

A meeting of the Sullivan County Board of Health was held. Timely public notice was made by a public posting at the Health Office and by advertisement in the Sullivan Daily Times.

Members Present: Jessy Woods, MD; Patricia Morgan; Judith Weathers; Jana Pounds; Barbara Reed-Schuessler, MD; Amy Hale, RN

Members Absent: Ashley Kilpatrick, RN

In Attendance: Michael Gamble, MD, MBA; Dennis Clark, Press; Ray McCammon, Commissioner

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Dr. Woods after noting the presence of a quorum.
- 2) Approval of minutes from the meeting held 17 November 2022: Motion by Ms. Morgan, Second by Ms. Pounds, all in favor.
- 3) Building plan proposal from Wes Bedwell/Signature Development was presented. The Council advised to pay it out of Covid Fund. The Commissioners were notified. The agreement has already been signed in order to obtain architectural drawings.
- 4) Approval of Claims Vouchers: Sullivan Daily Times voucher was approved on Motion by Ms. Pounds, Second by Dr Reed-Schuessler, all in favor with Ms. Morgan abstaining. Remaining vouchers were reviewed and approved on Motion by Ms. Weathers, Second by Ms. Pounds, all in favor.
- 5) Health Performance Report
  - November:
    - \$ 6,152.00 receipts
    - On-Site Sewage: 4 permits
    - Birth 73, Death 99
    - Foods: 33 inspections
    - 2 Safe Sleep Education Sessions
    - 5 car seat checks
    - PHN: 3 animal bites; 7 Epi; 3 open lead; 1 TB
      - Vaccines: 242 (14 VFC, 80 Vaxcare, 8 317, 135 covid, 5 PPD)
    - Covid-19 Update
      - Covid vaccine clinic continues- now only Tuesdays 12-4. Covid vaccine and boosters #1 and #2 are offered. Both Pfizer and Moderna available.
      - Commonwealth Fund study reporting hospitalizations, cases, and deaths prevented in the US by Covid vaccination was presented.
      - School Liaison: 4 deliverables completed and invoice sent for funding. Jr High Immunization Clinic completed 12/4/22.
- 5) Old Business:
  - Health Administrator: no action
  - Storage Building: Working on architectural plans as above
  - 2023 Budget: no action
  - Governor's Public Health Commission: information shared. The slide deck and updates have been forwarded to the Board in the past month. Await legislative consideration.

- On-Site Sewage Violation: working with Commissioner’s Attorney to develop the appropriate processes.
- Board Appointments: Ms. Kilpatrick has announced she will not seek reappointment. Dr Reed-Schuessler has submitted a letter for reappointment. Seeking additional letters from professional candidates. Will need to maintain party affiliation neutrality. The Commissioners will appoint at the January 3 reorganization meeting at 8AM.
- 2023 Meeting Dates: Proposed dates on the 3rd Thursdays were presented. Consensus was to change the July meeting to 7/13/23 in order to avoid the 4H fair. It appears the Corn Festival will not be a conflict this year. Ms. Morgan made a Motion to approve the 3rd Thursday dates as presented with the July change to July 13, 2023, Second by Ms. Weathers, all in favor.
- Vehicle: Discussion regarding an additional vehicle. Dr. Gamble proposed using Trust carryover money to purchase another vehicle, likely a 1500 truck. Consensus was to initiate information gathering.

6) New Business:

- None presented

7) Good of the Order:

- Commissioner Ray McCammon expressed thanks to the Board for serving. There was a discussion regarding the positive forward movement our health department has made.

8) Motion to adjourn by Ms. Morgan, Second by Ms. Pounds, all in favor.

Future Meeting: 1/19/23; 2/16/23; 3/16/23; 4/20/23; 5/18/23; 6/15/23; 7/13/23; 8/17/23; 9/21/23; 10/19/23; 11/16/23; 12/21/23 at 7PM at Sullivan County Health Dept Office.

_____	Michael Gamble, MD, MBA, Health Officer
_____	Jessy Woods, MD, Board of Health President
Absent _____	Ashley Kilpatrick, RN
_____	Amy Hale, RN
_____	Patricia Morgan
_____	Barbara Reed-Schuessler, MD
_____	Jana Pounds
_____	Judith Weathers