

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TOWN HALL
HILLSBORO COMMUNITY CIVIC CLUB
10349 MO-21 BUS, HILLSBORO, MO 63050**

June 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pigg called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Department to order at 6:05pm .

ROLL CALL

Tim Pigg, Chairperson - Present
Dennis Diehl, Vice-Chairperson – Present
Tammy Stidem, Secretary-Treasurer – Present
Dr. Amber Henry, Member – Excused
Susan (Suzy) Davis, Member – Excused

OTHERS ATTENDING

- Kelley Vollmar, Executive Director
- Steve Sikes, Deputy Director Operations
- Jennifer Pinkley, Deputy Director Admin.
- Christi Coleman, Legal Counsel

Others in attendance:

Brianne Zwiener, Public Communications Officer Melissa Parmeley, Clinical Services Manager Jeana Vidacak, Community Services Manager Steve Crawford, Operations Manager
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Stidem made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Diehl seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried, and Chairperson Pigg announced the motion had passed.

VISTORS AND GUESTS REMARKS

Alexander Cornerback spoke about the response to COVID and provided comparison British statistics. He discussed the Pfizer litigation as well and some of the evidence that has been

provided in the case. He offered to provide the Board the report he was reading from, and Mr. Pigg asked him to send the Board a copy of his speech. Ms. Stidem already had it.

Ashley Sheppars informed the Board that, as someone who comes from an alcoholic household and who has struggled with codependency as a result, she has concerns that there are not enough mental health resources, community outreach and support.

Lori Bourgeois thanked the Board for hosting the town hall and allowing her to voice concerns. She expressed concern that the masking during COVID caused damage to children, setting them back and that it was a huge factor in suicide. Kids weren't allowed to learn. She also spoke about forced vaccination, and that she has been working with healthcare professionals to help them keep their jobs. She said ER's still require the shots. Moderna is also coming out with data, similar to the Pfizer data, and we need to stop encouraging vaccinations. She reiterated her appreciation for the town hall, hopes to have them frequently, community needs to be part of the conversation on how best to help the community. Doesn't know who came up with idea of town hall – Tammy had said she wanted it during her campaign, and glad that she stood by that.

Penny Waddle addressed the Board for the second time (she was also at last town hall). During COVID, her church shut down. She's glad masking is no longer required, and she's hoping and praying we see unity among Health Department people. Want to see us working together. She stated that a town hall meeting should be back and forth communication. She expressed doubts about the vaccinations as well, and had questions about the financial report. Why is \$175K coming from Jefferson Foundation as a grant to Health Department for COVID regulations? She said we received \$9M last year, what's the balance? She called for unity, give each other a chance to talk, develop trust. She's sent emails and hasn't heard from anyone. Has a list of questions. "Must hear cries of people in our county who are suffering with drugs, addictions." Found out COMTREA is good for dealing with Addictions – so why have ASPEN if COMTREA already deals with it.

NO OTHER SPEAKERS – 6:30.

Ms. Zwiener gave the communications email, can message through FB, twitter, and the app. Will post video the Town Hall video by Saturday.

Mr. Pigg explained again why there is no communication back to the crowd, since Penny and her husband came in late and didn't hear the explanation at the beginning. We're also working on FAQ and getting responses to communications read at the meeting.

Mr. Pigg called for adjournment.

Amer Hassan said he wanted to speak but didn't sign up. Chairperson Pigg asked if he would like to sign up to speak despite that he had not signed up according to the directions given for the town hall. He said he'd like to speak, so Mr. Pigg allowed him to do so. Mr. Hassan informed

the Board about a root that's not legal in US (psychedelic) yet but used overseas to combat addiction, that masking is ineffective and causes a lack of facial recognition skills in Gen Z.

ADJOURN

Ms. Stidem motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Diehl seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Chairperson Pigg announced the motion had passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.


Secretary-Treasurer