



Washington County Board of Health
110 N. Iowa Avenue, Suite 300, Washington, Iowa 52353

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.
Federation Bank, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Buffington, Chair
Connie Larson
Trevor Martin, DO via Zoom
Chris Grier, DC via Zoom
Richard Young, Board of Supervisor

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Peggy Wood, Jason Taylor, Cindy Rico Chavez
Jen Weidman, Roberta Sloat via Zoom

VISITORS:

Berdette Davis, IDPH Community Health Consultant via Zoom
Amber Armbruster, Washington County HR Director via Zoom
Mary Zelinski, Kalona News via Zoom
James Jennings, The Union via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Cathy Buffington. The Zoom meeting option is available to allow for social distancing recommendations of meeting attendees.

The agenda and minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Cathy Buffington. Motion carried 3-0.

Environmental Health

Jason Taylor Presented the budget. Revenue was 88% and Expenditures are 70%.

Jason discussed a septic discharge tile dispute in Rubio, a resident called and stated that his neighbor is planning to extend his driveway entrance from the county road. There is a septic discharge tile that runs down the alley and across the road to the north ditch. Jason contacted JP with Secondary Roads and the neighbor will need a permit to extend the drive. The resident will notify our department if any pipe or gravel is placed at the neighbor's property and Jason will ensure that the neighbor has the proper permit from the county.

Jason had a trash complaint in Rubio. A resident called about a large pile of garbage in the yard at a neighbor's home. I contacted DNR Field Office 6 and talked with Ryan Stouder about the solid waste. Ryan made contact with the homeowner and they said they had a dumpster

coming and would pick up the trash. Cindy and I took pictures of the trash and check the next week and the trash had been removed.

Jason received a dog bite case in Brighton. Case 1:

On January 19, 2021 had a report that a Burmese Mountain Dog had bite the owner of the dog, while separating 2 dogs that were fighting, he received medical attention at the ER. Dog was current on rabies shots; home quarantine was given. On April 6, 2021, we were notified of a 2nd bite of the girlfriend of the owner, while trying to separate 2 dogs, she was treated at the scene and taken to the ER. Dog was removed from the Washington County to Iowa County to the owner's mother's house.

Jason received a dog bite case in Brighton. Case 2:

On April 30, 2021 a pit bull cross dog bite a 7-year-old boy on the calf as he walked past the dog on a chain in the yard. The boy was treated in the ER in Washington. The dog was not current on the Rabies Shot. Dog was quarantined at Washington Vet Clinic for 10 Days and Returned to the Owner. Owner paid for the quarantine and Rabies Vaccination.

Jason has been working with a Riverside dog kennel and the Septic requirements. A Dog Kennel for up to 30 dogs is going to be built on 150th Street. Originally the Kennel was going to be considered a Private on-site waste water system. The engineering company stated that the system will discharge 1500 gallons a day. With that it will be a commercial system under the IDNR. Jason contacted the DNR and they will review the plans for the Kennel and decide if it will be permitted under the County. Since dog waste is considered industrial waste by the IDNR more than likely it will be permitted under the IDNR.

Jason discussed the latrines in Washington County Parks, Jack Seward Jr had asked about the maintenance and pumping schedules for the latrines in the County Parks. Jason contacted Zach with Conservation Department and asked how they handle the latrines. The County Conservation Department checks the condition of the latrines in the spring and fall and monitor when they need pumped. Jason is working with Zach to develop a spreadsheet of the maintenance and pumping schedules of the Latrines.

Jason also discussed the latrine in Richmond Park, Jack also asked about the latrine in the Richmond Park. Jason contacted Randy Berg, Trustee for English River Township. He stated that had it pumped last year and that you can still see the bottom this year from lack of use. He also does the maintenance to the structure itself.

Contracts

Jason discussed that the Grant to Counties program will expire on June 30, 2021. Jason has been in contact with IDPH and they are extending our contract, it will be \$40,400 this year up from \$30,300 FY21. This contract will also include shock chlorination of well that have bacteria in it. There was a motion by Connie and 2nd by Dr. Martin to sign the contact once it has arrived. There was discussion that it would be signed by Jason when the contact come to the County, but Jason doesn't have signature authority for the Board of Health. There was a friendly amendment to the motion to give signature authority to Jason for the Grant to Counties Grant. The motion was made by Connie and 2nd by Dr. Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason discussed the 28-E agreement with Department of Inspections and Appeals is due June 30, 2021. The department's last contract was for 3 years, there has been no indication from DIA what kind of contract will be offered or what our department will need to do to comply with

the contract. Last contract period in FY19 was not received until later in July. No action was taken on this item.

Jason discussed the Pumper Truck Inspection Contract is due 5/31/2021. This contract states that we do pumper truck inspections for Washington County, once a year. The fees are based on number of trucks a company has. Our contract has 2 trucks and we receive \$400 a year for the inspection. This fee has not changed in this contract. A motion was made by Connie and 2nd by Dr. Grier to have the Chair sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously. Cathy signed the Contract.

Public Health

Peggy Wood reviewed the agency financials and reviewed additional details specific to 3rd quarter revenue and expenses.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski reviewed the information shared by Federation Bank in regards to their recent purchase of the US Bank building in Washington. Danielle reiterated that in the event the building is sold, the agency has a 60 day window to vacate. There was discussion surrounding the American Rescue Plan funds that will be distributed to the County for use through 2024. Richard added a committee consisting of Marcus Fedler, Dan Widmer, John Gish, and Jacob Thorius will be meeting with departments about space needs in the near future.

Several IDPH grants were reviewed for contract extensions for the next fiscal year. The Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health grant extension to September 30, 2022, was approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Richard Young. Motion carried 4-0. The 1st Five grant extension for 15 months through September 30, 2022, was approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 4-0. The Immunizations Services grant extension to June, 30, 2022, was approved on a motion by Trevor Marin, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 4-0.

An amendment for the 6 year Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant in the amount of \$98,600, was approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 4-0. The funding is intended for local health departments to expand vaccine efforts where populations are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Funding may be used through June, 30, 2024.

Danielle shared the agency has filled the vacancy of the Public Health RN position. A start date for Sara Hammes has not yet been determined due to her current work contract.

The home health site visit update will be placed on the June agenda due to the absence of Karri Fisher.

Dannielle announced the agency had received 1,170 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and were in discussions about future clinics. The vaccine has been approved by the CDC for children ages 12-15. Danielle added the vaccine will be stored at the Jefferson County hospital in Fairfield due to subzero temperature requirements. The vaccine can be stored up to six months utilizing this method. Danielle shared information regarding the most recent announcements from the Governor about mask mandates and local control.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room, and via Zoom.