

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Dr. Amy Waschull, President.

Members Present: Dr. Tim Fitzgerald, Carrie Pedigo, Dr. Karen Blakeley, Dr. Amy Waschull, Pat Smith, Dr. Nancy Parsons, Marcia Moll and Marcia Twaddle

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Lynnette Cale, Chris Adams, Ben Thompson and Kerri Allen

Visitors Present: Steven Barnum –McDonough County Voice

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Dr. Amy Waschull.

Minutes:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARCIA TWADDLE AND SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 12, 2020 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims:

DR. TIM FITZGERALD MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,475.07. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Board of Health- none

County Board- none

Directors Reports-

Environmental Health Division

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris reported that they have done three West Nile Virus tests and they were all negative. You have to have 50 or greater mosquitoes in a batch in order to run the test. All Schuyler and McDonough batches have come back negative. Environmental Health has an intern. Her name is Evie. The sanitarians have been busy with food vendors and employees who have tested positive. Chris has been working with the city doing housing inspections to see if they qualify for grants.

Community Health Division

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

Kerri reported that her staff has been mostly working on Covid-19 cases and contact tracing. We currently have 328 confirmed cases, 143 active cases, 189 recovered cases and 16 deaths in McDonough County. Schuyler County has 32 confirmed cases, 3 active, 29 recovered and no deaths. We are in the process of training the new staff and interviewing people for the contract tracing positions. We have hired and started training five people: Belinda Carr, Joby Miller, Cynthia Sheffler, Christine Nicholson and Carrie Depoy. Community Health Division has an intern. She just finished her master's in public health. We are still looking to hire someone for the Public Information Officer position. We are also still looking for a couple of PRNs and RNs for mass vaccination clinics. WIU flu clinic will possible be done as drive thru clinic. We plan to set up a tent at the university. WIC staff is now trained on the new system and have it up and running. We have also started the back to school immunizations.

Administrator's Report

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

Lynnette's report is under COVID-19 in Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATES

North Central Region 2, our region, is getting close to mitigation level. The north (2), west (3) and east (6) central regions have the universities. In hopes of curbing the spread of the virus, rules have been changed for indoor dining and how late bars can stay open. Our percentage has gone up but not as much as the testing in our area. The State and IDPH are watching our numbers closely. Shannon McKee had a training on contact tracing today. Ben Thompson reported that there is an outbreak at Courtyard Estates in Bushnell. All staff and residents have been tested. Long term facilities are to start testing weekly only if positivity rate goes up. Fraternities and sororities are linked to many positive cases but we aren't sure if that was the point of origin. Some households are testing positive as well. The majority of the cases are coming from WIU. WIU is doing the saliva testing that go to a lab in Kansas City.

FY 21 BUDGET UPDATES

Lynnette handed out a letter from Scott Schwerer, County Board Chairman, requesting our budget, a copy of the Board of Health Bylaws and what we do. The County Board has pushed up the time line for the budget to be turned in by a month. Most of our money comes from grants that have been approved by the state. We will look at salaries and pay for the employees. Normally we look at the budget twice before we approve it and send it to the County Board. We might need to have a special meeting to look at the budget before we approve it.

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY PATTY SMITH TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 7TH TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT

NONE

Adjourn:

PATTY SMITH MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO TO ADJOURN AT 7:30 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Cleer
Business Office Manager/CFO

NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7 pm.