

Washington County Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County Board of Health was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Wilbert Antill, President, Richard Daniell, Bob Powell, Dr. Todd Myers, and Steve Johnson, alternate. Absent: Jim Rodgers. Staff members present: Dr. Kathleen Meckstroth, Valerie Betkoski.

Mr. Daniell moved approval of the minutes of the March meeting. Second, Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

Mr. Antill relinquished the chair to Dr. Meckstroth for the reorganization of the Board. Mr. Powell moved the nomination of Mr. Antill for President. Second Mr. Daniell. Mr. Daniell moved that the nominations be closed. Second Dr. Myers. Motion carried. Mr. Antill was elected unanimously as President of the Board of Health.

Mr. Daniell nominated Mr. Powell as President Pro Tempore. Second, Mr. Antill. Dr. Myers moved that the nominations be closed. Second Mr. Antill. Mr. Powell was elected unanimously to the position of President Pro Tempore.

Dr. Meckstroth relinquished the chair to newly elected President Antill.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the fiscal report. She noted that the audit has begun and that the cost is estimated at \$11,500 for this year. The reconciliation report was presented for review. Graphs and charts were also made available for review by the Board. The fiscal report was filed for audit.

A list of bills to be paid was presented for review. Mr. Powell moved approval. Second Dr. Myers. Motion carried.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the Health Commissioner's report as written and previously distributed.

Ms. Betkoski presented the Public Health Nursing report. Only 193 doses of flu vaccine remained at the end of March. These will be destroyed. Ms. Betkoski and Ms. Shaffer attended training on the new HIV reporting forms. This training also provided them with the opportunity to meet with the agency that will provide some oral swabs for testing to the Health Department. They will also be doing testing at Marietta College on April 16 – 17. Ms. Betkoski will also be giving training on infectious disease to Children's Services.

Ms. Betkoski is exploring a pilot vaccine program through Merck in which we will receive the vaccine for adults at no cost. She is also working with ODH on a program to increase Medicaid payments to the Health Department.

The Environmental Health Department presented a written report. Dr. Meckstroth acknowledged that the new clerk, Shila Harris, started on Monday, April 7. Mr. Powell asked if the Health Department had licensed the Tattoo Parlor located in Belpre. Dr. Meckstroth explained that this parlor would be licensed through the Belpre City Health Department, but she would check to see if it had been licensed. She knew that no plumbing permit had been issued for the location.

The following out of county meetings were presented for approval:

Spring Health Commissioner Meeting, Columbus, May 12-14 (Meckstroth)  
Registration, travel  
Plumbing Inspector's meeting, Columbus, April 23 (Touvell)  
Time and travel

Mr. Powell moved approval. Second Dr. Myers. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

The FMLA policy was presented for review and approval. The Department of Labor would view the Health Department as either a county agency or a state agency and as either they would have to comply with the policy. Dr. Myers moved approval. Second Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

New Business: Dr. Meckstroth requested that discussion be tabled on the background check policy so that she would have a chance to send the Board the revised policy as discussed at the supervisor meeting on April 7. This will be placed on the May agenda.

In reference to discussion questions previously presented, Mr. Antill expressed his goal for the Health Department in that Washington County Health Department become the best Health Department in the county but not necessarily the largest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Meckstroth, Secretary

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Wilbert Antill, President

