

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m. September 7, 2023
PLACE: Rock Island County Health Department, 2112 25th Avenue Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS Ms. Kaye Whitley, President
PRESENT: Dr. Mark Bollaert
Mr. Larry Coyne
Ms. Edna Sowards, County Board Representative
Ms. Debbie Freiburg
Mr. Michael Daly
Mr. Leon Gibson
Dr. Jean Wardlow

ABSENT Dr. Naurin Ahmad
Mr. Jeff Deppe
Mr. Andrew McClarity, Vice President

STAFF
PRESENT: Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer
Ms. Janet Hill, Interim Administrator

Board President, Kaye Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

MOTION The minutes for the August 2023 Board of Health meeting were approved with a motion made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to go into closed session at 5:34pm under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2), and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) was made by Ms. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Coyne. Roll call vote taken, with all voting yes. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to go back into open session was made by Ms. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Daly. Roll call vote taken, with all voting yes. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to hire a George Verástegui as public health administrator for \$130,000, a one-time \$8,000 for moving and living expenses, three weeks of vacation, one week of sick time, with a two-year commitment for the \$8,000 and a review in six months for additional salary increase contingent on a background and reference check was made by Ms. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call vote taken, with all voting yes. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the financial reports for the period ending August 31, 2023, with revenues of \$627,136 and expenditures of \$308,418 for the month of August and a net loss of \$301,479 for the year. He also suggested the department makes its fourth quarter cost allocation payment to Rock Island County.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the base cash flow for the month of September. The health department's balance sheet shows cash balance of \$267,506 and investments of \$2,137,000, \$128,524 from tax distribution and \$293,443 from the State of Illinois. Mr. Bryant said there will be two payrolls in September. He asked to pay vouchers totaling \$98,625. The department's projected cash balance for the end of September is \$2,433,198. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Dr. Bollaert, seconded by Mr. Daly. Roll call vote was taken, with all voting yes. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Bryant reported about a previously discussed elevator safety project that will secure the elevator with key employees' existing key fobs. The costs is about \$7,500. A motion to move forward with elevator safety was made by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Ms. Whitley. Roll call vote taken, with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Hill said the department has given out about 200 gun locks out from a project from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. Additional locks remain and more can be ordered.

There has been a change to the amount of money WIC participants receive due to the potential federal government shutdown on Oct. 1.

Ms. Hill reminded the Board of two trainings that need to be taken: Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act.

MOTION Ms. Whitley made a motion for the Health Department to pay for anything associated with the hiring of Mr. Verástegui, seconded by Mr. Coyne. Roll call vote taken, with all yes. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Sowards, Secretary, by
Megan Michels, Grants Manager

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