



Effingham County Board
101 N. 4th Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL
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September 2, 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), HopeTrust, Angie Sampson (Weis Insurance)

Minutes

- Approval of August 5, 2025 minutes. N. Soltwedel motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – Committee review of opioid funding balance. Discussion on use of opioid funding for transportation services for individuals in recovery.

New Business

- Renewal of Employee Voluntary Vision, Life, Accident, and Critical Illness Insurance Coverage – T. Ellis stated there is no change in rates. D. McCain motioned approval of Mutual of Omaha renewal for voluntary vision, life, accident, and critical illness insurance coverage. N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
- Renewal of Employee Voluntary Dental Coverage – T. Ellis shared increase for coverage renewal of 3% locked in through 11/1/2027. D. McCain motioned approval of Delta Dental renewal for dental coverage. N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
- HopeTrust Renewal – T. Ellis shared renewal rate increase average around 3.5% for Effingham County and others are averaging 6% increase. HopeTrust shared Effingham County employees have been taking advantage of preferred providers allowing for lower rate increase and encouraged continued use of portal, teledoc, and preferred providers. HopeTrust confirmed October is open enrollment for any changes in coverage including adding family members; sharing County Clerk's office will get open enrollment materials to be sent out. N. Soltwedel motioned approval of HopeTrust renewal for health coverage. D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update
 - State Budget/Grants – J. Workman stated Board of Health meeting is scheduled Monday, September 8th.
 - J. Workman reported:
 - Health Department budget has been submitted for county.
 - Health Department has applied for cancer education grant and resiliency grant.
 - North entrance of Hoop building has been widened.
 - Big Beautiful Bill includes grant funding for transportation for rural areas.
 - Drive Through flu clinics start Sept 15th.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator