

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2016  
PLACE: Conference Room, Rock Island County Health Department  
2112 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. John Neary, President  
Ms. Kate Varlas Teel, Vice President  
Mr. Ed Langdon, County Board Representative  
Dr. Patricia Barron  
Dr. Mark Bollaert  
Ms. Sommer Livengood, ARNP  
Mr. Doug Vroman  
Dr. Prem Virdi  
Mr. Rick Ryckeghem

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mr. Leon Gibson, Secretary  
Mr. Jim Flannery

STAFF Ms. Nita Ludwig, Public Health Administrator  
PRESENT: Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer  
Ms. Jyla Vipond, Administrative Office Assistant

Board President John Neary called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION The minutes of the August 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Ryckeghem, second by Dr. Virdi. Motion carried.

MOTION President Neary asked for a closed session per 5 ILCS 12/2 (c) 1. A Motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Vroman, second by Dr. Virdi. A roll call votes of all board members was taken, with all voting to go into closed session at 5:36.

The meeting was opened at 6:17 p.m. with a motion by Dr. Bollaert, second by Ms. Livengood.

The transfers of appropriations were approved with a motion by Ms. Livengood, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

The financial report for the period ending August 31, 2016, shows revenues of \$487,482 and expenditures of \$393,814 for a total net gain of \$93,668.

The Health Department's balance sheet shows our cash balance of \$3,470.29 and investments of \$911,000.00. This is higher than normal since we have received more funds for FY16, and have not paid our cost allocation payments to the County.

The department's cash balance projected for September 2016 is \$452,208. As of August 2016, the grants receivable totals for FY16 is down to \$3,825.00. This includes cost allocation payments, if approved.

MOTION The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Langdon, second by Mr. Ryckeghem. Motion carried.

MOTION Discussion of payments for the County's cost allocation study. The Board is concerned about the dated study, done in 2009. The Board voted last month to pay the 2015 payments. Nita and Gary met with County Administrator Dave Ross and Louisa Ewert to discuss the Board of Health concerns over the charges that are outdated and/or higher than expected. Their position is that the County Board voted to accept this study and that the health department needs to resume payments. Board of Health members indicated that they still felt a meeting is needed with Chairman Brunk, Ms. Ewert and Mr. Ross, however the Board of Health members wish to go over line items at the October meeting prior to that. Motion made by Mr. Ryckeghem, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Bryant shared the need for a new mower/snowplow. He shared bids and descriptions of newer models. Motion to purchase a new mower made by Mr. Vroman, second by Dr. Viridi. Motion carried.

MOTION Ms. Ludwig shared that RI County has had several positive mosquito batches and a positive bird for the West Nile Virus. This is common for this time of the year. Motion to approve the service delivery report made by Dr. Viridi, second by Mr. Vroman. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared that much of the month involved recruiting, interviewing and hiring of employees. Ms. Ludwig walked through the changes occurring during the month and the vacancies that have now been created as a result. Ms. Livengood made a motion to approve the Administrator's report, second by Mr. Vroman. Motion carried.

MOTION      The claims were approved with a motion by Ms. Livengood, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

President Neary made a special point to recognize Nita and Gary for the exceptional job they have done to keep things running smoothly and dealing with difficult situations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Gibson, Secretary, by  
Nita Ludwig, Administrator

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