

Minutes
Madison County Board of Health Meeting
Thursday Dec 9, 2020 5:00 pm

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Members Present

Dr. Robert Adams DDS, Chair
Matthew Wechtel, Commissioner
Andrew Thomas, Public

Diana Rogers, RN, Public
Crystal Webb, Public
Larry Peek, Engineer

Members Absent

Dr. Suzanne Sheldon, DVM
Loretta Leake, NP
Dr. Melissa Robinson MD

Rachel Smith, RN and Vice Chair
Hanna Hardin, Pharmacist

Regular Meeting Special Meeting

Dr. Adams did a welcome for everyone then called the meeting to order.

Dr. Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Matt made the motion and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no public input at this meeting.

Dr. Adams shared that we should look at our environmental health fee schedule. Tammy shared that Madison County has never had a fee schedule that include commercial or industrial rates for septic permits. Many health departments have had this in place for their departments. Commercial or industrial septic systems can be very complex and require us to work with soil scientist. These systems can involve many trips to the property.

Tammy shared the model that is used by Buncombe County Health Department. This model charges the base rate for the first 500 gallons then ½ that rate for each 600 gallons above that rate. The board discussed this model. After discussion and all questions were answered, Dr. Adams asked for a motion. Commissioner Wechtel made the motion that Madison County Environmental Health department implement a fee schedule to include a new rate for commercial or industrial septic permits. The motion is that the environmental health department would charge the base rate for the first 500 gallons and then ½ that rate for each 600 gallons. Diana seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Adams shared that there is an opportunity to provide a onetime hazard pay to health department employees. He shared that the health department staff have been working long days for many months and that sick individuals come there for testing and treatment, putting staff at risk. Diana made the motion that Tammy should move forward with plans for the hazard pay. Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wechtel shared that Tammy had received the Extraordinary Public Service Award, from Land of Sky.

Dr. Adams asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wechtel made the motion to adjourn and Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: January 28, 2021
