

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 17, 2021
Special Meeting of the Health Department/Health Board Concerns
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a special meeting on August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Tom Linkel, Fayette Hay, Commissioner's Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Linkel.

Special Meeting of the Health Department/Health Board Concerns:

Tom Linkel said Dr Jetmore and himself had a great talk last night on the phone. He said you never hear anything from the Department when it is being ran great but you do when it is not.

Jennifer Profitt: Resigned as President of the Health Board.

Dr. Jetmore: He is sad that Jennifer has resigned. Jennifer called him to come to Franklin County to help the county as interim health officer. He also came to this special meeting to resign but after talking with Commissioner Linkel on the phone Monday night he decided to stay. He would like to stay on with the power to hire and fire and make the necessary decisions for the health department until somebody can take over permanently. If he does not have that power he will resign. Dr. Jetmore also stated that he would like to hire an administrator and two more nurses

Tom Linkel: Does not know what the out come would be for the administrator and the two extra nurses since the County is getting ready to go into budget meetings. Both Dr. Jetmore and Commissioner Linkel agree that the Health Department needs a leader.

Dr. Jetmore: He will stay as the Health Officer within the boundary that he has the right to say what is going on in the office. He wants to run the Franklin County Health office like he does the Wayne County Health Department. He would like to see Medicaid billed for the vaccines. He would also like to have vaccine clinics s going out in the County. He would like to bring more Grants into Franklin County to pay for the administrator and nurses.

Tom Wilson: You are trying to run the county like Wayne County and we are not Wayne County. He does not want turmoil in the office. We need every Grant this county can get for shots. He was upset that the Grant money was not applied for in the past. He said he talked with the Mayor from Batesville and they have been trying to get ahold of someone from the Health Department or the Board and they never had anyone respond to them. We as commissioners need to put people on the Health Department Board. They would like Joy Bishop and Patsy Weileman to resigned. They would like Rachel Ramey and Crystal Halpin appointed.

Motion to accept resignation of Jennifer Profitt, Joy Bishop, and Patsy Weileman by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to accept new board members: Rachel Raimy and Crystal Halpom by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Grant Reeves: He wants to make sure that the Doctor has the power to fire and hire. Commissioner Wilson would like Dr. Jetmore to contact the commissioners first before hiring and firing or taking any drastic measures. **Motion to accept the appointment of Dr. Jetmore as interim Franklin County Health Department by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Eugena Monroe- If the fee is applied to Medicaid what happens to the people that do not have it. She also asked if the grants are renewable or will they run out? If they run out, how will the administrator and nurses be paid?

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Please see the attached paperwork: Due to some signatures unable to be read and online people we have combined the sheet.

Minutes approved August 24, 2021.

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Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel


Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel

Gerald Wendel

ATTESTED BY:


Karla J. Bauman, Auditor