

Pike County Board of Health Minutes

Tuesday March 20, 2018

Members present:

Joey Collins, D.V.M., Chairman
Diana Thacker, Physical Court Representative
Stephanie Wallace, R. Ph.
Debra Huffman, Lay person
Traci Thornsby, A.P.R.N., BSN
Kevin Prater, Proxy, Judge Executive
James Justice, D.M.D.
Paul Maynard, M.D.
Laura Paula Ashby- Jones, D.O.

Members not present:

Mary Anne Belcher, O.D.

Others present:

Rafael Rangel, Sec., Public Health Director
Cindy Hamilton
Jim Cecil
Suetta Clevinger
Shelebra Bartley, P.A-C.
Jackie Cole
Layne Blackwell
Brenda Allen-Taylor
Delana Gilliam
Lisa Wilcox

Call to order

Diana Thacker called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Adoption of agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Dr. Maynard and a second by Dr. Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of December 12, 2017, minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Maynard and a second by Traci Thornsby to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2017 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial and budget reports

Jim Cecil, Director of Administrative Services, gave the Financial Report. Board members were given a copy of the board of health account balances, showing the beginning balances, amount of receipts and disbursements, and the total ending balances for each of the district's checking and CD accounts.

Audit

Jim introduced Lynette Schindler, CPA. Lynette presented the audits for both the Pike County Public Taxing District and the Pike County Health Department for FY16/17 that ended on June 30, 2017. A motion was made by Dr. Justice to pay Lynette and a second by Debbie Huffman.

FY 17-18 Revenue and expense report

Jim noted to the board there was an updated copy of the Board of Health Account Balances as of 3/20/2018 in their books. Also included was a listing of expenditures that have been paid since the December board meeting. This includes the transfer of funds to the Health Department and payment for the FY16-17 audit. After reviewing, Jim requested a motion to approve the expenditures that totaled \$401,000.

New business

a) Water Damage to health department.

Jim stated the Health Department's building was damaged due to a pipe that burst above the second floor offices sometime in the early morning hours on February 27th. We are not certain how long the water ran, but there was substantial water damage on both floors along with damage to the exterior part of the building above the parking spaces. We are in the process of receiving estimates for repairs and they are running in the \$80,000 to \$115,000 range. Mark White, with Commonwealth Builders, has been working with the insurance adjuster to insure that the building is repaired in the proper manner.

The cause of the damage is a result of the boiler system that has been in place since the building was constructed in 1991. The boiler system itself is still in working condition and had to have some repairs a few months ago. The problem is with the aging pipes and that over time there has been a calcium build up that led to decreased water flow thru the system. Eventually, the pipes could no longer withstand the pressure that led to the burst.

Kevin Gilliam, with Summit Engineering, did a walk thru with our Maintenance Supervisor, Dale Thacker. He's going to get in contact with an engineer and have him analyze the heating/cooling system and provide a recommendation for the most efficient and economical manner to transition our current units to gas, which will also provide the building with warmer heat and at a lower cost than electric. When we receive the information, we plan on including it in the FY18-19 Taxing District Budget, with the goal of at least having it completed prior to the cold weather returning in the fall.

b) Retirement Reform

Jim noted due to the current financial crises involving the Kentucky Retirement System, we are expecting that the budget for the next two years is going to be a challenge and will include a large increase in the Health Department's contribution rate. The current rate is scheduled to increase from 48% to 84% and results in an increase of an additional \$800,000 in payments that we will be required to make to Retirement. We are also expecting some cuts in some of our state funding along with the possibility of a substantial increase in health insurance premiums next January. Until the state legislature has concluded the current session and the

information has been provided, we will have to wait and see the actual overall impact this will have on our financial situation.

c) Majestic Update

Shelebra Bartley, Physician Assistant, stated she had discussed the Majestic contract with the Pike County Fiscal Court. Ms. Bartley stated at this time the health department would not be signing the contract due to the financial burden incurred in the last year. The reason given was the major water leak which caused damage to the first and second floor, replacement of the boiler and the increase in retirement. She added that the health department would not be financially capable to staff another facility.

d) School Nurse Program Update

Shelebra Bartley, Physician Assistant, reported to the board that she and Jim Cecil, Director of Administrative Services, met with Reed Adkins, Pike County Board of Education Superintendent concerning the School Nurse Program. She reported that Mr. Adkins agreed to placing nurses in the schools if the health department would do the Medicaid billing. The health department would then pay expenses and split any remaining surplus with the board of education.

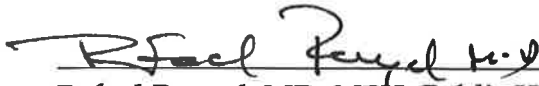
The Board had a discussion and wanted to get a number of Medicaid students and an idea of how much revenue this would bring the health department after expenses was distributed. After discussion, the board requested more information including the number of Medicaid students in the county and an estimate of potential revenue for the health department after all expenses were distributed.

Personnel


Adjourn

A motion was made by Diana Thacker to adjourn and a second by Debra Huffman. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Rafael Rangel, MD, MPH, Public Health
Director III
Secretary to the Board



Dr. Joey Collins, DVM
Chairman of the Board