

August 4, 2021 (Regular)

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Board of Health met in regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. and had previously declared a state of emergency which is ongoing due to the global Covid – 19 pandemics. The regular meeting was held in the Department of Health and Human Services Conference Room located at 700 East Parker Road in Morganton, North Carolina. Members present were:

PRESENT: Susan Bingham, Chair
Isaac D. Crouch, Vice Chair
Dr. Anthony J. Frank, Jr
Carol Ervin Largent
Johnnie Carswell
Melinda Zimmerman
Dr. Nicholas Thomas
Dr. Thomas Wallrichs

ABSENT: Adriana Morris
Connie Stines

ALSO PRESENT: Danny Scalise II, Health Director
Chia Yang, Administrative Assistant III
Michael Willis, Emergency Management Systems Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bingham called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carol Ervin Largent made the motion to approve the agenda. Melinda Zimmerman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol Ervin Largent
SECONDER:	Melinda Zimmerman
AYES:	Dr. Anthony J. Frank, Jr, Carol Ervin Largent, Isaac D. Crouch, Johnnie Carswell, Melinda Zimmerman, Dr. Nicholas Thomas, Susan Bingham, Dr. Thomas Wallrichs
ABSENT:	Connie Stines, Adriana Morris

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Thomas Wallrichs made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Addendum for May 12, 2021 and the Regular Meeting for June 9, 2021. Carol Ervin Largent seconded the motion with corrections to Isaac D. Crouch and Melinda Zimmerman's name.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Thomas Wallrichs
SECONDER:	Carol Ervin Largent
AYES:	Dr. Anthony J. Frank, Jr, Carol Ervin Largent, Isaac D. Crouch, Johnnie Carswell, Melinda Zimmerman, Dr. Nicholas Thomas, Susan Bingham, Dr. Thomas Wallrichs
ABSENT:	Connie Stines, Adriana Morris

Melinda Zimmerman made the motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on July 22, 2021. Isaac D. Crouch seconded the motion with corrections to Danny Scalise's name.

RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Melinda Zimmerman
SECONDER:	Isaac D. Crouch
AYES:	Dr. Anthony J. Frank, Jr, Carol Ervin Largent, Isaac D. Crouch, Johnnie Carswell, Melinda Zimmerman, Dr. Nicholas Thomas, Susan Bingham, Dr. Thomas Wallrichs
ABSENT:	Connie Stines, Adriana Morris

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item #1

Chair Bingham spoke to members; the new Local Health Director will be evaluated for the next 6 months and Bingham wants a report once a month on Danny's work process. There is a proposed work plan development and board evaluation process for the new Local Health Director (Public Health Director On-boarding). Isaac D. Crouch, Melinda Zimmerman, and Susan Bingham are the committee members and will meet monthly to assess the Local Health Director Work process.

ITEM #2

There will be a public reception on August 24, 2021, between 10 to 11 a.m. for the public to meet Danny Scalise II, Local Health Director and will be held at Foothills Higher Education Center in Morganton, NC.

ITEM #3

Danny spoke to members; he wants to mandate the Covid Vaccine at Burke County Health Dept and employees are to wear face mask while working with patients in the clinical settings. Anyone with medical conditions and religious beliefs may possibly be exempt from the Covid Vaccine. Johnnie Carswell and Isaac D. Crouch supported the Local Health Director's plan of action to mandate the Covid Vaccine at Burke County Health Department.

Michael Willis, Emergency Management Systems Director commented, he wants to re-evaluate his strategies to assist with public health due to the state of emergency global Covid – 19 pandemics. He will bring a PR strategy towards vaccination to his next scheduled meeting and continue with face covering. Mr. Willis assisted with the Covid Vaccination clinics earlier in 2021 and is willing to assist the new Local Health Director.

BOARD DECISION ITEMS

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

Mr. Scalise stated, he's greeted staff members and Management Teams at BCHD. He has made them aware to speak to him with any questions or concerns. There are several new hires and Chia Yang is the new Administrative Assistant III and she is the primary point of contact for Mr. Scalise. Chae Moore is taking Lisa's position as Public Health Educator Specialist and Ashlyn Minton is taking Chae's position. There will be more information for the social media, and we are using Face Book, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube to get this information out. He mentioned, students studying at surrounding Universities may work as interns at BCHD.

Mr. Scalise reported, Syphilis has tripled in the last few months along with Hepatitis A. We started an outreach to the homeless people and restaurant communities, due to the outbreaks. On August 18, 2021, we will be doing PCR Testing for Covid, and results will be ready the same day. On August 4th, there were 59 people tested for Covid and of the 59; six children under the age of nine were tested positive. Mr. Scalise attended the Burke County School Board Meeting and advised the Superintendent; all students should wear face covering. A copy of the 2021-2022 FY Budget Report was given to Board Members. Mr. Scalise explained the FY Budget report begins July 2021 and ends June 2022.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion to come before the Board, Susan Bingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Isaac D. Crouch seconded the motion. All in favor of the vote. Chair Bingham adjourns the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

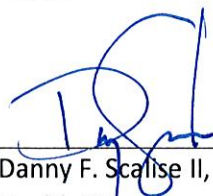
RESULTS:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Susan Bingham
SECONDER:	Isaac D. Crouch
AYES:	Dr. Anthony J. Frank, Jr, Carol Ervin Largent, Isaac D. Crouch, Johnnie Carswell, Melinda Zimmerman, Dr. Nicholas Thomas, Susan Bingham, Dr. Thomas Wallrichs
ABSENT:	Connie Stines, Adriana Morris

Approved this the 6th day of October 2021.



Chairman
Burke County Board of Health

Attest:



Danny F. Scalise II, MBA, MPH, CPH, FACHE
Health Director
Burke County Health Department