



Effingham County Board
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December 5, 2023 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel

Committee Members Absent: Doug McCain, Tim Ellis

Other Board Members Present: Joshua Douthit (Chairman), Dave Campbell (Vice-Chairman)

Others Present: Jeff Workman

Minutes

- Approval of November 7, 2023 minutes. J. Douthit motioned/ D. Campbell seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

- Health Department Building Update – J. Workman shared pictures of draft signage for new building to assist in eliminating confusion for county residents. J. Workman reported new location mostly office space for health dept. personnel, with old location on Virginia Street remaining site for immunizations, health care, WIC, etc. J. Workman reported using social media outlets for community awareness of location best suited to their needs until signs are in place.
- Grant Updates – J. Workman reported COVID Emergency Preparedness grant funding recently awarded.
- J. Workman reported ARISE Grant may be extended to end of April 2024 with additional funding provided and possibly of even more funding added through June 2024.
- J. Workman reported some grant funding was not awarded in 2023 as expected, so will be added to 2024 revenues.

New Business

- 2024 Meeting Schedule – D. Campbell motioned to recommend 2024 meeting schedule be moved to full board for approval. J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update – J. Workman reported investigating possible grant funding for EPA Solid Waste to assist in solid waste plan with grant allowing for \$10,000 available per county. D. Campbell recommended contacting SCIRP to inquire if SCIRP was already working on solid waste plan for Effingham County along with other counties serviced by SCIRP.
- COVID Update – J. Workman shared COVID report of 47 cases since 11/30/2023, however not as many hospitalizations. J. Workman stated Health Department still providing tests for county residents.

- CIRMA Insurance – N. Soltwedel shared possibility of scheduling Rick Gallagher to speak with board about insurance and other benefits offered through CIRMA. J. Douthit requested presentation to full board.
- National Health Insurance Data Review – A. Thompson shared report received by BushueHR of the county employee premiums in comparison to reported national average employee premiums.

Adjournment

- D. Campbell motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator