

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Board Conference Room at the Oceana County Building by Chairperson Erickson on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Morse, Mr. Christians, and Mr. Erickson.

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Mr. Kevin Hughes, District Health Department #10, Ms. Pam Curtis and Ms. Amy Florea, Senior Resources; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana Herald-Journal correspondent.

Resolution #21-65, requested by the Parks & Recreation Commission, was added to the agenda. Dr. Sobie also requested that the presentation by Senior Resources be moved to the top of the agenda. Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the agenda items as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Mr. Walker – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Beggs – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; and Mr. Erickson – yes.

Motion carried.

Ms. Pam Curtis and Ms. Amy Florea, Senior Resources, presented the Senior Resources Fiscal Year 2022 Area Implementation Plan and requested the Board to consider a resolution approving the plan. The plan would include a three-year update. However, Senior Resources would evaluate the needs of those in the area yearly, to be sure they are serving the community in the best way possible. In addition to advocating for our senior citizens, Senior Resources is also taking interest in facilitating more caregiver support than what is currently available.

Mr. Kevin Hughes, District Health Department #10, shared a letter written by Dr. Morse, the District Health Department #10 Medical Director, which responded to concerns about vaccinations, vaccine passports, etc.

Mr. Hughes presented the annual District Health Department #10 Report. Approximately two-thirds of the Oceana County residents are Covid-19 vaccinated. By polling the remaining one-third, of the residents who haven't been vaccinated, approximately 66% noted that there was no reason for them get the vaccine.

Mr. Beggs initiated discussion and requested consideration of a resolution opposing vaccine passports. He questioned the authority that Oceana County has if they were to ask for vaccine passports. He feels a resolution opposing vaccination passports would set good precedence in the future.

Mr. Erickson requested consideration of a resolution approving the application and acceptance of a grant for the Parks & Recreation Commission for grills to be installed at County Parks.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk