

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

April 3, 2007

(meeting moved from the regular date of April 10 due to budget approval)

Members Present: Chairman, Dr. Ronnie Campbell, Angie Stahl, Dr. Jim Davis, Tammy Dills, David Hourdequin, Ron Winecoff, Dr. Roy Lenzo, Dr. Scott Petty, Paul Higdon, and Dr. David Silverstein.

Staff Present: Ken Ring, Debbie Reeves, Becky Barr, Lynn Tyler, Judy Bell, Barry Patterson, Anne Hyder and Kathy McGaha.

Guest: Lesley Moxley, County Attorney

Media: Franklin Press

After dinner was served, Chairman Ron Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. The minutes of the last regular scheduled meeting of March 13, 2007 were unanimously approved on a motion by Tammy Dills and second by Paul Higdon.

Closed Session

A motion was made by David Hourdequin and a second by Tammy Dills to go into closed session at 6:15 pm for the purposes of discussing legal issues. All employees and media were asked to be excused except for Mr. Ring and Anne Hyder. At 6:20 pm, Mr. Ring and Anne Hyder were also excused. At 7 pm, the Board came out of closed session. A motion was then made by Scott Petty to expand the search for the Public Health Director to be a national search and appropriate the funds to do so. The motion passed unanimously after a second by David Hourdequin.

Old Business

* Environmental Health Issues - Barry reported on the 'catch up plan' he submitted on February 17 to this Board. The update report includes the loss of a Registered Sanitarian last week so staffing is at five (5) positions at this time. David Hourdequin asked that by next week for the EH liaison meeting, that the goal be decreased to a 3-4 week wait (ideally meaning the oldest applications submitted). Dr. Davis and Mr. Hourdequin complemented the section for the progress that has been made. Clerical staffing coverage was discussed briefly. Mr. Hourdequin asked that this topic be discussed further at next week's liaison meeting also.

* Well Ordinance - Mr. Ring reported on a meeting held last week with the EH liaison committee, the County Manager, some of the Commissioners, and the County Attorney. Ken indicated that Ms. Moxley had consulted with the Institute of Government and the Attorney Generals Office on the well rules. A motion was made by Dr. Jim Davis to table the topic until such time that the state gets the rules in place. The motion was seconded by Paul Higdon and passed unanimously.

* Budget for FY 2007-2008 - As the Department's budget was reviewed, discussion was prompted regarding the unmet needs in the Health Education section. A motion was made by David Hourdequin for Ken, Anne and Becky to review the budget in the education arena and come up with a funding line item not to exceed \$100,000 to address the unmet educational needs and to explore utilizing a volunteer coordinator. This motion was seconded by Tammy Dills. The motion failed with 4 approvals, 5 opposed and 1 abstention. Mr. Hourdequin then made a motion for the staff to explore coordination of services through a volunteer program. After a second by Dr. Scott Petty, the motion passed with all in favor / 2 abstentions. A motion followed to approve the budget as presented by David Hourdequin with a second by Ron Campbell. The motion passed with all in favor/ one abstention.

* Other

Public Health Month - Anne Hyder noted that April is recognized as Public

Health Month and she presented certificates to each Board member in recognition and appreciation of the Board's dedication to the department.

New Business - None

Next Meeting - May 8, 2007

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Scott Petty and seconded by David Hourdequin at 8: 05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Macon County Public Health Center