



Effingham County Board
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December 1, 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), Travis Buhnerkempe, Sheriff Kuhns

Minutes

- Approval of November 4, 2025 minutes. N. Soltwedel motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – Committee review of opioid funding balance.
 - T. Ellis stated he attended ROSC meeting and they may be interested in securing funding for transportation needs.
 - N. Soltwedel inquired on School Resource Officer ability to do presentations at schools. T. Buhnerkempe confirmed they do some presentations at times, however there are only two assigned resource officers in county, one for west side and one for east side.
 - N. Soltwedel inquired if schools keep Narcan on site. T. Buhnerkempe confirmed through school resource officer that some school nurses have it on site.
 - T. Buhnerkempe reported eight participants currently enrolled in MARS program. Sheriff Kuhns shared plans to seriously look at a re-entry officer position who would know where resources are, do follow-ups, and reporting to Sheriff assisting in successful re-entry into society for participants.
 - Discussion on housing needs for opioid recovery.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update
 - N. Soltwedel shared would like to discuss liability insurance assistance for townships with BushueHR.
 - J. Workman reported flu shots are down for this year. Discussion on vaccine volume and location accessibility.
 - State Budget/Grants –
 - J. Workman reported health department will have increased access to data along with the approval to be new pilot data collection site for Data Modernization Initiative.
 - T. Ellis shared this is the last meeting for Health and Insurance before committee will be absorbed into Administrative Committee for FY26.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator