



Kane County Health Department Executive Director Barbara Jeffers Announces Retirement Effective December 1

November 10, 2020 – Kane County Health Department Executive Director Barbara Jeffers, MPH, has announced her retirement, effective December 1, 2020.

In a letter to the Kane County Board, Jeffers expressed her thanks for her 15 years at the nationally accredited and highly respected Kane County Health Department, the last eight-and-a-half years as the Executive Director. Jeffers also oversaw Kane County Animal Control.

“During my tenure as the Executive Director, I dutifully led our staff as we guided and supported residents of Kane County through a significant TB Outbreak, Ebola, Zika, and now Covid-19 while maintaining a balanced budget annually,” said Jeffers. “Our success in taking on these challenges was strengthened by the infrastructure we developed and sustained through our twice achieving National Public Health Accreditation status. Being a vital contributor and leader of these significant public health achievements has been the highlight of my career.”

Jeffers also thanked outgoing Kane County Board Chairman Chris Lauzen for granting her the opportunity to serve the 532,000 residents in Kane County.

“His confidence in my abilities and support of public health allowed the Kane County Health Department to become the first county health department in Illinois to achieve national accreditation as well the many recognitions and honors we received the past eight-and-a-half years. I appreciate the support of all board members over the years and the support you have provided the health department.”

Said Jeffers, “Throughout my time at the health department I have witnessed the work and performance of our dedicated and committed employees who each day faithfully showed how committed they are to the health and safety of Kane County residents. Their performance during the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed how essential their work is to the betterment and survival of our county. One of the unknown jewels of our county health system is our Animal Control department and during my tenure, they successfully repaid their debt to the county as well as maintained a balanced budget annually.”

In her closing words, Jeffers remarked, “I will miss all those who I have encountered during my tenure and know my work continues in spirit. Now is the time for me to blaze the retirement trail with vigor.”

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