



BOND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Meeting

August 26, 2024

Those physically in attendance:

Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President
C. Ackerman
T. Hall
D. Lippert
K. Hamilton
E. Korte
R. Nehrt
A. Oestreich
J. Rehkemper
P. Siefken

Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator
R. Dothager, Dental Services
B. Strieker, Compliance & Human Resources
C. Bohannon, Community Member

Those in attendance via Zoom:

Others:

P. Feazel, Finance
L. McMinn, Disease Intervention

Members Absent:

At 6:30 p.m., Board of Health President M. McCullough called the meeting to order. Members stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Hearing from the public

Carisa Bohannon was welcomed to the meeting. There were no comments from the public.

Minutes of June 24, 2024

Prior to the meeting, members received a copy of the minutes from the Board of Health's previous meeting held on June 24, 2024. D. Lippert motioned to approve the minutes as provided. With a second by A. Oestreich, the minutes were unanimously passed.

Administrator's Report

Bond County Health Department Administrator S. Eifert indicated advocacy efforts continue for a funding increase from the Illinois Department of Public Health's Local Health Protection Grant. The grant assists in covering environmental health expenses including well and septic inspections along with the food protection program. Funding decreased \$30,000 over last year's amount. Conversations with legislators also continue state-wide regarding funds needed for capital improvements.

Financial Report

At the end of July, cash reserves were down from the amount last reported at the Board of Health's June meeting. Current cash on hand totals \$1,650,063. S. Eifert indicated the cash reserve amount should increase for August with the Health Department recently receiving the first of two tax disbursements from the County.

Awards were recently announced for a two-year respiratory grant. Bond County Health Department was awarded funding in the amount of \$70,000 for each year. The monies will aid in subsidizing fund 11 along with the amounts received from the SIPA grant (Strengthening Illinois Public Health Administration).

A. Oestreich indicated the Finance Committee met on July 19 and August 23. Discussions from their meetings were reviewed.

J. Rehkemper motioned to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Nehrt and passed.

The Accounts Payable Ledgers for June and July were reviewed at the meetings of the Finance Committee. All Board of Health members could also review the reports on the Board's private area of the website. With a motion and a second provided by the Finance Committee, all members voted in approval of receiving and filing the June and July 2024 invoices.

Old Business

None

New Business

As the representative from the County Board, J. Rehkemper indicated bids from other providers for the county employees' health insurance will be sought. The bids will not be available until after the 2025 health plan year's notification period for cancellation has passed; thus, any changes will most likely take place beginning with the 2026 plan year.

FY2025 Budget Proposal

During their August 23 meeting, Finance Committee members reviewed the FY2025 budget proposed. S. Eifert indicated with an overall budget of \$5 million, a cash surplus is anticipated in three of the four agency's funds. The overall surplus is budgeted for \$20,000. With a motion and a second motion from the Finance Committee, Board members unanimously approved the FY2025 budget as presented. County Board members will be reviewing the budget for final approval at their upcoming meeting.

Members of the Board's Personnel Committee met to review potential new Board of Health members. Following their review, Carisa Bohannon was recommended to fill the vacancy created with the retirement of J. Kirkham. A motion was made by J. Rehkemper to recommend C. Bohannon to the Bond County Board for appointment to the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by E. Korte and passed unanimously.

A. Oestreich indicated write-offs for second quarter 2023 were recently reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Board of Health's approval of the write-offs was tabled until the September meeting.

The Board's annual review of policies for Prairie Counseling is due. Policies were posted on the Board's private area of the website. With the policies not being available with sufficient time for member review and some technology issues, discussion and approval of the policies was postponed until the September Board of Health meeting.

Discussion was held regarding current wages for staff members working in Prairie Counseling. With the difficulty in recruiting licensed mental health providers, a wage increase is needed for the department to be more in line with the market. A proposal was e-mailed to members prior to the meeting regarding the new rates recommended with members voting in favor of the increase. C. Ackerman made a motion to confirm approval of the proposed wage increase for staff members in Prairie Counseling as previously indicated. The motion was seconded by T. Hall and passed.

Board of Health President M. McCullough indicated committee membership is currently being reviewed. With the retirement of J. Kirkham, current committees and members serving included the following:
Building & Grounds: E. Korte, P. Siefken, and K. Hamilton
Personnel: T. Hall, and R. Nehrt
Finance: A. Oestreich, D. Lippert, and C. Ackerman
As President, M. McCullough is an ad hoc member of each committee. Following the County Board's action on the proposed new Board of Health membership, additional assignments will be made.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

At 7:30 p.m., J. Rehkemper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by D. Lippert and passed unanimously.



T. Hall, D.O.
Secretary