

Jefferson County Health Department

Minutes of Board of Health

November 15, 2022

The Jefferson County Board of Health met Tuesday, November 15, at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was held with the option of attending via teleconference or in person due to COVID-19, at the Jefferson County Health Department, Mt. Vernon, Ill. Roll call was taken, and a quorum established. Dr. Wes Neal chaired the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Members Present

Dr. Wes Neal
Scott Taaka
Dr. Linda Upchurch
Dr. Monica Heinzman
Dr. Alan Froehling
Dr. Neeta Kaushal
Wayne Hicks

Members Absent

Dr. Richard Garretson
Jessica Rodriguex
Lori Given
Derek Wilson

Also present: Amy Harrison, Administrator

Jessica McDermott, Assistant Admin., Director of Finance

Public Input – none

Minutes:

- Minutes from the October 15, 2022, meeting were reviewed. **Motion** to approve by Dr. Froehling, 2nd by Dr. Kaushal. All Ayes. **Motion Carried**
- **Motion** by Dr. Froehling, 2nd by Dr. Upchurch to keep the minutes of the October 15, 2022, Executive Session sealed. All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Finances:

Financial reports for October 2022 and claims for November 2022 were presented by Jessica McDermott.

- **Motion** by Wayne Hicks, 2nd by Scott Taaka to approve the October 2022 Financial Report with a cash balance of \$700,859.62 (Roll Call #2-All Ayes: Dr. Neal, Dr. Heinzman, Scott Taaka, Dr. Upchurch, Dr. Froehling, Dr. Kaushal, Wayne Hicks) **Motion Carried**
- **Motion** by Dr. Upchurch, 2nd by Scott Taaka to approve as presented the October claims in the amount of \$21,958.54 (Roll Call #3-All Ayes: Dr. Neal, Dr. Heinzman, Scott Taaka, Dr. Upchurch, Dr. Froehling, Dr. Kaushal, Wayne Hicks) **Motion Carried**

Consent Calendar:

Environmental Health Amy presented the report.

Nursing Division Amy presented the report.

Administrators Report Amy Harrison presented her report discussing staff evaluations, the Christmas party/Training Day, grant status.

- **Motion** to approve by Scott Taaka, 2nd by Dr. Froehling. All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

- a. Wayne Hicks discussed ARPA fund distribution by the County and suggested we come up with a project that would be less expensive than the two that were proposed and not approved.

New Business:

- **Motion** by Dr. Upchurch, 2nd by Dr. Kaushal to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as presented. All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Executive Session:

- **Motion** by Dr. Upchurch, 2nd by Wayne Hicks to enter Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body." All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

- **Motion** by Dr. Upchurch, 2nd by Scott Taaka to exit Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. All Ayes. **Motion Carried**

Necessary and Proper

- b. **Motion** by Dr. Froehling, 2nd by Wayne Hicks to authorize Dr. Neal to negotiate the wage reopener with the Union. (Roll Call #5-All Ayes: Dr. Neal, Dr. Heinzman, Scott Taaka, Dr. Upchurch, Dr. Froehling, Dr. Kaushal, Wayne Hicks) **Motion Carried**

Adjournment:

Motion by Dr. Upchurch, 2nd by Scott Taaka to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**

Board Officer

Date