

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, December 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Christians, Mr. Beggs, and Mr. Erickson. Absent: Mr. Morse. Mr. Walker and Mr. Hardy attended via Zoom.

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Ms. Peggy Whitman, City of Hart resident.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson requested that public comment be postponed to after the closed session as there is an attorney waiting to participate in the closed session.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Ms. Meyette to postpone public comment to follow the closed session.

Voice vote. Motion failed as there was not a majority present.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public comment

Ms. Peggy Whitman, City of Hart resident, questioned the order of the meetings and asked for clarification as to what meeting was currently being conducted. Mr. Erickson informed her that the order of the committee meetings is in the public notice, which can be found online.

Chairman Erickson announced that the first order of business would be a closed session. Dr. Sobie noted that a motion was necessary for the board to move to closed session to discuss the opioid litigation strategy. Because Mr. Morse was not present at this time, a 2/3 majority was not able to be accomplished at this time, he recommended the Board wait for Mr. Morse to return.

Ms. Meyette mentioned that the Department of Veteran's Affairs is in the process of putting six signs up along the roads, and are hoping to have them out by the time it snows.

Mr. Morse joined the meeting at 9:10.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Ms. Meyette to move to closed session to receive an update from Mr. Michael Behm regarding the settlement strategy for the 2018 opioids litigation.

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

Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:42 a.m. to discuss the 2018 Opioids Litigation.

The Board reconvened at 9:43 a.m.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a proposed resolution to authorize submission of a Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant application. He stated that the County has participated for the last three years. He has been in touch with the District Health Department and they indicated that they are interested in continued participation in this outreach program. Should this be authorized, the grant would be for \$13,043.

No public comment at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk