

Porter County Board of Health

Tuesday November 14, 2023

Commissioners Chambers

Abbreviated Minutes

In Attendance: Attorney Dave Hollenbeck, Dr. Maria Stamp, Terry Wuletich, Dr. Linda Boxum, Kathy Lemmon, Robyn Lane, Dr. Chris Osan, Dr. Patrick Fleming, Dr. Kim Brunt

Absent:

Dr. Boxum calls the meeting to order and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Boxum: Introduces Dr. Kim Brunt as the newest Porter County Board of Health member and asks her to speak.

Dr. Brunt introduces herself to the board and the public and says she works at Anxiety & OCD Behavioral Health Center. She has lived in Porter County for more than 30 years.

After Dr. Brunt's introduction, Dr. Boxum makes a motion to approve the minute from the last session. Kathy Lemmon seconds that motion and it was approved unanimously.

Dr. Boxum announces that the Pryce Group will be joining in the December Board of Health meeting to give the results of the needs-based assessment.

Dr. Boxum cancels the scheduled "Special Session" meeting and announces that the next meeting will take place on December 5th. The information presented at that meeting will be taken and presented to the commissioners the following week.

Dr. Boxum announces the first meeting in 2024 will be January 9th. The location is not known yet.

Report from the Attorney: Dave Hollenbeck speaks on working with Dan Boyd on the new septic ordinance.

Dr. Boxum says claims and receipts were emailed to each Board of Health member and makes a motion to approve them. Kathy Lemmon makes mention of the \$300,000 for storage at the Expo on the claims. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carrie Gschwind gives an update on the renovation plans for the Administration building. She also announces that the Health Department has hired a CARE Coordinator and they will begin in December of 2023. Carrie goes on to talk about the Pryce Group wrapping up their work and gives an update on their progress.

John Pisowicz gives an update on the planned crisis drill taking place on November 15. He explains how our area is in the ingestion pathway for Cook Nuclear Plant in Michigan, and how this drill is important.

Dr. Stamp welcomes Dr. Brunt and gives her vital records report.

Public Comment:

Tim Qugh speaks. He says he started coming to the Board of Health meeting within these past few years. He says he has never been tested or received a vaccine. He quotes the bible, Luke Chapter 8.

Dawn speaks. She asks about AARPA funds (\$1.4 million) that will help pay for the reconstruction to the Health Department. She asks where the rest of the funds will come from.

Deb Silvert of Morgan Township speaks. She gives out paperwork to the Board of Health. She filed a Freedom of Information Act for the Board of Health's email communications.

Porter County Councilman Andy Vasquez speaks. He thanks for Board for allowing public comment. He says that everyone should respect the time given to speak at these meeting.

Porter County Resident...? She hands out paperwork. She says Pfizer and other organizations are lying and reads her report.

Dr Boxum makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Terry Wuletich seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned.