It's not that easy, and free passes are not given easily. He expressed that this county is one of the most restrictive odor ordinance in Wisconsin. Regarding detectable odor rising from a scale of 1-10, it doesn't matter, it's still a detectable odor which is a violation. Hager clarified to Evans that the committee can't draft ordinances based alone on one business, and felt Evans was clearly looking at Sanimax only. He encouraged the committee to take a step back, and to let Sanimax continue what they are doing; Sanimax is on a track to eliminate the odor and have shown progress. Offered by Hager was the analogy that if someone was fixing their driveway with a strong sealant and two calls to complain about the odor would automatically result in a citation, and these calls could have been both from the bordering neighbors, left and right of the cited neighbor.

Evans asked for clarification on what Sanimax representatives have just stated. Johnson stated he could live with changing the ordinance from three to two excluding verifiable complaints, and what Evans just heard from Hager is simply "no" to changing the ordinance. Hager stated that's not what he said, he said changing the ordinance will not do much good, and it isn't that easy for what Robinson suggested to Johnson, you can't guarantee leeway when you present the citation to the council or judge.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Director, Judy Friederichs and Environmental Manager, John Paul, came together to deliver the health report, but before that, they were asked for opinions about the issues with Sanimax, and changing the ordinance.

Given was an example by Robinson of the citations and bias complaints. There are three complaints in the slight odor category, resulting in a citation; two complaints in the strong-foul odor category, which wouldn't be cited. Robinson talked about the possibility to use a numerical scale to determine citation, It's agreed and understood by the committee and community that the odor cannot be eliminated completely, but at least minimizing it would improve.

Robinson asked Friederichs how she would feel about the ordinance being changed to two complaints with the exception of mechanical failure. Friederichs expressed she understands people are frustrated, but stressed concerns if that would solve the problem. She recommended that question be deferred to the sanitarians, who could answer best.

Dale Schmitt, health inspector said rating the strength of odor would prove difficult for the health inspectors. Robinson clarified to Schmitt that he wants them to do nothing differently from their current work. Deciding factor of the scale would be done in the office.

Evans asked the Chamber of Commerce representatives if they would be interested in helping the county be a conduit, the county will lower it to two complaints and acknowledge the protection of the organization as well. The Chamber president, Laurie Radtke and Monique

agreed. Evans stated he feels confident that the individuals present today are smart, and can come together for a solution. Evans and Radtke agreed to sixty days to resolve the issue.

Evans shared with all that Supervisor Hopp couldn't make it to the meeting because of work engagements. He also read out loud an email from Hopp expressing his stance on the issue. Hopp's email (attached) stated he didn't believe Sanimax upheld their responsibilities, and he would like to see the operations ceased until the matter is fixed. Many of the committee members didn't agree with Hopp's statement.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to defer to the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce to be the conduit between the Brown County Human Services Committee and related business community to work on language to be inserted in the strengthening of Chapter 38 Public Nuisance Ordinance including the possibility of reducing verifiable complaints to 2, thus to be returned to the September Human Services Committee meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Director's Report.**

Friederich's shared that she talked to Executive Streckenbach about a dilemma, she was approached a couple months ago about a grant. Won't hear about it until August, was advised by Streckenbach to ask Evans for his thoughts. She wanted to know what options she had to move forward. Affordable Care Act as a navigator position, they've been approaching health departments all across state. Outreach program, public education coordinator position for the region. She asked if there was a possibility to have a special meeting to meet briefly before the County Board to make a process. Evans said it shouldn't be a problem.

Human Services Department

5. **Budget Adjustment (13-58): Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.**

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Executive Director's Report.**

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **Recommendation and Approval of Bid for Community Treatment Center Interior Remodel/ CBRF—Project #1720.**

Doug Marsh, Facility Manager handed the committee a summary of the BID Tabulation. Evans requested tabulations be sent ahead with their packets if possible. Their recommendation is to go with Milbach Construction Services, Co.

**Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Statistical Reports.

- a. Monthly Inpatient Data – Community Treatment Center.
- b. Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center.
- c. Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.
- d. Monthly Contract Update.

Robinson asked why the charts were different. It's helpful to have comparisons, to see where things are going.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.

**Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. Request for New Vendor Contract.

**Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. Vacant Budgeted Positions (Request to Fill): Human Services – Economic Support Specialist (x4) Vacated 7/11/13, 7/16/13, 7/29/2013 and 7/29/13.

Jeremy Kral explained these backfills positions are those that have been vacated recently or through internal promotions. There is a contracted trainer coming in to have the new staff up to speed with the Affordable Care Act. They cannot be short staffed right now, because training might not be available later, or offered but at a higher cost. Robinson stressed he didn't feel confident approving this without paperwork. Evans said they were looking to fill right away, and that is why no documents were presented for this agenda item.

**Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, and seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12a. Audit of bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ageing & Disability Resource Center – No agenda items.

Syble Hopp School – No agenda items.

Veterans Services – No agenda items.

Other

~~13. **Audit of bills.**~~

moved to #12a, after modifying the agenda

13. **Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Blaire Xiong
Recording Secretary

February 13, 2009

Mr. Martin Couture
Sanamax Corporation
9900 6th, Street
Montreal, Quebec H1C1G2

Dear Mr. Couture:

Many of the businesses located near your processing facility on Shawano Avenue in Green Bay, Wisconsin, are being adversely affected by the strong odor that is generated by your rendering process. At times, the odor is so foul, that it compromises the quality and breathability of even the indoor air of neighboring facilities.

A majority of the business leaders in this area share a legitimate concern about the putrid odor produced by your facility. Many have received complaints from employees, customers and visitors.

We are asking that Sanamax Corporation be a good "industrial neighbor" and take action to reduce or eliminate the odor generated by your processing facility.

We certainly thank you in advance for your prompt action to address this serious situation.

Sincerely,



Greg Santaga
President and CEO
Green Bay Converting, Inc.



Tom Hall
President
The Belson Company



Mark Kyles
Managing Member Operations
American Custom Converting, Inc.



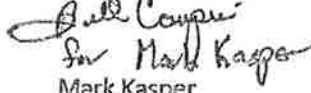
Kirk Ryan
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Little Rapids Corporation



Gary Fairchild
President
Yale Industrial Trucks



Gary Evenson
Sales Manager
Spancrete



Mark Kasper
President
Amerhart

CC:
Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmidt
Village of Howard President Burt McIntyre
Chamber of Commerce President Paul Jadin

REC'D
10-1-09

Monday, July 22, 2013

8:43 AM

Message starred

Subject: Out of town this week

FROM: Hopp, Bradley (HS GB) TO You

From

- Hopp, Bradley (HS GB)
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To

- patrickevans@att.net

Pat-

Im traveling this week for work and will not be attending Wednesdays meeting. I don't believe that Sanimax has upheld their responsibilities in regards the odor ordinance, and I fully support the reduction to two verified complaints. Furthermore, I believe that it's time we begin researching legal recourse to require Sanimax to cease and desist operations until such time that they can do so in a non intrusive manner. I fully realize this is a "nuclear option", but it is very apparent that Sanimax is either incapable or unwilling to correct this issue; and we can no longer accept continued excuses and delays.

Thanks,
Brad

Brown County Human Services

Executive Director's Report to the Human Services Committee

July 24, 2013

Members of the Committee:

I would like to begin by updating you on our search for psychiatric prescribers. We currently have position openings for two Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers (APNP). The funds are budgeted for those two positions and once those we have the people in place, we will have adequate capacity to meet demand and reduce our waiting list accordingly. Unfortunately the search for candidates has not yet been successful. We are receiving good support from the Human Resources Department and are contacting the state Department of Health Services regarding a possible variance to employ an APNP who is enrolled in the required psychiatric certification courses but doesn't yet hold the certificate. I have been working alongside HR in recruiting and we are in active discussions with three psychiatrists and two APNP's at this time. Several employment search agencies are also being considered for additional recruitment options. If we are able to successfully recruit a psychiatrist, a budget adjustment would likely be required to transfer funds from the vacant APNP salaries to fund a contracted psychiatrist for a period of time in 2013. At this time the waiting list for many new patients to see a psychiatrist is about 5 months. New patients with emergent need and those who have received treatment in the Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital are generally receiving group or individual services sooner.

We are working on a very challenging 2014 budget, as are virtually all other county departments. Our 2014 budgets will reflect some budgeted savings on salaries by moving away from budgeting groups of positions at a flat rate on the pay scale to budgeting each position at the rate that a given person is actually earning. This gives a more precise budget estimate with which to work, and generally results in budgeting for less salary because most individuals earn less than the hourly rate in the 2013 and prior budgets. Much of the 2014 budget is not yet final, but progress has been satisfactory and it will be ready on schedule.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Jeremy Kral
Executive Director

BID TABULATION									
Project Name: Interior Remodeling at CTC for CBRF Facility									
Sealed BID: Project #1720 for Public Works Facility Management									
Buyer: DCD									
Due Date & Time: July 19, 2013 at 11:00 am to BC Clerk									
Opening Date & Time: July 19, 2013 at 11:00 am in Room 201									
CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	ADD ALTERNATE 1	ADD ALTERNATE 2	TOTAL BASE BID AND ALTERNATES 1 & 2	BID BOND	ADD 1	LOW BID INTENT TO AWARD		
1 Milbach Construction Services, Co.	\$ 275,215.00	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 13,420.00	\$ 292,055.00	Yes	Yes			
2 IEI General Contractors	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 308,600.00	Yes	Yes			
3 IMMEL	\$ 267,619.00	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 22,079.00	\$ 293,123.00	Yes	Yes			
4 All-Timate Construction, Inc.	\$ 265,195.00	\$ 3,100.00	None received at time of bidding		Yes	Yes			
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6									