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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on February 13, 2024, at 4:00PM. Ronnie Jones opened the meeting with roll call. Present were Jones, Nicole Glass, Lisa Ludovici, Sandy Haspel and John Plesa via phone.

Commissioner Davis was unable to attend. Staff present were Health Officer, Chris Rhody D.O, Administrator, Jackie Huff, Carolyne Baker, Morgan Watson, and Becky Weekley.

Chair Jones then moved to the discussion and/ or motion of the minutes. Hearing no discussion Nicole Glass moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Ludovici seconded the motion. All voted in affirmative to approve the minutes.

Chair Jones asked for any discussion and or motion for financials. All members had reviewed the minutes and had no further discussion. Nicole Glass moved to approve the financials. Lisa Ludovici seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to approving the financials.

No public comments

New business was to renew the Health Officer, Dr Rhody contract. Lisa Ludovici moved to approve the contract. Sandy Haspel seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative to approve the renewal of Dr. Rhody as Health Officer of the Board.

Chair Jones then asked the Board members to consider an increase in his monthly contract amount by \$25. The chair asked for discussion or motion. Nicole Glass moved to approve his contractual amount from \$950 to \$975 monthly. Sandy Haspel seconded the motion. All voting in the affirmative motion passed.

The third item under new business was Permits rule for Hancock County Health Department. Chairman turned the discussion over to Jackie Huff. She explained that there is a current bill in legislation to repeal Code 64CSR30, stating that the rule for environmental permits should not be established by the Bureau. The bill has not passed to date, but talk is that it will. The WVALHD, the regional health department groups and Hancock County Health Department are being proactive in addressing this issue due to the timely process to get approved. The board was provided with a draft of the proposed Hancock County rule and the current 64CSR30 state rule for comparing and referencing. The difference with documents was the fees. The fees have not been increased for several years. Jackie stated, the WVALHD had approached the County Commission Association at the state to explain the situation of why each county was developing the rule and increase. This was due to the departments trying to all be similar, and to make the Association aware of the process because each county commission would have to approve, disapprove, or take no action with the rule. Some discussion on the proposal took place. Jackie explained that if the bill did not pass then the current rule would remain.

Nicole Glass made a motion to publish the draft rule for 30-day public comment. At the April Meeting the board would hear or read any comments and revisit the rule at that time. John Plesa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The proposed rule will be placed for public comment.

Staff reports: The clinical and environmental staff presented the board with each department's reports.

Jackie shared that a community needs assessment is in process and that part of the assessment will be to do a survey of the community. All board members are encouraged to participate.

The threat preparedness grant was finalized in January it was submitted in June of 2023. The invoices will be submitted for July-January this week.

Discussion took place on the money that was approved for the health department to do landscaping concrete work, additional parking, and 2 bay garage. Jackie stated that it had been approved and that Paul Zuros is the person at the commission office that is working on it. No update was provided since the email to state that the Capito money had been approved.

Board discussed that a new board/meeting table was needed and how it could be purchased. Chair Jones was going to ask each commissioner.

No further business to discuss John Plesa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sandy Haspel. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is April 9, 2024 at 4:00PM

Respectfully submitted for Dr Rhody by Jackie Huff