

Health and Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 19th, 2021
Vermilion County Administration Building, 2nd Floor, 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1- Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Kevin Green called the Health & Education meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Upon the Roll Call, the following members were present: Kevin Green, Steve Miller, Phearn Butler, Dan Wright and Robert Boyd. Marla Mackiewicz and Diana Frazier-Brenneman were excused absent. (5 present, 2 absent).

Also present were: Larry Baughn – Vermilion County Chairman, Jim Russell – Director of Mental Health, Kasey Snyder – Director of the Animal Shelter, Bill Donahue - County Board Risk Consultant, Doug Toole – Health Department Administrator and Cassy Carter - County Board Financial Administrative Manager.

Agenda Item 2- Adoption/ Amendment to the Agenda

Green added a discussion item to the agenda of COVID Uniform Policy. Motion moved by Green, second by Butler to approve the agenda with addition. Motion was carried by acclamation. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from June 17th, 2021

Motion moved by Green, second by Boyd, to approve minutes. Motion was carried by acclamation. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 – Audience Comments

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget – Mental Health

Motion moved by Green, second by Boyd to discuss. Russell explained this was the same budget amount as last year with a 3% increase in salaries. He also noted they received a \$25,000 donation from Gibson Area Hospital, so that will allow them to continue mental health training.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Kevin Green, Steve Miller, Phearn Butler, Dan Wright and Robert Boyd. 5 yes, 2 absent. Budget passed.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget – Health Department/Solid Waste

Motion moved by Green, second by Miller to discuss Solid Waste budget. Toole explained the budget was same as previous year with two recycled dates.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Kevin Green, Steve Miller, Phearn Butler, Dan Wright and Robert Boyd. 5 yes, 2 absent. Budget passed.

Motion moved by Green, second by Butler to discuss Health Department budget. Toole explained the budget was similar to last year with the exception of the salary line increase for the 3%, their grant has increased to \$32,000, there is an increase to WIC and the miscellaneous is the COVID money. Toole went on to say they are replacing carpets and painting at the Health Department as well.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Kevin Green, Steve Miller, Phearn Butler, Dan Wright and Robert Boyd. 5 yes, 2 absent. Budget passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Budget – Animal Regulations

Motion moved by Green, second by Miller to discuss. Snyder explained the budget was similar to last year with the exception of increase in salary line. They are receiving a 3% increase plus \$1 per hour to try to get

them closer to the \$15 per hour. Snyder reviewed her staff and pointed out the budget also allows the hiring of one additional kennel worker. Discussion ensued on the staffing of employees and salaries.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Kevin Green, Steve Miller, Phearn Butler, Dan Wright and Robert Boyd. 5 yes, 2 absent. Budget passed.

Agenda Item 7.5 – Discussion – COVID Uniform Policy

Green stated there is a problem with high covid rates, and low vaccination rates in our county. He went on to explain everyone has a policy and they are not uniform. He would like to see a uniform policy. Discussion ensued on a policy regarding mask requirements, testing and vaccinations being held at the court house.

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Session

Not needed.

Agenda Item 9 - Items of Information

Snyder explained she has an out of category transfer from a large case in Catlin for \$8,000 in the supplies/drugs/nursing line, as well as taking in \$9,000 more in donations than budgeted. She would like to have this added back into her budget line, so that she could use it for the care of the animals. She wanted to make the committee aware and send straight to finance. Russell noted they will continue doing mental health trainings since they received the donation from Gibson Area Hospital. Chairman Baughn updated all on Higginsville road. The Army Corps Engineer will provide a solution for the repair. Until this is done, the highway is allowed to open one lane with temporary traffic signals. Chairman Baughn also noted that Sandy Cook, the outside Auditor, will present the final audit to Finance on the 13th and to the full County Board on the 14th.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Administrative Manager