



Effingham County Board
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November 4, 2025 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Tim Ellis, Doug McCain, Norbert Soltwedel

Committee Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman (Health Dept), Beth Wise (Health Dept), Stacy Ray (Health Dept), V. Smith (BushueHR), Sheriff Kuhns

Minutes

- Approval of October 7, 2025 minutes. N. Soltwedel motioned/T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – Committee review of opioid funding balance.
 - Sheriff Kuhns reported six people currently in MARS program, of which two will continue to DOC, 2-3 are doing really well, and one has dropped out and would like to reinstate in the program. Sheriff Kuhns reported there is a good possibility for program to grow and possibly be managed through an additional coordinator with added funding. N. Soltwedel commended Sheriff Kuhns for participation at ROSC meetings and his personal momentum in programming. Sheriff Kuhns encourages all Effingham County residents in need to participate in program. N. Soltwedel mentioned possibility of use through Heartland Human Services. Sheriff Kuhns shared anticipation of phase II of programming to be presented next year.
 - B. Wise reported program with Health Department hasn't been in progress yet at this time.
- N. Soltwedel stated ROSC as received over 300 responses to their survey. N. Soltwedel stated responses will be used for tabulation and reporting on public input on needs.

New Business

- Effingham County Liability Insurance Coverage – V. Smith reported total values increase. V. Smith stated there is an increase every year due to cost of construction. V. Smith stated she is not disappointed with property increase with exposures and coverages remaining the same. V. Smith stated only changes are an amended worker's comp payroll decreasing the worker's comp premium \$5000.00, a decrease in umbrella coverage, and an increase in loss fund and fees and surplus fees with a minimal increase in cyber, airport and terrorism. V. Smith stated the renewal increase is around 5.95%, which is good comparably with other organizations in which she is seeing a 12-13% increase. Discussion on struggles with worker's compensation in programming. V. Smith doesn't recommend bidding out at this time due to dividends and current market she is seeing. V. Smith recommended waiting it out to see what dividends look like. N. Soltwedel motions to approve FY26 liability insurance coverage proposal from CIRMA to Tax and Finance Committee meeting. T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- HopeTrust Open Enrollment – A. Thompson confirmed open enrollment has ended and the final enrollment numbers have been entered in the budget.

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update
 - J. Workman reported Board of Health has approved budget and officers have been voted with all officers remaining the same.
 - J. Workman reported FY26 meeting schedule has been established with only changes being meeting in March will be March 9th and September meeting will be the 14th.
 - J. Workman reported some turnover in staffing, but ok overall.
 - J. Workman reported no clear picture on SNAP system; however, WIC is supported through end of November.
 - State Budget/Grants –J. Workman
 - J. Workman confirmed receiving Cancer Awareness Grant

- Discussion on tiny home development in Shumway and Health Department regulations

Adjournment

- N. Soltwedel motioned/T. Ellis seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator