

**Ford County Board of Health Meeting
Gibson Area Hospital West Boardroom
July 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. Morgan Behrens, Financial Coordinator, was also present. Not present was Debbie Smith.

Approve payment of current bills.

Bob Lindgren made the motion to approve payment of current bills. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes reviewed and no changes made. Suzie Shell made the motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024, as presented. Cropek seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Finance Report

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

Visitors

Visitors present were Paul Abraham

Administrator's Report

Short notified the board that the only change since his report is that we have received one FOIA. We are awaiting feedback from the State Attorney before we proceed.

Old Business

APS Personnel Update

Short updated the board on the APS Personnel. Don McCall, APS Caseworker, has agreed to be the APS Supervisor as long as he has another APS Caseworker. Katy Pizell is phase 1 trained and able to work cases on her own.

New Business

Hire Administrator

Mike Short made a motion to recommend to the Ford County Board to hire Paul Abraham as the Administrator and to put him on the checking accounts (TB Reserve and Payables). Cropek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Personnel Position

Short updated the board on the new open position for Senior Information Services. The job has been posted on Indeed and our Facebook page. The open PHEP position was recently filled with a tentative start date of 7/22.

Dispose of unneeded property

Laurelyn Cropek made the motion to get rid of unneeded property such as unused desks, wall dividers, file cabinets, etc. Suzie Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mike Short asked for a motion to go into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel Reasons and 5ILCS 120/2 Exception 5: The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Suzie Shell made the motion to enter closed session. Cropek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The closed session

meeting was called into order at 6:19 pm by Short. The members present were Mike Short, Suzie Shell, Laurelyn Cropek, Dr. Brucker, Dr Austman, and Bob Lindgren. Morgan Behrens, Financial Coordinator, and Paul Abraham, Administrator, were also present.

Motion to exit closed session was made by Dr. Austman. Cropek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously at 6:44 pm.

Other

Lease of Property

Suzie Shell made the motion for the Administrator and BOH president to negotiate an extended term lease to be reviewed and/or approved with rent not to exceed \$40,000 a year. Dr. Austman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Laurelyn Cropek made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. Dr. Austman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mark Spangler, Secretary

Date