

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

The McDonough County Board of Health regular meeting was held in the board office on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Dr. Amy Waschull, President.

**Members Present:** Dr. Tim Fitzgerald, Carrie Pedigo, Dr. Amy Waschull, Patty Smith, Dr. Nancy Parsons, Marcia Moll and Marcia Twaddle

**Members Absent:** Dr. Karen Blakeley

**Staff Present:** Lynnette Cale, Kathy Cleer, Ben Thompson and Kerri Allen

**Visitors Present:** Steven Barnum –McDonough County Voice

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**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Dr. Amy Waschull.

**Minutes:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. TIM FITZGERALD AND SECONDED BY DR. NANCY PARSONS TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,304.52. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

Board of Health- none

County Board- none

Directors Reports-

**Environmental Health Division**

Chris Adams, Environmental Health Director

Lynnette reported for Chris that Environmental Health has been running tests on mosquitoes for West Nile Virus and submitted four birds. All tests have come back negative for the virus.

**Community Health Division**

Kerri Allen, Community Health Director

Kerri reported that last week's WIU drive through clinic went well. People were thankful for what they did. We did 473 flu shots. Schuyler County will do their State Flu Clinic on October 15 at the prison in Rushville. More people are wanting flu shots due to Covid. Kerri had a zoom conference with our vaccine representatives from Sanofi and Merck about not receiving flu vaccine. Kerri stated that she doubled the amount of vaccine that we ordered this year. We plan on having several more flu clinics. We have one scheduled for BPC Schools, St. Paul and Schuyler has a few scheduled. We will begin doing bloodwork again next week. They will all be done by appointment and we plan to keep the doors locked until after the election. We have hired seven contact tracers and 4 PRN nurses for immunization clinics. We are still looking to hire a PIO. This pandemic has been a mental drain on the employees. McDonough County's current rolling positivity rate is 9.6 and Schuyler County's is 7.10. Country View is currently in outbreak status.

### **Administrator's Report**

Lynnette Cale, Administrator

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATES**

Lynnette discussed with the board what warning and mitigation levels are. Warning is done by county and mitigation is done by region. It's been a busy month. Current data shows that 33 patients were admitted at Blessing Hospital with Covid. On Columbus Day, the caseload was heavy. Half of the MCHD staff came in and worked the cases. There is an outbreak at Country View. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bushnell Prairie City schools closed due to Covid. Catch-A-Star daycare closed due to Covid. We have been providing PPE to long term care facilities. The state flu shot clinic was a good dry run for when we are ready to do a Covid vaccination clinic.

Ben Thompson reported that we will be receiving Abbott Bionex tests from IDPH. McDonough is expected to receive 480 tests and Schuyler is to receive 120 tests. Staff will be trained on how to use the tests. We received a red notification from IDPH. IDPH plans to do Covid testing next week at WIU Q lot, SRC Outreach Center and at Bushnell Prairie City Jr. /Sr. High School. All tests are being provided free by the state. People can expect their results back in 4 to 7 days.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

***Dr. Amy Waschull made mention that there was need to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 5, Illinois Compiled Statues Section 120/2 (c) (1) personnel issues at 7:51 pm.***

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE PEDIGO AND SECONDED BY MARCIA MOLL TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUSANT TO CHAPTER 5, ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUES SECTION 120/2 (C) (1) TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT MATTERS.**

***Roll call taken by Kathy Cleer, Business Office Manager/CFO.***

<b><i>Blakeley</i></b>	<b><i>absent</i></b>
<b><i>Fitzgerald</i></b>	<b><i>yes</i></b>
<b><i>Moll</i></b>	<b><i>yes</i></b>
<b><i>Parsons</i></b>	<b><i>yes</i></b>

<i>Pedigo</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Twaddle</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Waschull</i>	<i>yes</i>

*Staff present in closed session: Lynnette Cale and Kathy Cleer*

*Staff present coming out of closed session: Lynnette Cale and Kathy Cleer.*

MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 8:18 PM.

*Roll call taken by Kathy Cleer, Business Office Manager/CFO.*

<i>Blakeley</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Fitzgerald</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Moll</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Parsons</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Pedigo</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Twaddle</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Waschull</i>	<i>yes</i>

#### APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

PATTY SMITH MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY CARRIE PEDIGO TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED.

#### APPROVAL OF FY21 BUDGET

TABLED UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 7 PM.

#### APPROVAL OF FY21 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

MARICA MOLL MADE A MOTION; SECONDED BY PATTY SMITH TO APPROVE THE FY21 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SHEET. MOTION CARRIED.

#### APPROVAL OF FY21 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

TABLED UNTIL NOVEMBER BOH MEETING.

#### NOVEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Board of Health decided to meet on November 11, 2020 to approve FY21 holiday schedule.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PER LETTER OF INTENT

NONE

**Adjourn:**

**MARCIA MOLL MADE A MOTION AT 8:41; SECONDED BY DR. NANCY PARSONS TO RECESS UNTIL MONDAY AT 7 P.M., OCTOBER 19, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.**

Kathy Cleer  
Business Office Manager/CFO

***NOTE: The next BOH meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7 pm.***