

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 Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at a.m.

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

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Peggy Wittman, Hart City resident; Mr. Larry VanSickle, Oceana County Medical Care Facility Board; and Mr. Kory Hansen, Oceana County Medical Care Facility Administrator.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Ms. Peggy Wittman, Hart City resident, was present to re-submit a letter requesting a religious exemption regarding the mask/vaccine mandates.

Mr. Larry VanSickle, Oceana County Medical Care Facility (OCMCF) Board, introduced the new OCMCF Administrator, Mr. Kory Hansen, and provided an update regarding the facility. He also stated that he was recently re-appointed to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board which is the governance board for the Medical Care Facility per Public Act 280. Mr. VanSickle also noted that the DHHS board must follow the guidelines provided by the State.

Mr. Hansen provided an overview of his background and education. He also noted that the Mask/Vaccine mandate came out last Thursday and the Medical Care Facility is working on the policies regarding the allowable exemptions. Discussion continued regarding the current protocols in place.

Ms. Wittman asked Mr. Hansen to approve her request for the religious exemption. She also asked Mr. VanSickle to support the OCMCF Administrator should the exemption be granted and asked the Oceana County Board of Commissioners to support her rights for freedom of religion. She also provided a copy of a resolution that she presented to the OCMCF on October 25, 2021 to return to the visitation policy that was in place prior to the onset of covid-19.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk