

**Ford County Board of Health Meeting
Gibson Area Hospital West Boardroom
April 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

The Ford County Public Health Department Board of Health met in the Gibson Area Hospital West Boardroom on April 16, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Ford County Board of Health President, Mike Short. The members present were Suzie Shell, Mike Short, Dr. Kevin Brucker, Laurelyn Cropek, Bob Lindgren, and Dr. Austman attended virtually. Morgan Behrens, Financial Coordinator, was also present. Not present was Debbie Smith.

Approve payment of current bills.

Dr. Austman made the motion to approve payment of current bills. Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes reviewed and no changes made. Dr. Austman made the motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023, as presented. Dr. Brucker seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Finance Report

Dr. Austman made the motion to approve the finance report. Dr. Brucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors

None

Administrator's Report

Sample provided an update on recent Digital Security and Protection and 1st Amendment Audit trainings. Sample discussed the COVID Crisis grant, which had a no cost extension through June 30, 2024. Sample also informed the Board of working on FY24 budget and assessing agency salaries for possible adjustment to bring to a more competitive level.

Old Business

Environmental Health Fees Corrections

Dr. Austman made the motion to approve the corrected Environmental Health Fees schedule as presented. Cropek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Reappointments

Dr. Austman made a motion to recommend to the Ford County Board to reappoint Dr. Spangler to the Ford County Board of Health. Lindgren seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Dr. Austman made the motion to elect Mike Short as President, Susie Shell as Vice President, and Dr. Spangler as Secretary. Cropek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Equipment Donation

Dr. Austman made the motion to approve the donation of equipment as presented. Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Health Insurance

Discussion held on health insurance coverage and premiums for employees.

Closed Session

Mike Short asked for a motion to go into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel Reasons. Dr. Austman made the motion to enter closed session. Crokek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The closed session meeting was called into order at 6:44 pm by Short. Members present were Mike Short, Suzie Shell, Laurelyn Crokek, Dr. Brucker, Dr Austman, and Bob Lindgren. Lana Sample, Administrator, and Morgan Behrens, Financial Coordinator, were also present.

Motion to exit closed session was made by Lindgren. Brucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously at 7:11 pm.

Other

Adjourn

Dr. Austman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mark Spangler, Secretary

Date