

Washington County Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2010

Board Members	Present	Staff	Present
Wilbert Antill	Yes	Kathleen Meckstroth	Yes
Richard Daniell	Yes	Jeannie Farnsworth	Yes
Dr. Todd Myers	Yes	Valerie Betkoski	Yes
Bob Powell	No	Ken Robinson	Yes
Jim Rodgers	Yes		
Steve Johnson, Alt.	Yes		

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County Board of Health was called to order by President, Wilbert Antill.

Guests in attendance included staff from the Dental clinic as well as several community members. A listing of the sign-in sheet is available for review.

Mr. Rodgers moved approval of the minutes for the November 9 meeting. Second Mr. Johnson. Motion carried.

The guests present addressed the Board regarding the re-opening of the dental clinic. The public wanted answers as to if the clinic would be re-opened and when it might be re-opened. The former staff present stated they were dedicated to making the clinic work and increasing profitability. The dental hygienist, Adessa Johnson, stated that she could see more patients as needed. The dental assistant, Cheryl Lathrop, stated that buying practices could be changed to cut costs, but that there had been an unwillingness to do this in the past.

The Board would not make any decision at this time but requested that further information on how the clinic could operate without losing additional money. Dr. Meckstroth will prepare a position paper detailing the information requested for the next board meeting.

Ms. Farnsworth presented the fiscal report. Payroll obligations will be met for the remainder of the year. Some funds are doing better than predicted including the sewage/plumbing fund. Some advance from the general was required to meet the payout on salary and vacation for dental clinic staff. Budget actions were required to move funds between line items and to appropriate additional carryover to meet salary and end of the year obligations. Mr. Daniell moved approval. Dr. Myers seconded. Motion carried.

The list of bills to be approved for payment was presented. Mr. Rodgers moved approval. Seconded, Dr. Myers. Motion carried

Dr. Meckstroth presented the health commissioner's report as distributed. In addition, she related information about her meeting with Representative elect Andy Thompson regarding public health issues that will be presented to the legislature this year including local subsidy as part of the budget request. She informed the Board that this meeting was informative and well-received and she looked forward to continued discussions on public health issues.

Ms. Betkoski presented the public health nursing report. She stated that Rae Shaffer, RN, started a three day workweek beginning December 13. She also presented figures regarding BCMH and the amount the county commissioners pay to the state for this coverage.

Two refunds were requested by individuals from whom we had received payment for immunizations. In both cases, the insurance companies also paid the health department. Mr. Rodgers moved approval. Second Mr. Johnson. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson presented the environmental health report. A meeting with the Ohio EPA will be held on December 20 to present preliminary results on studies from Devola regarding the high nitrate levels. Additionally, he presented the information about funding for additional septic systems with ARRA funds. It is hoped that an additional 30 systems can be placed in Washington County with these funds.

Old Business:

The budget was presented for approval. After discussion regarding the passage of all funds, including the dental clinic fund, Dr. Myers moved approval. Second Mr. Rodgers. The motion carried with all board members present voting in the affirmative.

New Business:

A proposal to initiate a registration fee for plumbers engaged in commercial plumbing in Washington County was addressed. The Board wanted to know how many plumbers this would affect and wanted to insure that this registration was only for those plumbers engaged in commercial plumbing. Further discussion was tabled until the January meeting.

In order to meet expenditures in the new budget, it is necessary to raise certain fees related to environmental services. Dr. Meckstroth was instructed by the Board to prepare a resolution for these fees for the first reading in January.

Mr. Daniell moved the Board to Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss the health commissioner's contract. Second Dr. Myers.

Mr. Antill	Aye
Mr. Daniell	Aye
Dr. Myers	Aye
Mr. Rodgers	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye

Mr. Daniell moved the Board from Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. Second Dr. Myers.

Mr. Antill	Aye
Mr. Daniell	Aye
Dr. Myers	Aye
Mr. Rodgers	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye

The Board offered Dr. Meckstroth a one year contract at the same salary as the previous two-year contract. Dr. Meckstroth told the Board that she would make a decision after she had time to review their offer.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Kathleen L. Meckstroth, Secretary

Wilbert Antill, President