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BOND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Meeting

March 24, 2025

Those physically in attendance:

Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President
C. Ackerman
C. Bohannon
T. Hall
K. Hamilton
E. Korte
D. Lippert
R. Nehrt
J. Rehkemper
P. Siefken

Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator
B. Strieker, Compliance/Human Resources

Those in attendance via Zoom:

Others:

B. Goodiel, Home Health/Hospice
L. McMinn, Disease Intervention

Members Absent:

A. Oestreich

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Board of Health President M. McCullough. All attending stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hearing from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Minutes of February 24, 2025, Meeting

Prior to the meeting, minutes from the Board of Health's last meeting held on February 24, 2025, were provided to members. With the Board's agenda indicating the minutes from the January 27, 2025, meeting would be reviewed for approval, the approval of the February 24th meeting minutes was tabled.

Lighting Project

A project to update light fixtures throughout the building is being studied. Joe Dothager with Dothager Electric and Cody Gudgel with A & D Electrical Supply attended the meeting. They shared information on the projected electrical cost savings to convert current fluorescent fixtures to LED. They indicated the cost of fixtures may qualify for funding through the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program. Following discussion, Board members requested that the Department's other types of light fixtures be included in a bid for upgrade. Based on the cost of this potential project, additional bids will be sought.

Administrator's Report

Bond County Health Department Administrator S. Eifert indicated he will be attending a meeting with representatives from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and other local health departments in Springfield this week. A topic on the agenda is the Illinois Public Health Workforce Transformation Initiative. IDPH implemented this initiative last summer with a cost and capacity

assessment to help identify gaps in funding and capacity at the local health department as well as a comprehensive state-wide report. An update regarding federal public health funding for the new budget year will also be provided during their meeting.

Financial Report

A slight decrease of \$9,126 was reported for cash on hand at the end of February 2025. Funds from IDPH through the Local Health Protection Grant, which covers environmental health costs, have not yet been received. For February, Home Health had a positive month in part due to a large reimbursement payment from the State of Illinois Medicaid program.

There was no meeting of the Finance Committee held for March. Approval of the February Accounts Payable Ledger will be reviewed at the Finance Committee's April meeting and brought to the full Board after that time.

D. Lippert made a motion to accept the finance report as provided. The motion was seconded by J. Rehkemper and passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

S. Eifert reported bids are being collected to replace the health department's security cameras. Cameras are located throughout the building in common areas as well as externally. A representative from the local police department and the health department's IT contractor are involved in this process.

A new tuition reimbursement policy was presented for Board consideration. The new policy would reimburse college tuition paid for employees pursuing a health care career that requires an undergraduate or graduate degree along with an Illinois professional license. With changes noted, the updated policy will be brought back to the Board of Health for additional review.

Updates to Section 7, Employee Benefits, in the health department's personnel policies were also presented. Clarifications were made in the section regarding holiday pay and charges incurred for employees using health department services. With one additional change noted, Section 7 will be brought back to the next meeting for Board approval.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Health will be on Monday, April 28, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business to be brought before the Board, J. Rehkemper motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. E. Korte seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved April 28 2025

T. Hall, D.O.
Secretary