



The McLean County Board of Health  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 5:30 p.m.  
McLean County Health Department, Room 324  
200 W. Front Street  
Bloomington Illinois 61701  
**IN-PERSON**

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**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Cory Tello, Dameron Beverly, Robert Kohlhase, Scott Hume,  
Sonja Reece, Susan Schafer, Liza Yambay

Members Absent: Carla Pohl, Hannah Eisner

Staff Present: Jessica McKnight, Amy Brooke, Tammy Brooks, Tom Anderson, Kim  
Anderson

3. Public Participation: None

4. Approve Minutes: Amended Minutes for June 8, 2022, Regular Session; Regular Session July 13, 2022

Motion by Reece/Schafer to approve amended minutes for June 8, 2022.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Reece/Schafer to approve minutes for July 13, 2022.  
Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Bills to be Paid

		<b>July 2022</b>
Dental Sealant	0102	\$20,941.72
WIC	0103	\$14,408.72
Preventive Health Program	0105	\$3,801.80
Family Case Management	0106	\$23,005.29
AIDS/COMM Disease Control	0107	\$66,586.29
Health Department	0112	\$133,172.97
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$260,916.79</b>

Motion by Schafer/Reece to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried.

## 6. Informational Items

### A. CY23 Budget Preview

Susan Schafer (SS) asked if the Health Department had participated in their budget meeting yet.

Jessica McKnight (JM) stated that they had an initial meeting.

SS discussed lowering the 4H Extension Board's levy because of the amount of the 2.7 million the 4H Extension Board had in reserves. She cautioned that all special funds are being examined. It is conceivable that the Health Department's 112 fund, a special fund, will be looked at closely. There is a chance that the levy for that fund could be reduced.

JM stated that the Health Department is prepared to look at areas where we can pull back spending as needed. It is important to sustain employees.

SS reflected that in the past, the reason for the need for a large fund balance was for emergencies, like a pandemic. We thought the fund balance would be needed for salaries and overtime. However, in 2021 during the COVID pandemic, we only lost \$50,000. We won't know more until the day after the next Board of Health meeting.

Cory Tello (CT) surmised that our fund balance could be needed to fill in gaps of a decreased levy. However, she also noted that the reserves change throughout the year when we wait for payments. She asked if the reduction in the levy would be permanent.

SS stated that money from other funds is used to cover the General Fund until the property tax comes in. The policy for special funds, of which 112 is one, is to keep it at a minimum. Four million is not a minimum. The levy is something that could be addressed each year.

### B. Farmer's Market Permit

Tom Anderson (TA) reported that the governor approved a bill amending the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. The amendment is effective January 1, 2023. This is a change that the Illinois Stewardship Alliance has petitioned for in advocacy for farmers. The amendment allows farmers to sell to the general population.

TA explained that we currently allow farmers and concessioners to sell under a multiple events temporary food permit. Previously, permits had to be reviewed for every event. This was very cumbersome for those seeking permits and for staff. As a result, we developed a multiple event temporary food permit. The permit is valid for six months and costs \$180.

The fees under the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act differ from our current fees under the Multiple Event Temporary Food Permit. A Farmer's Market Permit would be valid for one year and require the Health Department to conduct one annual inspection at a Farmer's market or alternate location. Fees for only selling eggs would be capped at \$75. The fee for selling any combination of meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, and frozen foods grown or raised by the

farmer and processed in a licensed or permitted processing facility would be capped at \$175. Under the new bill, the fees could only be increased every three years and by not more than 10%.

If the Board of Health chooses to act on this, we would only issue it to vendors attending Farmers Markets in the County.

Scott Hume (SH) asked for TA's recommendations.

TA noted that it is a benefit to farmers. For farmers selling meat and dairy, our annual fee under the multiple event permit is \$350 (two six-month permits at \$175 apiece).

Sonja Reece asked if the city imposes a fee as well.

TA said that the fees from cities or towns vary by city or town. If we chose not to do this, we would have a small group that is not regulated. Some may ask why they are regulated when others are not.

CT noted that the memo indicated that we must have one public meeting to solicit feedback.

TA indicated that only seven farmers currently participate. Receiving feedback should be relatively easy. He is getting an opinion from legal regarding how this should be handled. There is a chance that even this meeting, with published agenda, would serve as notice and have given people an opportunity to request to speak.

SS suggested that a public meeting could be part of the agenda in September.

#### C. Uniform Agreement Update

Tammy Brooks (TB) reported that the initial proposal with CLEAN Uniform was misrepresented. Clean Uniform has a \$75 minimum. This is not something we could meet. The uniforms would be limited to the four dental staff.

TB has spoken with other County Departments. These departments use Aramark and have been pleased with them. She investigated if they could be part of a contract with another department. Aramark reported that each department needed to be handled separately. They offer a five-year contract unless you request otherwise. She is asking for a shorter contract.

### 7. Committee Reports

#### A. Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Sonja Reece (SR) reported that the Community Forum is on October 4, 2022. The forum will have twenty-four breakout sessions addressing six topics: adult behavioral health, youth behavioral health, substance use, law and justice, building your resistance toolbox, and trends in behavioral health today.

B. Mental Health Advisory Board

CT stated that there were no updates.

C. County Board

SS reported there were some questions about monkeypox at the meeting. She referred back to her earlier comments about the budget.

D. Behavioral Health Policy and Funding Committee

The committee has not met since the last Board of Health meeting.

8. Health Department Administrator's Report

A. General Report

JM shared that there are no confirmed cases of monkeypox in McLean County. However, we are planning for the possibility and working on public awareness. Staff will be at Pridefest this weekend and supplying information.

SS asked if monkeypox is related to chickenpox and smallpox. Are you protected if you have had chickenpox or smallpox or are vaccinated against chickenpox or smallpox?

JM shared that it is in the same family as smallpox. There is a level of protection, but it is unclear what that level is. A county cannot receive the monkeypox vaccine until there is an identified case. The vaccine will be initially limited to those most at risk. We are balancing how to educate while knowing that we cannot yet obtain the vaccine.

SS asked if we would need to reintroduce the call center.

JM responded that we added three disease intervention specialists. They can assist with contact tracing of any reportable communicable diseases. She noted that Champaign has had cases and has received the vaccine. They have had a waitlist for residents of their county. However, it is unknown if they vaccinate people outside of Champaign County.

Robert Kohlhasse (RK) asked about how the vaccine will be distributed.

JM stated that it would only become available if we had a case of monkeypox in the county. There would then be phases of eligibility and priority, like in the early stages of the vaccine rollout for COVID-19.

SR inquired about education that is or should be happening regarding monkeypox.

JM shared that we have done quite a few media stories: radio and TV. We are sending items out through social media. We are talking about it while being conscious that we don't have the vaccine.

Marianne Manko (MM) stated that all the major radio stations, Pantagraph, and news stations had had stories on monkeypox. We have focused on the fact that anyone can get it, how it is spread, and steps to take if you do if you get it.

JM concurred that our main messaging are symptoms and what to do if you contract monkeypox.

9. Action Items

A. Approval of permit increases for CY23

Motion by Reece/Kohlhase to approve permit increase for CY23.  
Motion carried.

CT asked what kind of pushback we might anticipate with raising fees.

TA stated that there shouldn't be any pushback for the geothermal. However, there is always a restaurant that will say something about rising costs. That happens in any given year. At the same time, the rates have been frozen for two years.

JM pointed out that we left it at three percent instead of going above that. We have seen prices on everything go up.

TA shared that some costs have gone up more than fifty percent in the food industry. However, we are recommending a three percent increase.

SH asked if geothermal needed to be included in the action item.

TA explained that geothermal is an automatic three percent increase unless the Board of Health chooses to act. He acknowledged that the Board of Health acted and froze it for the last two years because of COVID-19.

10. Adjournment: 6:11 p.m.