

Washington County Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2009

The regularly scheduled Washington County Board of Health meeting was called to order by President Wilbert Antill at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present: Wilbert Antill, Richard Daniell, Jim Rodgers, and Steve Johnson, alternate for Bob Powell. Dr. Todd Myers and Bob Powell were absent from the meeting. Staff present were Valerie Betkoski, Jeannie Farnsworth, Ken Robinson, and Dr. Kathleen Meckstroth.

Mr. Johnson moved approval of the minutes of May 12, 2009. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Ms. Farnsworth presented the fiscal report. She also presented a power point of charts and graphs that reflected a breakdown of expenses and revenue over the first five months of 2009. The fiscal report was approved and filed for audit.

A list of bills to be paid was presented for approval. Mr. Johnson moved approval. Second Mr. Daniell. Motion carried.

The reconciliation reports with the bank and auditor's office were presented for review. The Board had no questions on the reports as presented.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the health commissioner report as previously distributed. In addition, she presented the sections of the Senate Budget amendments that reflect local health department activities, including a moratorium on the sewage rules and the abolishment of Jarod's Law which currently governs the school inspection program. The additional \$5 fee proposed for vital records was also removed in the Senate version of the bill.

Ms. Betkoski presented the nursing report and updated the Board on H1N1. As of this meeting, no cases have been isolated in Washington County. She also explained that in order to increase visibility of clinic hours, she is exploring the cost of buying a light-up moveable sign to be placed in the front yard reminding passersby of the clinic hours.

Mr. Robinson presented the Environmental Health report. In addition to the written report he presented information on food licensing of individuals wanting to sell meat at farmer's market. The policy that the health department will be enforcing includes mechanical refrigeration for potentially hazardous food such as eggs and meat. Several individuals had wanted to sell meat from coolers from the back of pick-up trucks. This cannot guarantee that the food remains cool enough to help limit the hazards that could be associated with food. The Board agreed that the Health Department should enforce this policy.

Dr. Meckstroth has also sent a letter to Robert Schilling whose septic system consists of a straight pipe from the home to the stream behind his house. He was given 15 days to appeal before the case is turned over to the prosecutor's office.

The following Out of County travel was presented for approval:

June 23, Public Health Policy Forum, Athens (Meckstroth)

Time and Travel

Mr. Johnson moved approval. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

The furlough policy was presented for approval. This policy would require that employees working a 40 hour week would take five furlough days between July 1 and December 31. Those working 32 hours would take 4 furlough days. If the budget for the health department improves sufficiently that the furlough days become unnecessary, the employees would be reimbursed for pay lost by the end of the year. Furthermore the members of the Board of Health will take a 10% reduction in their compensation for Board meetings through the end of the year. Mr. Daniel moved approval. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the information received from OPERS. After reviewing the payment schedule and total interest that would accumulate, Mr. Daniell moved that the Board request repayment of back OPERS payments be made on the 5 year schedule with hope that the payments could be completed more quickly, thus saving interest where possible. Further, the back payments will be divided equally between the general and public health nursing funds. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative. Dr. Meckstroth and Jeannie Farnsworth were ordered to prepare the necessary paperwork so that the first payment could be sent prior to the July 1 date.

New Business:

The fees for flu shots and selected dental clinic fees were presented for a first reading. The public hearing will be held at the beginning of the next Board meeting on July 14.

Dr. Meckstroth presented a draft copy of a contract for health services between the Washington County Health Department and the City of Belpre. The Board instructed her to continue discussions with Belpre administration regarding a possible contract for 2010.

There being no further business the board meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Meckstroth, Secretary

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Wilbert Antill, President