



# LENAWEE COUNTY

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# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
May 18, 2022

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Present: John Tuckerman, John Frye, Dr. Lorrie Tritt, Lee Ann Minton, Commissioner Terry Collins

Also Present: Monica Hunt, Susie Dice, Angie Carlton, Natalie Johnson, Administrator Kim Murphy

Absent: Kasee Johnson

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The May 18, 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by BOH Chair John Tuckerman.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton supported by Dr. Lorrie Tritt, to approve the May 18, 2022 BOH agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Terry Collins supported by Dr. Lorrie Tritt, to approve the April 20, 2022 BOH meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

## **REVIEW OF MONTHLY VOUCHER LIST**

Accounts Payable (AP) Invoice Report [April 2022] – The monthly AP Invoice Report (full text on file), was reviewed.

Clarification was requested on the following:

- *Vendor 12362 – First Bank Card paid by EFT #29410 for \$130.00 – Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian Credentials Renewal Fee*
- *Vendor 12362 – First Bank Card paid by EFT #29410 for \$480.00 – National Association of County and City Officials Virtual Conference*
- *Vendor 15597 – Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler paid by check #401589 for \$7,645.80 – Legal Fees Associated with Covid-19 Litigation*
- *Vendor 368 – Lenawee Transportation Corp. paid by EFT #29497 for \$1,300.00 – Covid-19 Testing Site*

Motion by John Frye supported by Dr. Lorrie Tritt, to accept and approve the April 2022 Accounts Payable Report, Motion carried, 5-0.



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## **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

Avian Influenza – Monica reported 37.8 million birds have been affected in the United States, and 35,920 birds have been affected in Michigan; 35,000 flocks have been destroyed in Michigan.

COVID-19 - Lenawee County remains at medium community transmission level. The BA2 normal variant makes up approximately 54.7% of all positive cases, while 44.7% of cases are the BA.2.12.1 variant. The Lenawee County covid testing site is testing 50 people per day on average, with a positivity rate of 23.5%. The health department continues to do mobile vaccine clinics, upcoming clinics include United Way and Juneteenth.

Personnel – An offer of employment has been made for the Sanitarian position. The Environmental Health Technician position has also been filled. Jaime Greenwald has been appointed Interim Finance Director.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

County Administrator Kim Murphy introduced herself and addressed questions from the board. Administrator Murphy provided clarification on the status of the health officer position, as well as, what the hiring process would be in the future, should there be a need.

There was discussion regarding creating a booklet for the public outlining the board of health history, guidelines and responsibilities. The expectation is that the booklet be a brief overview and easy-to-read format. The BOH will be kept apprised.

FOIA Update – There was brief discussion regarding obtaining an official written statement from legal counsel to clarify if handwritten notes taken by board members during a public meeting are permissible. Administrator Murphy will reach out to legal counsel for clarification.

## **PROGRAM REPORTS**

Personal Health –Natalie reviewed the *PHN Report* for April 2022 (full text on file). Natalie reported covid vaccines continue to be offered on a walk-in basis, averaging 50-70 per week. MDHHS and CDC have placed restrictions on the administration of the J&J vaccine. Influenza activity has been low this season. Influenza vaccinations will continue to be administered through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Environmental Health – No report.



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Emergency Preparedness – Susie reported the health department received a donation of covid home tests from Adrian Steel which are being distributed at local libraries. The first human case of Avian Influenza was detected in Colorado. No other human cases have been reported since then. On May 10<sup>th</sup> MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development) stopped poultry and waterfowl exhibitions in Michigan until the state goes for 30 consecutive days without a new detection of Avian Influenza in domestic poultry.

Financial – Monica reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report and provided an opportunity for questions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was received by Ms. Bethany Teague of Blissfield.

Administrator Murphy explained that per the current BOH by-laws, meetings are conducted under Robert's Rules of Order. Additionally, Ms. Murphy explained that public comment is a one-way conversation - the public posing their question or comment for the board to take under advisement. There was discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Lenawee County BOH meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM by BOH Chair John Tuckerman.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenawee County Board of Health  
John Tuckerman, BOH Chair  
Angie Carlton, BOH Secretary