



**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 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 4:04 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck, Vice-Chair

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Jerry Holtan, Lauris Olson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.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 MCU

Motion by Tabatabai, Second by Lee to approve agenda (MCU)

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Stephanie Jones stated that the FY21 Grants to Counties contract would soon be ready for approval and asked on behalf of Margaret Jaynes that a special meeting be held to approve that once the contract is obtained.

Jerry Holtan started to speak but due to technical difficulties with his Wi-Fi connection, he was not able to be heard clearly and stated that he would pass at this time.

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Resolution Letter Encouraging Universal Face Covering Requirements

Paschen stated that there is a corrected draft being discussed tonight. Lauris Olson stated that



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Heddens had updated the Board of Supervisors that a face covering letter would be going to the BOS with a recommendation to pass a countywide face-covering ordinance. Olson stated she has been working on a draft resolution and since she was aware of an alternate opinion being available, she spent private funds and paid for a second legal opinion. Olson stated that based on the assessment from the privately paid for second opinion, as well as the way that Johnson County was able to mandate mask usage, that the Board of Health would need to be the ones to initiate an ordinance and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Ethan Anderson stated that what Olson is referring to is the way that the Johnson County Attorney interpreted the code section allowing them to adopt the mandate. Anderson has a different interpretation, which is more in line with the Iowa Attorney General's interpretation giving the power to the governor. Anderson stated that it is not appropriate to discuss today in any depth since it is not on the agenda.

Paschen asked if it is still necessary to approve the resolution letter requesting that all municipalities within the county adopt a resolution requiring face coverings. Anderson stated that the letter is a good letter and has no issue with the letter being approved and published for the public to see and take action.

Paschen read the Face Covering Resolution letter for the record and asked for discussion.

Tabatabai stated she likes the letter and feels it is ready to be adopted and sent on.

Speck asked if each municipality would need to individually take action. Paschen stated that the letter provides guidance and support for cities that wish to adopt a face-covering requirement.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve the Resolution Letter Encouraging Universal Face Covering Requirements. (MCU)

5. COMMENTS

- Deb Schildroth stated that the Ames City Council would be discussing at the next meeting information about determining what factors that would need to be considered to implement a mask mandate if given the authority from the Governor.
- Paschen thanked Lee for her assistance with writing the letter.
- Kluge stated that he had seen information about approval being required from the Board of Health for the NCAA sports. Paschen asked Kluge to look for additional information and a special meeting could be called if approval is required.
- Jones stated that if Jerry Holtan had a comment that he would like the Board of Health to hear that he could contact her and she would forward the message on to the Board. Speck stated that Jerry Holtan contacted him and he had planned to ask for information about contact tracing. Speck is going to contact Les White for further information about contact tracing and will share with Holtan.



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6. ADJOURNMENT 4:48 p.m.

John J. Paschen

Approval of Minutes

Chairman, 9/30/20

Title and Date