

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on February 2, 2021 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Scott Johnson, Ed Popp, Steve Heinen, Jared Gapinski and Beth Schlangen (virtual) present. Call to order by Chair Heinen was at 9:37 AM.

Gapinski/Popp to approve the agenda as amended—add item: consider stipend for volunteer nurses. Motion carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Popp/Gapinski to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2021 as written. Motion carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, explained that the Human Services Public Health unit has been hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics; due to limited capacity, Public Health staff have chosen to call upon *MN Responds* volunteers to help administer the vaccine. He stated “...we compete for those services with other counties...one of the things we can do, through our local public health grant, is use those dollars to pay a stipend to these nurses...hopefully, they will see that Benton County is being pro-active to try to bring these nurses to our county...staff foresees needing to host a large volume of vaccine clinics in the coming months...I would ask your approval to use our existing public health grant to pay them a \$60 stipend...” Johnson/Gapinski to pay volunteer nurses a \$60 stipend as incentive to continue to help in administering vaccine. Gapinski asked how many hours the volunteer nurse would work for the \$60 stipend (a typical clinic is about 4 hours in length); he further asked if the stipend amount could be increased if needed (yes). Heinen commented “...I do think this is a good start in the right direction...” Motion carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Chair Heinen adjourned the meeting at 9:46 AM.

Steven J. Heinen, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator