

Ford County Board of Health Meeting
Gibson Area Hospital Education Building
January 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM

The Ford County Public Health Department Board of Health met in the Gibson Area Hospital Education Building on January 16, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Ford County Board of Health President, Mike Short. The members present were Suzie Shell, Mike Short, Dr. Spangler, Dr. Austman, Dr. Brucker and Bob Lindgren. Donny Gill, Administrator, was also present. Not present were Laurelyn Cropek and Debbie Smith.

Approve Payment of Current Bills: Dr. Austman made the motion to approve payment of current bills. Dr. Brucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Dr. Austman made the motion to approve payment of current bills. Dr. Brucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Suzie Shell motioned to approve the finance report. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors: None

Administrator's Report: Gill informed the Board that FCPHD was awarded the Residential Sharps Collection Grant for \$19, 826.07. Gill informed the Board that the Taft Street repairs had been completed. Gill also told the Board that a water leak was discovered in one of the Taft Street offices. The Board was also told that Seth Russell had come onboard as the new PHEP Coordinator.

Old Business: Educator position is still vacant, but two interviews have been scheduled. State St. office needs signage and window screens for both security and advertising purposes. Survey about Gill being new Administrator was sent out to all employees.

Medical Director: Dr. Austman was named the new Medical Director for FCPHD. Mike Short made the motion to name Dr. Austman the new Medical Director. Dr. Spangler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Gill discussed with the Board the plan to begin a cross-training program with the State St. staff. He explained that the purpose was to create a more flexible staff and to build up the team and their skills. Each building will have a Director (Morgan & Tracie) and more compensation will be needed for those positions.

Meeting Dates: Board members each received a copy of the meeting dates for the next year. Dr. Brucker moved to approve the dates and Mr. Lindgren seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Austman did request that the meeting dates be set up with calendar reminders. Also, the 1/25/2025 meeting date needs to be changed to 1/21/2025.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Dr. Austman and was seconded by Mr. Short at 7:32 PM

Dr. Mark Spangler, Secretary

Date