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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on April 10, 2024, at 4:00PM. Chair Jones opened the meeting with roll call. Present were Jones, Lisa Ludovici, Nicole Glass, John Plesa and Sandy Haspel. Dr Rhody, health officer and Jackie Huff, Administrator and Becky Weekley were the staff present. Commissioner Davis was unable to attend.

The minutes and financials of the February meeting were distributed previously for review. Chair Jones asked for any discussion or motion to approve the minutes. John Plesa moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nicole Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The chair then asked for any discussion on the financials. Hearing none he asked for a motion. John Plesa moved to approve the financials as submitted. Lisa Ludovici seconded the motion. All in favor the motion passed.

No Public Comments

Old Business: New conference room table and chairs were purchased. The table can be separated for any training needed. It was ordered through CBI and the state pricing was given. \$4500 will come from a line item in the county's budget.

Fees for Permits: The public comment period ended on March 15, 2024. There were no comments from the public on the permit rule and fees. Jackie met with the county commissioners on March 28<sup>th</sup> to update them on the change and provide them with a draft of the rule and fees. The process is that the commission will need to approve any rule going forward after the Board of Health votes to approve. The commission had Jackie place the fees on their agenda for the April 11, 2024, meeting. When Jackie checked the agenda, it had been removed and was told that the commission had removed the item for further review. Jackie reached out to the commissioners to see if she could answer any more questions. Jeff Davis stated he was out of town and would touch basis the next week. A motion was made by Lisa Ludovici to approve the rule and fees for permits effective upon passage by BPH and Governor on July 1, 2024. John Plesa seconded the motion. All voted in favor motion passed and will await the Commissioners action. (The commission voted and approved the rule for permit fees. The rule has been filed with the secretary of states office)

New Business: Jackie Huff informed the board that the Governor had approved a 5% pay increase for certain departments throughout the state and local health was

included in the group. The governor stated that it should help offset some of the 14% increase of the insurance. Chair Jones asked for consideration of the 5% increase for the staff with an additional 9% to assist with the insurance increases. John Plesa made the motion for the 5% increase for the staff. An additional 9% will go the insurance coverage by the department as employer coverage. This will be effective on July 1, 2024. Lisa Ludovici seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Jackie Huff gave a legislative update on the immunization billon in which some exemptions were to be allowed. The bill passed legislature and went to the governor for passage. The Governor vetoed the bill, so the current rules on immunizations remain in effect.

Program reports: Administrative Jackie asked how the Board wished to be paid for the meeting attendance. All members liked the checks available at the attendance of the meeting.

She also asked the members to review the current bylaws and see if any additions or changes might be needed.

Jackie stated she is currently working on the budget and program plan and will present to all when completed for their review and approval.

Clinical and Environmental reports were provided to the board for review.

Outreach was provided with Hancock County Schools to provide students with awareness of the different roles of the Health Department.

Threat Preparedness exercises with the office of Emergency Services and First Energy were participated in by several employees. Chelsea Everly is taking on some of the TP roles within the Health Department and providing some other training for the department's staff.

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Next meeting will be June 12,2024 at 4pm

With no further business to discuss, John Plesa made a motion to adjourn, and Lisa Ludovici seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for Dr Rhody by Jackie Huff