

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending:

Brian Klostermann, Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Paulette Evans, RN- Vice Chairperson
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Deanna DuComb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio
Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio
Mike Strleker - Ex Officio

Others In Attendance:

Chris Leidel, CCHD
Marlon Voss, CCHD
Louise McMinn, CCHD
Larry Johnson, Clinton County Board
Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal
Matt Wilson, Union Banner

Call to Order

The February 2, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann via google at 6:02 PM

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes Approval - January 5th, 2021 meeting

The minutes of the January 5th open session were presented. Cindy Kues made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Terry Linton. The motion carried unanimously. Executive session minutes of this meeting will be presented at the February meeting for approval.

Administrative / Financial Report

The financial data was not available for the month, but Chris Leidel will present these at the next meeting. Mr. Leidel reported Covid vaccinations are being administered and the process is going smoothly. We have administered 1,775 first doses, 425 second doses as of January 28, 2021. We have requested another 500 doses from the state. There are several more clinics to be held in the upcoming week for other towns. Chris Leidel reported the state has more Pfizer vaccines, but we need a freezer to store them in, and we are waiting for the new freezer. Mr. Netemeyer noted he has received the vaccine, and it was very well organized. He had a

concern with what a person should take after the shot, if they have pain. (He and his wife were given conflicting advice.) Chris Leidel stated there is no problem with taking Tylenol or Motrin after the shot, but patients should not take the meds before the shot is administered. The public is responding positively to the vaccine sites and their organized method of administering the shots. Chris Leidel states this is due to Louise McMinn's organization of these events. He also reported that we have received another grant (Mass vaccination grant) which will run through the end of November, to help with contact tracing. We are on pace to expend the current contract tracing grant monies which will need to be spent by May, 2021. Our region 4 positivity rate is 7.5%, and our county is at 9.5% as of January 24th, 2021. Chris noted he is receiving emails asking for High School sports to be reinstated. They are not now currently going due to our high ICU bed use. He is talking to IDPH to see if there is a way to move up into a different tier and is waiting for their response. Chris reported that our temporary workers are able to continue to work because they are on a temporary grant which has a definite end time, and he is discussing this with the State's attorney. (The concern is that these temporary workers would be eligible for union benefits.) Chris Leidel reports these temporary workers are told when they are hired when their end date is going to be. He states that it would be difficult for him to hire all new staff when the first grant ends and the second one begins. Chris Leidel reports that citizens who cannot come back for their second shot on the date planned, these are rescheduled. Dr. Klostermann noted that the 2nd dose cannot be given *before* the date, but it can be given afterwards. Chris Leidel reported that we are not holding back 2nd dose vaccines, because the state is holding those for us.

New Business

Meeting Schedule:

The meeting schedule was discussed at the last meeting. Dates remain as presented, meeting time at 6:00.

Old Business

Building Committee Update

Dr. DuComb reported she made a list of local surveyors. There were 5 that responded. She forwarded their names to Mr. Karasek, and he supplied them with a standard instruction for bids. The bids were presented and discussed. (4 from Clinton County, one from Collinsville)

Abacus: \$8000

HMG: \$4,800

Pat Netemeyer, Breese \$4,000

Sherbet- Carson- Plaxton (Collinsville) \$2,500-\$3,500

Milepost Surveying in Carlyle (Donnelly) \$3,200

They also discussed the orientation of the building on the lot, with varied shapes and parking options.

The committee recommended the rectangular building and its proposed orientation.

Paulette Evans asked if Mr. Karasek reported whether Donnelly knew how to survey a building

of this type, and Dr. Ducomb responded that he had indicated that Donnelly was acceptable. James White reported that the County Board would be asked to pay for the survey at the next meeting, he will bring it up to the finance committee. He feels the county should select the surveyor, since they are paying for it.

Dr. Ducomb feels the Health Board should select the surveyor.

James White responded he didn't feel the surveyor would affect the building plans.

Dr. Klostermann was asked by Dr. Ducomb what he thought about the choice of the surveyor. He responded that it is their land and he didn't feel it was a problem that the County Board paid for the survey.

James White noted the County Board would prefer to hire the surveyor, in case no building could be built there-- they would still benefit from having the survey of the land that belongs to them.

Paulette Evans asked if we could make a recommendation to present to the County Board.

Dr. Ducomb noted she has a concern that if we don't take the lowest bid, we open ourselves up to legal issues.

Paulette Evans noted that Abacus was asked to review their numbers, since they were so high, and they said their bid was correct.

Dr. Klostermann asked a verbal vote for the recommendation of Mr. Donnelly, and all members were in agreement.

James White reported that he brought up funding at the last County Finance Committee meeting. The finance committee stated they are willing to continue to pay for the utilities for the new building. We did have a statement from the State's Attorney as to how to deed the building. Terry Linton asked if we should go forward with the new building without a set budget?

James White noted we should have this decided and put into writing.

He feels we need to survey the land and then discuss ownership and funding.

Bob Netemeyer was told at an assessment meeting that County owned buildings do not have to pay taxes. James White said he will have to check on this.

Cynthia Kues asked if we can look into tax levy limits for the Health Department, and Chris Leidel stated he will check into this. He stated we are fortunate to have the cash reserves that we have and we need to protect this reserve, so having the county pay for utilities is very helpful to us.

Dr. Ducomb asked James White how long the survey decision will take. James stated the finance committee meets February 10th, and the County Board meets on February 16th.

Larry Johnson stated the County Board should approve the choice of the surveyor, and the State's attorney could review the contract, and it shouldn't take a lot of time.

Dr. Ducomb stated they will schedule the next building meeting after the survey is approved.

Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

Adjournment

Cindy Kues made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacy Albers. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 2nd at 6:00 PM.