



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: August 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 9:07 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
Mark Speck, Vice-Chair
Dr. John Kluge
Dr. Louisa Tabatabai (Joined at 9:20)
Dr. Molly Lee
Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)
*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary; Matt Cory, Environmental Specialist

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Jerry Holtan, Lauris Olson, Les White, Teresa Ferrari, Linda Murken

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to social distance in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access and participation to the meeting will be provided via Zoom. Board of Health members are also present via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve agenda (MCU)

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lee, Second by Kluge (MCU) to approve the consent agenda items consisting of:

FY21 Grants to Counties Contract

FY21 Local Public Health Services Contract

FY21 Local Public Health Contract Amendment

FY21 Public Health Home Care Services Agreement

VOTE:

Ayes: Tabatabai, Kluge, Lee, Speck, Paschen

Nays: None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Jerry Holtan stated that he is interested in volunteering to do contact tracing work in the county. Les White stated that at this time, contact tracing is being done by the Iowa Department of Public Health.



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5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Going Forward With A County Wide Ordinance For Facial Coverings

Paschen summarized that the Board of Supervisors decided that they did not feel they could pass an ordinance requiring face coverings and that the best option would be for the Board of Health to begin the process of drafting an ordinance, holding a public hearing, and then moving the ordinance forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Heddens clarified that the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking the Governor to give the locals authority to mandate face coverings.

Ethan Anderson stated that the discussion at the Board of Supervisors meeting was clear that the process is to start thinking about drafting an ordinance to have ready for such time as when the Governor allows local authority to adopt such an ordinance or when the state Emergency Proclamation is lifted.

Paschen asked how input would be received from cities.

Lauris Olson stated that beginning the process of drafting an ordinance so that it is ready to go is what the County Attorney is most comfortable with at this time until such time that the Governor either allows or lifts the Emergency Proclamation. Olson stated that her understanding is that the Board of Health can go ahead and hold a public hearing, but that the County Attorney would not be participating in enactment of the ordinance until such time that the Governor allows or lifts the proclamation. Anderson clarified that his legal advice is that the Board of Health can begin the process of drafting an ordinance but he would not recommend sending to the Board of Supervisors until such time that the Governor either delegates authority or lifts the emergency proclamation.

Discussion took place on the following:

- Whether or not fast tracking an ordinance is possible if the Governor lifts the emergency proclamation.
- Types of face coverings and their effectiveness.
- Requirements for publishing the ordinance
- States that are currently mandating face coverings.
- Enforcement of face coverings.
 - Warnings or citations could be given by law enforcement.
- Whether input from local municipalities while constructing the ordinance is possible before the public meeting. Anderson stated that involving cities in the process of an ordinance being passed from the Board of Health and approved by the Board of Supervisors would be possible from his initial research. How to obtain the input could come through public comment and that providing a copy of the ordinance prior to the public hearing would be helpful.
- Olson reminded the board that many of the city councils only meet monthly and also of the coming Labor Day Holiday



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Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to move forward with drafting a countywide face-covering ordinance.

Additional discussion took place on the following:

- Enforcement capabilities.
- Pros and cons of using face coverings.
 - Paschen stated that from a medical standpoint there are no issues with wearing face coverings. The American Academy of Pediatrics released yesterday that virtually all children over the age of 2 can wear face coverings. As research has been completed, wearing a face covering is how to stop this disease.
- Heddens stated that individually information could be elicited, but not collectively as that would go against open meetings. There is an ability to hold a public hearing safely via Zoom.

VOTE:

Ayes: Paschen, Lee, Speck, Kluge, Tabatabai

Nays: None

Paschen stated there should be an ordinance draft prepared before going to various communities and that the Board should meet again before holding a public hearing. Anderson stated that he would assist with drafting an ordinance and that it could then be brought before the Board of Health.

Speck asked if the number of cases have gone down in Johnson County. Olson stated that their mask mandate just began on Monday because of public notice requirements.

6. COMMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT 9:58 a.m.

John J Paschen

Approval of Minutes

Chairman, 9/30/20

Title and Date