

4th Floor Conference Room

Boone County Courthouse

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Dr. Mehlhaus at 5:30 pm
- II. **Attendance:** Present: Dr. Mehlhaus, Kristine Johansen, Kriss Haglund, Gary Nystrom, Shawn Bryant.
Additional Attendees:
Debi Pestotnik, Public Health Administrator.
Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.
- III. **Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (09/16/2024).**
 - Motion by Gary Nystrom, 2nd by Shawn Bryant to approve minutes as submitted. The vote was unanimous; Motion carried.
- IV. **Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion by Shawn Bryant, 2nd by Kriss Haglund to approve agenda and agenda changes. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- V. **Open Public Hearing(s) and Consideration of Request(s)**
 - A. None.
- VI. **Unfinished (Old) Business**
 - A. Ed Tharp – Secretary- Boone County Board of Health.
He gave a brief explanation of the Opioid Settlement Fund balance with a handout to the board members. He said that the City of Boone had finally deposited the check for 3850.00 from 06/05/2024. This would make the total amount in the Auditor’s column on the handout correct. The Board then discussed the amount of money in the Opioid Fund and the possibilities of future payments to the fund. Shawn Bryant talked about

prioritizing the projects depending on funds that are available and the possibilities of future payments to the fund. They then discussed that they did not know when the payments would come in and for how long they would keep receiving them.

B. Sondra Donald, Boone County Hospital Directory of the Pharmacy
Presentation-09-16-2024.

The board discussed the presentation that Sondra Donald made at the last meeting. Ed Tharp the Secretary- Boone County Board of Health brought the presentation up on the screen to show the board members the exact amounts that were presented. Gary Nystrom brought up some comments and concerns about the amounts and his feelings on what he thought the of money should be awarded for. Shawn Bryant then brought up some comments and concerns. Dr. Mehlhaus asked the rest of the board members if they had any questions or concerns. Kriss Haglund made a brief comment and so did Kristine Johansen. Dr. Mehlhaus then gave a brief statement about the different amounts of money for the different periods of the 84-month lease for the C2 Safe. The Board members discussed the different amounts of money that had been requested for the upgrade of the lease for the C2 Safe. After looking at the different amounts of money, the board agreed on funding the 12-month difference which came to \$15,192.00.

Dr. Mehlhaus entertained a motion. Motion by Shawn Bryant, 2nd by Kristine Johansen to award the Boone County Hospital Pharmacy, \$15,192.00 for the upgrade of their C2 Safe. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

C. Debi Pestotnik, Boone County Public Health - Amendment to LPHS Grant.
She explained the contract and why it needed to be amended. The amounts needed to be changed, and Dr. Mehlhaus will have to sign the amendment to the grant application.

Dr. Mehlhaus entertained a motion. Motion by Gary Nystrom, 2nd by Shawn Bryant to have Dr. Mehlhaus sign the amendment to the LPHS grant application. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

- D. Debi Pestotnik, Boone County Public Health- Signatory change from Debi Pestotnik to Lydia Billings, Assistant Director of Public Health Services. Debi Pestotnik is retiring December 31st,2024. Lydia will be taking her place as the Director of Public Health Services. Lydia will be the signatory authority to sign all contracts instead of getting Dr. Mehlhaus to sign them. Debi will remain on until the 31st of December and as of January 1st,2025, Lydia Billings will be the new signatory. Debi explained out how everything works with the signatures.

Dr. Mehlhaus entertained a motion. Motion by Shawn Bryant, 2nd by Kristine Johansen to transfer the signatory authority from Debi Pestotnik to Lydia Billings as of January 1st,2025. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Heather Bombi, Regional Community Health Consultant of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, presented a certificate to Debi Pestotnik in appreciation of her 27 years of public health service to Boone County and the State of Iowa.

Heather also stated that she started Lydia Billings's orientation for the position she is taking over as Debi Pestotnik's replacement as the Public Health Director for Boone County.

VII. New Business.

- A. None.

VIII. Department Update

A. Public Health Department Report – Debi Pestotnik, Public Health Administrator talked about rapping up the immunization audits of the day cares and preschools in the county. She talked about exemptions and said that there was not very many. She stated that overall immunizations were up. She said that Covid is super low right now. Dr. Mehlhaus then asked Lydia Billing if she had anything to add and she gave a brief report on what she had been doing recently. She talked about a lady by name of Stacy that goes around to different counties and talks about sex trafficking in Iowa. She said that she was trying to work with DMACC so that Stacy could present to the public about this growing problem in Iowa.

B. Health and Sanitation Department Report.

Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.

Gave an update on septic systems in the county that have been installed. He said that they have approximately 101 permits and around 52 of them are in the ground. He talked about the last of the septic grants that were left are getting installed and they should all be completed by the end of December. He said that he had still been busy doing well testing, but it had dropped off this year compared to the last two years. He gave each board member a handout on the number of well tests and well plugging's with the grants through the state for the first quarter of the year.

Debi also added about the Resource Fair that Ed and her participated in and talked about everything that went on. She also talked about RSVP's Samaritans Feet for Seniors and that they ended up giving out 150 new pairs of shoes to seniors in Boone County. She said that they want to be able to do this every other year.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Mehlhaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Shawn Bryant, 2nd by Kriss Haglund to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

Next Meeting January 20th, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at Boone County Courthouse: 4th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Tharp, Secretary.