



Macon County  
Public Health

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2013

**Members Present:** Russell Stevenson – Chair, Frank Killian, MD, Frederick Berger, MD, Tammy Dills, Roy Lenzo, DVM, Molly Phillips, David Silverstein, DDS, Stacy Shannon, Roberta Swank & Ron Winecoff.

**Staff Present:** Jim Bruckner, Barry Patterson, Harold Faircloth and Charlene Bellavance

**Guests:** Attorney Chester Jones & County Manager, Jack Horton

**Media:** There were no members of the media present.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and reminded those present that this was a continuation of the February 26, 2013 meeting.

**New Business:**

Mr. Bruckner reminded the members that during the last regularly scheduled meeting a motion was made to continue the meeting at a later date in order to discuss a matter with their attorney and finish the items left on the agenda.

A motion was made at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Silverstein and seconded by Ms. Swank to go into closed session sighting attorney client privilege and that Mr. Bruckner, Mr. Patterson, County Attorney Mr. Chester Jones, County Manager Jack Horton and Mr. Harold Faircloth (Environmental Health Specialist), remain in attendance. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss in Closed Session, a motion was made by Mr. Winecoff with a second by Ms. Swank to go back into open session at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of the findings and future recommendations related to the investigation and follow up sampling of 55 private drinking water wells in Macon County with lead levels exceeding those acceptable for safe drinking water took place among the Board members.

Mr. Bruckner presented the Board with draft copies of: a media release outlining the issue; and, a letter to the NC Division of Public Health, Environmental Health Section outlining the issue and future recommendations. Discussion of these documents among Board members took place.

A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Mr. Silverstein to approve the news release with the changes that were suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Ms. Swank to approve the letter to the NC Division of Public Health, Environmental Health Section, and Attn: Layton Long with changes that were suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended by the Board members that a copy of the press release be given to the local well driller's contractor's association before it gets released to the media and printed in the newspapers. It was also suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to local pediatrician's offices so they can suggest to their patient's with private wells that they have their water tested at least annually and, if needed, get their children's blood tested.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:** March 26, 2013

**Announcements:** Adult Dental Open House – Planned for Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Dr. Killian. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlene Bellavance*

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These minutes were approved on March 26, 2013 with a motion by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Ms. Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.