

Minutes of the Health Committee

The Health Committee of the McLean County Board met on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 7:30 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman McIntyre; Members Wendt, Harris, Robustelli, Gordon and Martin

Members Absent: Members Owens and Schafer

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Others Present: Ms. Cathy Dreyer, Maternal-Child Health Services Supervisor, Health Department; Ms. Laura Beaver, Behavioral Health Programs, Health Department; Ms. Becky Powell, Board of Health President

Chairman McIntyre called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM and declared a quorum.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes of the October 7, 2015 Health Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Harris/Martin to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2015 Health Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action the request to approve an Amendment to the McLean County Revised Code Chapter 205-1004, Food Service.

Motion by Gordon/Martin to recommend approval an Amendment to the McLean County Revised Code Chapter 205-1004, Food Service.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action the request to approve an Amendment to the McLean County Revised Code, Chapter 205-1009 Sewage Disposal Systems, Water Wells and Geothermal Exchange Systems.

Motion by Harris/Martin to recommend approval an Amendment to the McLean County Revised Code Chapter 205-1009, Sewage Disposal Systems, Water Wells and Geothermal Exchange Systems.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wasson presented for approval the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget for the Health Department. He stated that office staff met with Mr. Howe and Ms. Dryer to review the budget requests and provisions that were included in the health department budget regarding Funds 112 and 106. Mr. Wasson stated the budget proposal had been modified and we provided information regarding those changes. He stated that the changes included withdrawing the request for a reclassification of the network specialist and a reduction in staff requirements in the family case management area that allows them to add the communicable disease coordinator position in the communicable disease program. He stated that this position will not provide all the things that the epidemiologist position would have provided, but it will meet the primary need in the department. Mr. Wasson stated that the final change is the addition of \$62,184 the property tax line and the drug court line for the Drug Court Program. He explained that due to recent contractual obligations received from private entities, the Health Department will now bring in revenue not previously anticipated, which allows them to move the \$41,555 property tax revenue going to the community outreach program to the Drug Court Program.

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to recommend of the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget for the Health Department

Motion carried.

Members Harris and Wendt voted against the Motion

Mr. Gordon pointed out Scribner errors and asked they be updated before going to the Board. Mr. Wasson noted changes and stated they would be made.

Ms. Schafer applauded the new Health Committee on their efforts to understand the Health Department's Programs and Budget. She stated that when the County's recommended budget was presented, the Board was told they would need to reduce the budgets by \$350,000 in order to not raise taxes. Ms. Schafer questioned how much the health department's budget helped with that reduction when there is a \$20,000 line item for additional marketing. She stated that in the CAFR the Health Department's unencumbered fund balance is 2.3 million dollars and that even Mr. Howe stated that there is 15 months in reserves. Ms. Schafer stated that if you look at reserves to get you through the first six months of the year until the property tax revenue comes in then

there is at least \$800,000 sitting there. Ms. Schafer stated it is good that the Health Department has not changed their levy but it appears that they are a silo and are not stepping up to help the full board alleviate a tax increase that we may have to pass. Ms. Schafer stated that she felt there could be more cut from this budget and if this budget is passed, she would have reservations about supporting the full budget at the Board meeting.

Mr. Wendt agreed and stated that having more than 6 months in reserves is similar to taking money out of resident's pocket. He stated that when a department builds up a big surplus they tend to spend money on things not necessarily needed and recommended that the Health Department work to reduce this surplus by reducing the levy. He also stated that he would be hesitant to approve the full budget at Board if the Health Department did not take some action.

Ms. Powell stated that the Board of Health has a strategic plan in place and specific initiatives that they would like to achieve and those reserves go to that plan and those initiatives. She asked if there was a policy in place that limits the amount of money an entity can have in the reserve.

Ms. Dryer stated that the tax rate for the Health Department did not increase this year and the public health levy only increased by \$89,000. She stated that every year the Health Department takes from the fund balance to contribute to programs and that this year they contributed \$172,000 out of the fund balance and \$115,000 out of discretionary funds in order to keep the tax rate at zero.

Mr. Robustelli stated that he appreciated Ms. Schafer's comments. He stated that this is a brand new committee established to work with the Board of Health and the Health Department and that the Committee is trying to learn as much as possible about the Health Department programs, budget and why some decisions are being made. He stated that while some may feel the Committee has not gone far enough, he feels the Committee has come a long way and is looking forward to this continued dialogue and partnership with the Health Department and Board of Health because the services they offer in the community are invaluable. He reminded everyone that the Committee was just created this summer asked that they keep in mind that this is the start of a process, not the end, and it will be an ongoing process to continue to look at information, analyze it and work collaboratively with the Board of Health and Health Department to decide actions that need to be taken

Mr. McIntyre concurred.

Mr. Owens agreed that this is a new process and Board of Health wants to work in partnership and give information to the Board. He stated that at Board of Health meetings they look to him as the liaison for the County Board to provide input on what the County Board would or would not do or how they would react to decisions made by the Board of Health. Mr. Owens indicated that the Board of Health has added new

strong members who want to work together with the County Board to meet common goals for the residents of the County. He stated that the Board of Health has requested more information from the community and the community is providing so much more information that the Board of Health is now meeting in off months to look over all the data. Mr. Owens commended the Committee members on wanting to gather as much information as possible and reminded them that the Board of Health meetings are open to the public and invited members of the Committee and the Board to come to the meetings to get more information as that will help with the partnership between the County Board and the Board of Health.

Ms. Harris stated there is no question about the value of the services the Board of Health is providing. She stated that there are many unfunded programs and agendas in the County and we need to look at how the reserve funds of the Health Department can be shared more equitably to service the individuals in the County.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there were further comments or questions from the Committee. Hearing none he called the question and the Committee voted on the budget. Mr. McIntyre then asked if Mr. Wasson had any comments on the employment activity memo. Mr. Wasson stated that he did not.

Member McIntyre presented bills for approval with a Prepaid Total of \$368,588.46 and a Fund Total that is the same and a Developmental Disability Board amount of \$55,225.00 with a Fund Total that is the same.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0102	DENTAL SEALANT GRANT		\$23,401.94	\$23,401.94
0103	HEALTH DEPT. - WIC		\$5,854.40	\$5,854.40
0105	PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM		\$3,375.22	\$3,375.22
0106	FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT		\$12,218.80	\$12,218.80
0107	AIDS/COMM.DISEASE CONTROL		\$8,197.94	\$8,197.94
0112	HEALTH DEPARTMENT		\$315,540.16	\$315,540.16
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			\$368,588.46	\$368,588.46


 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee - Dev. Disability Board

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0110	PERSONS/DEV.DISABILITY		\$55,225.00	\$55,225.00
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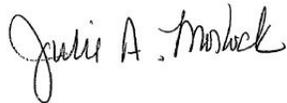


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Gordon/Robustelli to approve bills as presented.
Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre adjourned the meeting at 7:54 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A Morlock
Recording Secretary