



## BOND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Board of Health Meeting

#### Minutes of Meeting

August 25, 2025

#### Those physically in attendance:

##### Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President  
C. Ackerman  
C. Bohannon  
T. Hall  
R. Nehrt  
A. Oestreich  
J. Rehkemper

##### Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator  
P. Fain, Finance Director  
M. Miller, Prairie Counseling Center Director  
K. Rench, Dental Interim Office Manager  
B. Strieker, HR/Compliance  
D. Mann, Bond County State's Attorney  
Jason Brenton, Trane Representative  
Jessica Gagliarducci, Trane Representative

#### Those in attendance via Zoom:

None

Others: None

#### Members Absent:

K. Hamilton  
D. Lippert  
E. Korte  
P. Siefken

Bond County Board of Health President Dr. M. McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Board and guests stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Hearing from the Public

There were no members from the public present.

#### Trane – Geothermal Project Option

Two representatives from Trane, J. Brenton and J. Gagliarducci, were present to discuss the Health Department's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system (HVAC). The current Trane geothermal HVAC system was originally installed when the new building was built in 2009. With the current system nearing the end of its useful economical life, a plan for replacement is recommended. Discussion was held on options for the systems replacement and potential energy tax credits that could be available to offset the costs. Trane representatives indicated their company can provide a feasibility assessment at no cost that would include a high-level budget. Consensus of Board members was to provide Trane the information needed to complete the assessment. Once the data is obtained, the completed report could be available within 30 days.

Following their presentation, J. Brenton and J. Gagliarducci exited the meeting.

#### Minutes from April 14, 2025, and June 30, 2025, Meeting

Prior to the meeting, members were provided minutes from the Board of Health meetings held on April 14, 2025, and June 30, 2025. J. Rehkemper motioned to approve the minutes as submitted.

The motion was seconded by R. Nehrt and passed unanimously.

#### Financial Report

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on August 19, 2025. A. Oestreich reported the financials and the accounts payable registers for the months of June and July were reviewed along with the fiscal year 2026 budget. A quorum was not present at the meeting.

Prior to the Board of Health meeting, all members were provided access to copies of the financial reports and accounts payable ledgers for June and July of 2025.

A motion was made by Dr. Hall and seconded by C. Ackerman to receive and file the June and July 2025 invoices. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hall motioned to accept the financial report as provided. J. Rehkemper seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Patient account write-offs for the period of March 1 through May 31, 2024, were reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting. The full report was also provided to Board of Health members. Following discussion, A. Oestreich motioned to approve the write-offs submitted totaling \$30,352.61. R. Nehrt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Budget FY2026

Board of Health members were presented the fiscal year budget for 2026. Based on historical numbers, the new budget projects an overall surplus of \$120,156. Two funds, Hospice and the Nursing and General fund, are expected to have small gains with the Mental Health fund projected to break even, and a slight deficit projected for Home Health.

Following discussion, a motion was made by A. Oestreich to approve the budget as submitted. T. Hall seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

Board President M. McCullough expressed appreciation to S. Eifert and the Home Health/Hospice leadership team on their work to improve that department's financial operations. Managed care contracts have been renegotiated with several third-party providers resulting in increased per diem reimbursement rates for services.

K. Rench and M. Miller both exited the meeting at this point.

#### Old Business

Two bids have been received to upgrade current fluorescent light fixtures with LED and replace some fixtures that are deteriorated. Under the Department's procurement procedure, the purchase is defined as a small purchase of between \$10,000 and \$250,000, a non-construction project, and would utilize the prevailing wage scale for labor. Bids for the project's total cost are over \$60,000 with an incentive from Ameren available of between \$22,000 and \$26,000 that could reduce the cost. Dr. McCullough indicated a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee would be scheduled prior to the next Board of Health meeting to review the project and provide recommendation.

Bond County Health Department Administrator S. Eifert indicated no individuals from the community have expressed interest in the openings on the Board of Health. Three current members have terms expired, E. Korte, D. Lippert, and Dr. P. Siefken. A motion was made by Dr. T. Hall to recommend to

the Bond County Board that E. Korte, D. Lippert, and Dr. P. Siefken be appointed for an additional three-year term. The term would run July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded by J. Rehkemper and unanimously passed.

New Business

J. Rehkemper indicated the Bond County Board would be hearing additional information about a potential new health insurance carrier for the County's employees. The new plan would provide similar coverage at an estimated cost significantly lower for the County as well as for employees' families seeking coverage. The County Board meeting to discuss the new option is set for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26.

Executive Session

A motion was made by J. Rehkemper for the Board to enter into Executive Session. The session would be to discuss pending litigation, personnel matters, as well as to review and approve minutes from previously closed meeting sessions. The motion was seconded by C. Bohannon and passed unanimously.

The Board of Health entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and P. Fain exited the meeting.

At 7:50 p.m., Board of Health members returned from Executive Session. A motion was made by J. Rehkemper to keep the September 25, 2023, Executive Session meeting minutes closed and to approve and release the following Executive Session meeting minutes:

- March 25, 2024;
- June 24, 2024; and
- February 24, 2025

C. Ackerman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:55 p.m., J. Rehkemper motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by R. Nehrt and passed unanimously.



T. Hall, D.O.  
Secretary