

Health and Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023
5:00 PM, 2nd Floor, Joseph G Cannon Building

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1- Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Larry Baughn called the Health & Education meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Upon the Roll Call, the following members were present: Larry Baughn, Kevin Green, Christine LaMar, Phearn Butler and Tim McFadden. Excused absent was Phil Jackson. (5 present, 1 absent).

Also present were: Bill Donahue - County Board Risk Consultant, Jacqueline Lacy – State’s Attorney, Erika Ramsey – Auditor, Aaron Hird – Regional Office of Education, Kasey Snyder – Director Animal Shelter, Jerry Hawker – County Board Member and Cassy Carter - Financial Resources Director.

Agenda Item 2- Adoption/ Amendment to the Agenda

McFadden motioned to approve agenda, second by Butler. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2023

Motion made by McFadden, second by LaMar to approve minutes. Motion passed by acclamation

Agenda Item 4 – Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Mental Health Board 708 - \$78,668.50

Mc Fadden motioned, second by LaMar to discuss.

Chairman Baughn explained this is an allowed expense to move money from the OPIOID settlement line into the Mental Health fund. Lacey explained this would be used in conjunction with STEP Recovery. This is for sober living and will work closely with drug court, AA and NA meetings.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Baughn, Green, LaMar, Butler and McFadden. 5 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 6 – Ordinance RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Regional Office of Education - \$7,061.00

LaMar motioned, second by McFadden to discuss.

Hird explained this is money that comes in from the state yearly. A budget amendment is then needed to move this money into the county salary line. This will allow this money to pay the ROE employees their yearly bonus from the state. Butler inquired about the number of employees whom will receive this. Hird noted he has three employees, all of whom would receive a portion.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Baughn, Green, LaMar, Butler and McFadden. 5 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Ordinance RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Animal Shelter - \$35,000.00

Butler motioned, second by McFadden to discuss.

Snyder explained this amendment is needed due to the added expenses from the animal cruelty case. Lacy stated the Animal Shelter employees worked very closely with the State’s Attorney office and followed their direction. Hawker handed out the estimated expenses and questioned the high cost for the two rabbits. Snyder explained the fees on this are to the shelter. These fees are to the shelter and is not actually an expense the county has to pay. Butler inquired on using standard suppliers for better rates. McFadden asked if they can get a bid now for expenses, this should be lower since not as much vet care is now needed. Conversation ensued on the current animal cruelty case and expenses.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Baughn, Green, LaMar, Butler and McFadden. 5 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Session

None.

Agenda Item 9 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn passed out an update from Jana Messmore, Interim Public Health Administrator, regarding the Health Department and various updates/activities. He also stated, Jana has decided to not take the Public Health Administrator position due to her obligations outside of work with her children.

Snyder announced good news that the Animal Shelter received a grant for \$21,000 from “Best Friends”. This is to be used to improve the quality of the animal’s life.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 5:26PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director