



# BELL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

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## **MINUTES**

### Bell County Board of Health

The Bell County Public Health District Board of Health met in regular session Monday December 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at 201 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St, Temple, Texas 76501. This meeting provided the option of virtual attendance to members due to COVID-19.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES present:**

Ms. Kathy Long (Bell County) - Virtual  
Mr. Michael Blomquist (City of Harker Heights)  
Dr. Sam Fiala (City of Killeen)  
Mr. John Moseley (City of Morgan's Point Resort) – Virtual  
Mr. Andre Avots (City of Temple) – Virtual  
Mr. Wayne Carpenter (City of Belton) – Virtual  
Mr. Russ Nelson (City of Little River/Academy)  
Mr. Bobby Whitson (Bell County) - Virtual

#### **REPRESENTATIVES not present:**

David Broecker  
Dale Rendon

#### **EX OFFICIO:**

Ms. Nikki Morrow, Director Interim  
Dr. Janice Smith (Bell County)

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERSONEL attending:**

Judy Porubsky  
Becky Flores  
Costa Claver  
Cathy Brem  
George Highsmith  
Kent Stephens  
Consuelo Elliott  
Kathy Carslile  
Lori Fontenot  
Erin Hughley

Miracle Castor

**OTHER:**

Mr. Ben Fiala – Virtual

**Call to order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bell County Public Health District Board of Health was called to order at 5:33 pm on December 13, 2021, by Mr. Blomquist.

The presence of a quorum was established.

I. **Review and action item regarding minutes from the September 2, 2021, special meeting.**

The minutes of the Board of Health meeting on June 14, 2021, and September 2, 2021, were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Dr. Fiala. The motion passed.

II. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

III. **Report on Audit by Brockway, Gerbach, Franklin & Niemeier, PC**

After a brief audit review by Ms. Porubsky, Ms. Morrow presented extended dates of the exit interview. Mr. Blomquist asked for a motion to table the audit report until late January 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Blomquist to table the audit report. Motion was accepted unanimously by the board.

IV. **Director Updates**

Ms. Morrow went over the Annual Report and provided highlights for each department.

V. **Department Director Updates**

The Retail Food department briefed on the current increases of restaurants and mobile food units in Bell County. Ms. Brem gave PHEP highlights to include a new Health Disparities Coordinator and Workforce Program Coordinator. Mr. Costa discussed current covid, delta and omicron results and the importance of getting vaccinated. Ms. Elliot highlighted on updating clinics to accommodate patients during Covid 19 and introduced the Breast and Cervical cancer services now available. Ms. Morrow briefed on restructuring the Belton clinic and administering vaccines out of that office and discussed the successful curbside benefit during Covid as well as year to year growth.

VI. **Full Member Contributions**

Ms. Porubsky presented a spreadsheet with the 2020 census with cities and towns based on a percentage of the population in Bell County to compare with the 2010 full member contributions. Ms. Morrow added that contribution increases will be held at the March 2022 meeting.

VII. **Consideration and action regarding Fire Marshall Agreement**

Ms. Morrow briefed on the Fire Marshall's agreement. An agreement was created by a Human Resources consulting firm for Board of Health review. A recap was provided by Ms. Morrow for the first year of 2020. An

approval of amendments to the written agreement to add quarterly required deliverables was requested. The motion to add quarterly deliverables was made by Mr. Nelson. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fiala. The motion passed.

VIII. **Consideration and action regarding Director-Elect**

Mr. Blomquist called the executive session to brief the consideration regarding the Director-Elect.

IX. **Executive Session**

Mr. Blomquist called the executive session at 7:20 p.m.

X. **Reconvene / Action items from the executive session**

Mr. Blomquist reconvened back into open session. In consideration regarding the Director Elect, Mr. Blomquist made a motion to approve the contract with Ms. Amy Yeager becoming the Bell County Public Health District's Director effective February 14, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. **Next meeting date March 7, 2022**

XII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.