

BOARD OF HEALTH**November 10, 2021****6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order in person and via Zoom at 6:00 pm by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present:

MEMBERS-In Person

Tony Massa – Warden

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

MEMBERS-Via Zoom

Danny Stone – Commissioner

Brad Parrish – Electric City

Tom Harris – Quincy

STAFF-In person

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Maria Vargas – CPH Manager

Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

STAFF-Via Zoom

Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Absent

Darcy Moss – Finance Support Facilitator

Kevin Newland – Wilson Creek

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the amendment to change 7a from Ordinance 21-4 2021 Budget Amendment to Ordinance 21-4 2022 Fee Schedule and 7b from Adoption of Ordinance 21-4 to adoption of Ordinance 21-4. (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The October vouchers for the period ending November 10, 2021 totaling \$400,793.10 (#1 –#3 totaling \$203,428.94, #4 – #30 totaling \$66,231.72, #31 - #57 totaling \$50,376.98, #58 - #69 totaling \$11,685.35 and #70 – #91 totaling \$69,070.11), were approved (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

Dr. Brzezny introduced Dr. Liz Buck, a 2nd year Family Medicine resident at Chelan Douglas.

Health Officer’s COVID-19 Report - Dr. Brzezny

PowerPoint presented regarding COVID-19 rates, vaccine information, trends & guidance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - Stephanie Shopbell

Public Hearing-2022 Fee Schedule Ordinance 21-4—The public hearing was opened for comment on Ordinance 21-4. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

Adoption of Ordinance 21-4—Motion made to approve Ordinance 21-4, 2022 Fee Schedule; discussion held, and motion was made. Commissioner Stone requested Ordinance 21.4 be amended after both the motion and the second. Neither Dr. Curnel nor Councilman Wanke rescinded their action. The Ordinance as presented was voted on and motion carried (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous by roll call).

2022 Permit Renewals—Update on renewals given to the board; no questions.

Other Updates— Update sent in email. A request was made by Mark Wanke that the inspection report list out the towns of the facilities being inspected. Stephanie said that would be noted and will start being reported by EH.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program updates—Emailed and update given to board, no questions

Other Updates—GCHD is working with county school districts to ensure the availability of pediatric vaccine. Theresa did let the board know that GCHD continues to meet with healthcare partners and continue to work together for the good of our community.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financial Report – Report was emailed to the board, no questions.

Printing & Technology Solutions—PowerPoint presentation given by Ryan and Brandon from Abadan. Theresa requested a motion to go into contract with Abadan by purchase not lease, discussion held.

Motion made to go into contract with Abadan and purchase equipment, not lease (M/S Curnel/Massa – unanimous by roll call).

Open Positions Update—Update given to board, no questions.

2022 Budget Presentation – Ordinance 21-5 2022 Budget—PowerPoint presented to board, motion was made to set Public Hearing for Ordinance 21-5 on December 8, 2021 BOH meeting (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

Other Updates—Theresa gave update to board, will bring Employee Handbook to December meeting.

Theresa requests that Annual Leave be carried over into 2022 due to continue COVID-19 response and mitigation, an unforeseen medical emergency for an employee; discussion held, and board approved.

Theresa discussed with the board the idea of a floating holiday in place of observing a holiday, a discussion was held, and the board agreed to continue observing the holidays and add a personal floating holiday for all staff.

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HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Behavioral Health Impact Situation Report—PowerPoint presented to board.

Drug Overdoses Update—PowerPoint presented to board.

Epi Update—PowerPoint presented to board.

Other Updates—None

OTHER BUSINESS— Commissioner Stone addressed the fact that healthcare workers are being threatened with their careers due to stance on vaccine mandate. Discussion was held with Dr. Brzezny and the board, motion was made by Commission Stone **that the Grant County Health Board publicly register its opposition to the July 29, 2021 statement by the Federation of State Medical Boards and the September 10, 2021, statement by the Washington State Department of health's Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission which both threatened the licensing of medical personnel because of their views, comments and/or practices concerning COVID-19 vaccines and treatment methods. Further, the Grant County Health Board is opposed to any COVID-19 vaccine mandates which threaten the unvaccinated with loss of employment or educational opportunities** hearing no 2nd there is no motion.

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk