

STARKE COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: CARRIE BENOIT, ANGIE FLAGG, DEB HANSEN

ALSO ATTENDING: DR BROWNE, FRANK LYNCH

NOT PRESENT: ANGIE BANKS, RITA BERGER

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE BENOIT TO MAINTAIN OFFICERS AS PREVIOUS, 2ND BY DEB HANSEN. ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CARRIE BENOIT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. 2ND BY ANGIE FLAGG. ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED.

STAFF REPORTS WERE DISCUSSED WITH NO ISSUES.

BOARD INFORMED OF SITUATION RELATED TO A CONTRACTOR HAVING A TEMPORARY STORAGE UNIT THAT HE HAS BEEN RENTING OUT AS AN AIR B&B, WITH SEPTIC INSTALLED WITHOUT BORINGS OR PERMITTING FROM HEALTH DEPT OR PLANNING COMMISSION THAT WILL BE GOING BEFORE BZA FOR A VARIANCE.

BOARD INFORMED OF PLANS FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR 2026 WITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN PROGRESS. BIKES FOR KIDS PROGRAM HAS FUNDING FOR THE BIKES AND HEALTH DEPT WILL BE PROVIDING THE HELMETS. VAPING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOLS BEING CONTINUED. 2025 ROLLOVER FUNDS FROM HFI DISCUSSED TO BE BUDGETED FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS AND MIH FUNDING POSSIBLY AS WELL. PIT COUNT FOR HOMELESS POPULATION WITH RESOURCE BAGS BEING PROVIDED BY HEALTH DEPT, SAME AS LAST YEAR.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR MARCH 26, 2026

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY ANGIE F., 2ND BY CARRIE B.