

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:59 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: Josh Crist-SIU Medicine and Steven Barnum –McDonough County Voice

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 by President Dr. Amy Waschull.

Minutes:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD AND SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL TO APPROVE THE JULY 8, 2020 MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims:

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO FOR THE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,576.70. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Board of Health- none

County Board- none

Directors Reports-

Environmental Health Division

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Chris reported that we have a couple new facilities: The Shack, a new food mobile unit, new owners of the restaurant on the square that used to be Cooke's Diner. It will now be called Cathy's Café. If you noticed the rubble in front of the Farm King building, that will be the new Arby's restaurant. All of his staff is still out doing inspections and doing COVID. He said they will be out collecting mosquito batches for testing of West Nile Virus. We are still getting complaints of patrons and/or employees not wearing masks in restaurants, stores and gas stations. The governor was looking at fines being imposed on patrons and employees for not wearing masks. We haven't received any guidance on any of that yet.

Community Health Division

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

Kerri reported that McDonough County had 149 cases, 18 active, 115 recovered 16 deaths and for Schuyler County there are 19 cases, 2 active, 17 recovered and no deaths. Nurses and staff are spending their time doing follow ups on the positive cases, calling contacts, delivering care packets to the positive cases, and isolation orders. Giving out different resource information for those who are unable to work. We are still working in our other programs as well and have had a couple new systems started that the staff are learning. We have started doing our immunizations for school. They are being prioritized by school immunizations for children and adults. We haven't started doing blood work yet but that will begin once more staff are hired. Currently planning the flu clinics and the best ways to do the State clinic as well as ours. Kerri says she needs to get the car seats ordered for the grant we have through IDOT. We lost Cynthia which has been pretty stressful. We have hired two nurses: Nikki Cook and Sally Trone.

Administrator's Report

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

Lynnette's report is under COVID in Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 21 MCDNOUGH COUNTY TAX LEVY

Lynnette asked for the 2.3 percent tax levy increase for FY21 which is the standard amount when she meet with the County Board. She said that would be an increase \$7700 to our budget from our current tax levy amount.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY OUT ACCRUED OVERTIME DUE TO COVID-19

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARCIA MOLL AND SECONDED BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD TO APPROVE THE PAY OUT OF ACCRUED OVERTIME FROM MARCH THROUGH JULY. MOTION CARRIED.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY HAZARD PAY TO STAFF RELATED TO COVID

THIS WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

LINE OF CREDIT OPTIONS

Lynnette informed the board that she would be looking into different places for a possible line of credit. We will be spending out funds larger than the cash balance that we are currently are carrying and the state would reimburse us once they receive our quarterly report.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates

Lynnette gave an update on COVID-19. We did receive our first installment of our contact tracing grant. We are advertising to hire the contact tracers. They will start as soon as they can. You will see some large purchases coming through next month for computers, IT equipment and a new phone system. We have already started our Salesforce program which is the contact tracing program. Ben Thompson is our lead and tech support for that system. Items for

this grant have to be COVID specific. We have rearranged the whole building and will be putting up some walls to accommodate for the new working spaces and privacy. Ben gave an update on COVID-19. Ben checked Salesforce before coming up to the meeting and said we have 127 people in quarantine or isolation that we are monitoring. Just last week we only had 50 people. During the weekend that increased because we have cases transferred in. The people that we are monitoring are McDonough County residents. As far as PPE(personal protective equipment), we still have the same amount as previously but we will be ordering more as it becomes available to keep on hand.

The end of year FY20 grants are done. All of the FY21 grants are all in and are waiting for the state to sign and send back. FY21 budget Lynnette is working on. We will be adding lines to the cash flow report to show Schuyler County Health Department expenses and income for the board to see. That will be done before the next board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT

Josh Crist from SIU Medicine has recently moved to Macomb. He is replacing Laura Kessler. Steven Barnum from the Voice had some questions about COVID-19 and outbreaks in restaurants. IDPH has definitions for outbreaks. Some facilities choose to close down and deep clean. It's more of a facility decision if they want to do that or not. If they have a lot of employees out and could not operate then it may be more of a closure issue. Most of them do it on their own by their own policy.

Adjourn:

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Cleer
Business Office Manager/CFO

NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7 pm.