

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with Executive Order 202.1 issued by Governor Cuomo, dated March 12, 2020 and entitled,

CONTINUING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF LAWS RELATING TO THE DISASTER EMERGENCY (COVID 19)

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Thank you!

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Date: Monday, January 03, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

Location: **Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center & Zoom Conference Call.**

Present: **Davis, Grant**, King, Becker (1:08 PM – Zoom), Berwanger (1:02 PM), Roche, Roberts, Brick, May (1:00 PM)

Absent:

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; B. Ryan/Board Chair; J. Gozelski, T/Castile; R. Jacoby, T/Wethersfield (Zoom); B. Kehl, T/Attica; D. Granger, T/Gainesville; Brian Krawczyk, Larry Becker, Scott Gardner/Wyo. Co. Chamber of Commerce and Donna Davis

Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
1:00 PM Public Health w/G. Collins, L. Paolucci & J. Merrill			
<i>Several Supervisors, including Chairwoman Ryan stated they received calls both for and against accepting the below funding, many referring to their request not to take the bribe. Public Health Administrator Paolucci explained there is up to \$1M available to most counties. The steps Wyoming County is already taking are considered enforcement. Wyoming County continues to enforce the approved three (3) step process approved July 14, 2020 by Wyoming County Board of Supervisors resolution #20-290 (attached). Committee members agreed that the Health Department will continue to provide the community with education and “gentle” signage opportunities, when and wherever there is a need.</i>			
<i>At 1:00 PM Supervisor May, T/Orangeville entered the meeting during this discussion.</i>			
<i>Wyoming County Chamber President and CEO, S. Gardner and his staff were commended for messaging to member businesses during the pandemic. Complaints will continue to be addressed according to the above attached policy. Consistent complaints will be referred to the Health Department. Former Director of Environmental Health, S. Perkins has offered to continue to assist with this.</i>			
<i>At 1:02 PM Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade entered the meeting during this discussion.</i>			
<i>Public Health Administrator Paolucci alluded to the creation of a COVID-19 Compliance Coordinator and getting help with claiming. Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington questioned the opportunity to “pick and choose” only applying for funding for certain components of the grant. Public Health Admin. Paolucci responded affirmatively. Chairwoman Ryan, T/Warsaw stated that nothing will change from what the county is currently doing. Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica referred to the “bribe” but offered that if that funding will help to support what the county is already doing, we should take the money. PH Admin. Paolucci added that mask wearing this winter will be an important component to combatting the virus. The application step to this grant is non-binding. Great deal of confidence in S. Gardner to get the message out to Chamber member businesses.</i>			
<i>At 1:08 PM Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon entered the meeting during this discussion via Zoom.</i>			
<i>Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington was in favor of providing education to the public on the safety of the vaccine. Supervisor King, T/Pike questioned ramping up enforcement. PH Admin. Paolucci reminded everyone that the finer points of the grant application have yet to be ironed out but is opting for a “soft touch” approach.</i>			

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1. Grant Application: Authorize Chairman/Commissioner of Health to sign a grant application with New York State Dept. of Health, ESP, Corning Tower, Albany, NY, for funding of <u>"Mask or Vax"</u> outreach and enforcement; amount and term to be determined.		Motion: Grant Ayes: 9 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED

Signature of Committee Chairman: **p/J. Davis** (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Public Health Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 9:00 AM.**

Committee Chair Initials: _____