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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 23, 2016**

BOH Members Present: Mitch Nordmeyer, Deb Gayer, Dr. Lindstrom
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze, Tammy Fleshner
Visitors Present: Rex Ackerman

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room by Mitch Nordmeyer. No public comment was heard.

Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and this was seconded by Deb Gayer. Motion carried.

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

Tammy Fleshner gave an updated financial report. Deb Gayer made a motion to approve the 12-22-15, 12-29-15, 1-15-16, 1-19-16, 1-26-16, 2-2-16, 2-9-16 and 3-1-16 claims, and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

Misty Kroeze gave the Environmental Health report. See attached. The number of water tests is down. This is possibly due to the increased costs of the arsenic testing, so we are not advertising as much, and retesting more. We may advertise at a later date. Well closings are up due to increased reimbursement from the Department of Public Health.

Jennifer presented an interagency agreement between Floyd County Environmental Health and Butler County Environmental Health. This is the same agreement that has been in place in the past, but it is time to renew. Deb Gayer made a motion to approve this agreement, and Dr. Lindstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Agreement was signed by Board of Health Chairperson, Mitch Nordmeyer, and Jennifer will send to Floyd County for their Board of Health signature.

Jennifer Becker then gave the Program Updates:

Deb Henricks has been acting as Assistant Administrator for six months and it is time for her six month reevaluation. Jennifer is very happy with her work, and as per plan, she will receive an additional \$1.00 per hour, effective 3-22-16.

Elderly Waiver Case Management is currently run by Medicaid / Department of Human Services. Case Management is only being contracted out by AmeriHealth Caritas. Most of our case management patients will stay with us.

We have contracted with all three Managed Care Organizations for Home Health Services.

CHNA – HIP (Community Health Needs Assessment) We are on a five year cycle. We have completed the CHNA, and are finishing the HIP. It is due 2-29-16. The greatest health risk is cardiovascular risk death. We are focusing on education, nutrition and exercise.

The LPHS (Local Public Health Services) grant is due 3-3-2016. It is already submitted. The grant increased from \$50,409 to \$50,601.

The Tobacco Prevention Grant is due 3-2-16. Patty is working on the Action Plans in regards to schools, etc. It has increased \$3000.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer / Care for Yourself Program awarded \$6000 for Outreach. Patty has been working on doing innovative things. She is putting signs on Regional transit buses in Franklin County – both in Spanish and English, and ads on the back of Hy-Vee receipts in Charles City, along with the traditional things.

Communicable Disease – We have had 2 cases of mumps recently (makes a total of 3). They include a 21 year old with a college exposure, and a 10 year old with no known exposure.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tammy Fleshner, for



Joyce Dickes

Environmental Health report to the Board of Health
February 23, 2016

15-16 Fiscal Year Well Program:

Water tests: **64 (compared to 79 at this time last year)**

Well permits: **7 (7 at this time last year)**

Well closings: **13 (3 at this time last year)**

Rehabilitated: **3 (6 at this time last year)**

The 2014 – 2015 Grants to Counties well program is \$26,530. We have spent \$16,494.32 or about 62% of total grant awarded to-date. We have also been made aware that we must notify IDPH before spending our last 3%. I've worked on a nice spreadsheet to help me keep track of money spent as I go, and also has helped make voucher reporting quicker.

Septic

Permits: I issued **65** septic permits in 2015 (compared to 73 in 2014). I have issued 3 permits in 2016 so far (compared to 1 at this time last year).

Licensed Contractors: 27 licensed contractors so far this year.

Complaints:

I have been working with the County Attorney on filing complaints against Clint DeGroot for failure to replace a failing septic system uncovered during a Time of Transfer Inspection per his agreement signed with the County on January 17, 2014; Falcon Resources/James Hansel for failure to install a new system per his agreement signed with the County on September 23, 2013; and Ricky Freerks for failure to maintain his alternative septic system since 2011 – an ongoing issue Mike also had with this property owner. After checking with Wendy, I learned that they had not filed the DeGroot & Freerks complaints yet as they wanted to make sure it was not actually a civil suit (which makes no sense to me) and the Falcon Resources complaint has been filed, but there was a conflict with our Magistrate so the Franklin County Magistrate is looking at it.

I also received information on a system for Douglas Ahrenholz – in 2012 he re-built a house on his property on 325th St in New Hartford and was told by Mike that he needed to install a new septic system at that time. Mike had site notes for this property but no permit was ever issued. A contractor contacted me for a site map as Mr. Ahrenholz was having problems with his system. Upon visiting the site, the contractor found out that Mr. Ahrenholz hooked into his old septic system which discharges to the ditch. He was sent a notice of violation and I have since been contacted by another contractor who is trying to put together an estimate for them.

Radon

I have sold 25 radon test kits so far. Of those, 11 have been analyzed and three came back way above the 4.0 action level set by EPA. I have discussed mitigation with one of these and plan to follow up with the other two soon. I did send a coupon to the newspapers to be published and the Greene Recorder was the only one to publish it, but I had a great response from the Greene area as a result of this. I did receive a lot of inquiries about Radon which I hadn't had too much of in the past, so I think our Radon program is off to a good start. Once I have more data I do plan to start tracking radon results on the GIS like I do for water test results. I also plan to talk to the Home Care Aids about radon at their in-service tomorrow.

CEHT

I had mentioned that I was studying to take my CEHT exam this spring. Well NEHA decided to do away with this exam immediately following their last Board meeting as they did not have enough people taking the exam to justify keeping it. I contacted NEHA and expressed my disappointment that they did not at least give a notice and cut-off date for those of us who had hoped to take it this spring. He basically said that there was nothing he could do, the Board terminated it immediately and were making no exceptions.