



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 September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at 201 N. 8th 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)
Mr. Sam Fiala (City of Killeen) - Virtual
Mr. John Mosley (City of Morgan's Point Resort) – Virtual
Mr. Andre Avots (City of Temple) – Virtual
Mr. David Broecker (Village of Salado)
Mr. Wayne Carpenter (City of Belton) – Virtual
Mr. Russ Nelson (City of Little River/Academy)

REPRESENTATIVES not present:

EX OFFICIO:

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERSONEL attending:

Ms. Judy Porubsky
Ms. Stephanie Chavez
Ms. Becky Flores
Mr. Costa Claver
Ms. Cathy Brem

Mr. George Highsmith
Mr. Kent Stephens
Ms. Consuelo Elliott (Virtual)
Ms. Kathy Carslile
Ms. Lori Fontenot

OTHER:

Mr. Dr. Abel

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bell County Public Health District Board of Health was called to order at 5:30 pm on September 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.**

Mr. Blomquist opened for discussion minutes from the June 14, 2021 minutes and the September 2, 2021 special meeting. After a brief review Mr. Blomquist asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda with the additional items of Board Member position discussions and Fire Marshall Membership contributions. Mr. Blomquist also asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. The motion passed by Mr. Nelson with Mr. Broecker seconding that motion.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

III. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED 2020/2021 BUDGET FOR ALL HEALTH DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

After a brief review by Ms. Porubsky and the answering of some questions from the board, Mr. Blomquist asked for a motion to approve revised Budget for 2021/2022 which included raises for the staff. The motion was passed by Mr. Nelson with Mr. Broecker seconding that motion.

IV. **BOARD OF MEMBER POSITION DISCUSSIONS**

Current vacancies were discussed. Mr. Blomquist was nominated to be the chairman of the board and Ms. Long was nominated to be the co-chairman of the board. This motion passed unanimously across the board.

V. **FIRE MARSHALL CONTRACT & MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

The board discussed membership contributions to the Fire Marshall. The board elects to have each municipality pay their share currently being subsidized by the Health Department as it was prescribed as originally set up. The motion was passed by Mr. Moseley with Ms. Kathy Long seconding that motion. This motion passed unanimously across the board.

VI. **DIRECTOR UPDATES**

Ms. Morrow gave a presentation on the Covid 19 educational video, updated website, covid-19 flyers and encouraged all the board to get on the Health District social media. Ms. Morrow went over the updated dashboard on the Health District website.

VII. **STAFF UPDATES**

Cathy Brem and Kathy Carlisle gave brief updates on grants and how it will benefit the Health District by adding five employees. Mr. Stephens gave an update on septic inspections, real estate inspections as well as number of court cases filed in the county. Mr. Highsmith highlighted the current reduction of retail food inspections at this moment due to Covid 19 and losing an inspector. As a new retail food inspector will be available, retail food will then be able to increase routine inspections. Nikki discussed a new mobile app that the community will be able to download to apply for WIC and apply for benefits. Nikki also discussed the increase in WIC clients.

VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

IX. **RECONVENE**

X. **NEXT MEETING DATE, DECEMBER 13, 2021**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT - 7:21 pm**