

FOREST COUNTY MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: HEALTH
DATE: September 15, 2020
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Lynne Black
2. Roll Call: present: Lynne Black, Cheri Collins, Cindy Gretzinger, Candy Dailey, Susan Moore. Absent: Amy Kuebler
 - a. Others present: Jacee Shepard
3. Approve meeting agenda: Motion to approve agenda with moving "next meeting date" agenda item to number 6 by Collins, second by Gretzinger, all ayes, motion carried.
4. Approve minutes of previous meeting: motion to approve minutes from previous meeting by Collins, second by Gretzinger, all ayes, motion carried.
5. Public Comment: no public comment
6. Next Meeting Date: October 5th at 3:30 pm
7. COVID-19 updates
 - a. Shepard shared that Forest County has highest burden (case rate) of all 86 health departments across the state of WI. Shepard explained their office is working hard but at capacity and has been working with Forest County Potawatmomi, Sokaogon Chippewa for case follow up and contact tracing and has also requested assistance through the Northern Regional Public Health Mutual Aid agreement. We also already had our "onboarding" call with the state contact tracing team. However, the state is in the "red" meaning they will not be able to assist us for more than 72 hours so we have no assigned any cases to them yet. All of our partners are also at capacity, but we continue to do our best with contact tracing.
 - b. Discussion on concern of large gatherings taking place in our community and the fact that our infrastructure is being affected. Motion by Moore to recommend Art in the Square be postponed until next year, second by Dailey, all ayes, motion carried. Gretzinger reached out to Mark Ferris from the Forest County Chamber regarding Art in the Square event scheduled for 9/19/20 and shared committees concerns. Shepard will contact Brush Run officials and request meeting date.

- c. Shepard shared upcoming Community Testing Event on Saturday, 9/19/20 at the Forest County Highway Department.
- 8. Discussion and possible action of extending the officer in the entry of the courthouse: Motion by Collins to keep officer at the entry but request to talk to officer about wearing mask and requesting community members to do so as well to protect courthouse employees and public, second by Gretzinger, all ayes, motion carried.
- 9. Discussion and possible action on new position in the health department.
 - a. Discussion on WIC Nutritionist/Community Health Specialist position at health dept. Shepard will work with County Clerk and provide more financial information at the next meeting. Tabled.
- 10. Future Agenda Items: COVID-19 updates discussion and possible action, extending officer, community events.
- 11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Collins, second by Gretzinger, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by Jacee Shepard, Health Director on 9/17/2020

