

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2020

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on December 15, 2020 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Ed Popp, Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen, Jake Bauerly and Spencer Buerkle (virtual) present. Call to order by Chair Peschl was at 10:00 AM.

Heinen/Popp to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Buerkle/Bauerly to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2020 as written. Motion carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Bob Cornelius, Human Services Director, explained that pandemic vaccination planning is a combined state and local responsibility that requires close collaboration between public health, health care, external agencies, and community partners; the proposed agreement covers all phases of vaccine distribution and administration that takes place before 06/30/2021 unless otherwise stated (\$24,0000 earmarked to facilitate vaccine distribution and administration in Benton County). Buerkle/Popp to approve the COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Grant Agreement with the MN Department of Health, effective December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried unanimously per roll call vote.

Chair Peschl expressed appreciation to Nicole Ruhoff for all her work in public health in Benton County over the last 8+ years; Nicole's last day of work at Benton County will be December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cornelius also expressed appreciation to Board members Buerkle, Peschl and Bauerly for their service to Benton County and wished them well in the future.

Chair Peschl adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.

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Chair, Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

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Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator