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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
December 11, 2018**

BOH Members Present: Greg Barnett, Dr. Lindstrom, Deb Gayer, Chris Showalter
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze, Tammy Fleshner
Visitor Present: Lisa Koppin, Lezah Hansen, Mindy Watters, NICA0

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room by Greg Barnett. No public comment was heard.

The staff from North Iowa Community Action Organization presented their Year-End Report and distributed handouts. They will continue with the I-Smile program in Butler County.

Greg Barnett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and this was seconded by Chris Showalter. Motion carried.

Deb Gayer made a motion to approve the previous meetings' minutes after correction, and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

The updated Financial Report was distributed. Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the following claims: 10-9-18, 10-16-18, 10-30-18, 11-6-18, 11-13-18, 11-20-18, 11-27-18, 12-4-18, 12-11-18, and 12-18-18; and this was seconded by Greg Barnett.

The Environmental Health Report was then distributed. See attached notes.

Jennifer Becker then presented the Public Health Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. She has proposed a 3% wage increase for staff. The actual percentage of increase will be determined by the Board of Supervisors, and this information will be emailed to the Board of Health. Expenditure increases explained, including telephone expenditures that can no longer be billed to the Preparedness Grant. The Revenue was presented as more realistic. Medicaid and the MCOs revenue has decreased by over \$100,000. All of the Grants and Medicare revenue are guesses. The allocation needed to balance the budget is approximately \$270,000. The Board of Health needs to submit a letter to the Board of Health regarding this allocation request. Jennifer will compose this letter. The Environmental Health Budget Proposal includes equipment and a GPS receiver to operate new software. A motion was made by Chris Showalter to approve the proposed budgets, with the exception of the salary increases, and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

Staff updates were then discussed. We have had two home care aides retire, and another quit in November. We have hired a nursing student who lives in Parkersburg. She can work a few hours each morning this semester. Discussion followed regarding future hiring of home care aide. Tricia Kasemeier is back to work after her maternity leave.

The Medicare Cost Report Results were discussed. There are no recommended changes at this time. The contract goes for one more year.

Jennifer Becker presented the Program Reports. Most programs are status quo. The Care for Yourself and Tobacco Prevention programs have had 3 coordinators in the last 6 months. Immunization audits must be done by the end of January. Tricia is scheduling visits now. Communicable Disease Investigation has been very busy with 3 Hepatitis B cases, 1 Pertussis case, and 2 Salmonella cases. There have been no new cases of Pertussis for 3 weeks.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tammy Fleshner, for

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Dickes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joyce Dickes

Environmental Health report to the Board of Health
December 11, 2018

18-19 Fiscal Year Well Program:

Water tests: 86 (compared to 88 last fiscal year)

Well permits: 7 (5 last fiscal year) – 1 residence, 1 recreational & 5 for CAFOs/Livestock

Well closings: 7 wells, 3 cisterns (9 last fiscal year)

Rehabilitated: 4 (6 last fiscal year)

The 2018-2019 Grants to Counties well program final award amount was \$30,927, with approximately \$13,266 or 42% remaining.

I also placed in ad in the County plat book this year advertising the grants to counties program.

Septic

Permits: I issued 62 permits compared to 76 at this time last year, with 11 of those still need to be installed.

17 for New Construction; 18 for Failing Systems/wanting to update; 20 for ToFT and 3 for campers/recreational uses; 4 alterations/repairs.

Septic Complaint: I filed a septic complaint against a resident in Dumont. I have been fighting with him for over two years to install a system at a new house he built just outside of Dumont. The hearing was this morning and apparently no one had shown up for it so I'm waiting to find out what the Magistrate ordered.

UPDATE: The hearing was rescheduled for October 30th. The property owner and I both attended and discussed the situation. He is aware that he needs to do something but money is an issue. The County Attorney did not attend so the Magistrate rescheduled it once again for December 27th. I gave the resident information on some financing options available and I have talked to him a couple of times on the phone. He is working on securing financing but now because of the weather, there isn't much that can be done until spring.