Chickasaw County Board of Health July 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building on Friday, July 16, 2025. Toni Friedrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Members present were: Joan Knoll, Jeremy McGrath, Cindy Shoemaker by phone, and Toni Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman

The guests present were Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator, Ann Knutson, RN, Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary, and Derek Lechtenberg, Environmental Health.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve the agenda. Ayes Knoll, McGrath, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: A discussion was held regarding some comments made by public figures that were perceived as biased and discriminatory toward the vulnerable population in the county.

Business Operations

a. Budget Amendment Discussion - Environmental Health

Lisa is requesting that the Board of Supervisors reallocate Derek's hours back to 35 per week and increase funding for the grant. A discussion followed. McGrath made a motion to increase expenditures from \$30,000 to \$45,000, pending approval from the Board of Supervisors. Jeremy then amended this motion, seconded by Knoll, to increase both the budget and revenue by \$30,000, also pending Board of Supervisors approval. The motion received approval from Knoll, McGrath, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Dr. Brinkman was absent. The motion carried.

B. Budget Amendment Discussion – Public Health

Lisa is requesting that the Board of Supervisors increase the public health budget by \$100,000 to rehire a part-time nurse and a full-time aide, as well as to provide staff with a 3% salary increase. A motion was made by McGrath and seconded by Shoemaker to increase public health expenditures by \$100,000 and revenue by \$50,000, pending approval from the Board of Supervisors. The motion received support from Knoll, McGrath, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Dr. Brinkman was absent. The motion carried.

The next Board of Health meeting is August 8, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary

Attested by Lisa Welter, RN, Chickasaw County Public Health Agency Administrator