

**Fergus County Board of Health Meeting  
October 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.  
Sheriff's Office Basement Complex**

**Present:**

Donna Vantassel, BOH Vice-chair  
Lisa Robinson, BOH member  
Heather Thom, FCNO Director  
Marlo Thomas, FCNO Staff  
Bridger Giglio, SIT

Laurie Ray, BOH member  
Sue Irvin, Family Planning Director  
Amanda Rouse, DIS-FCNO Staff  
Jennifer Saunders, County Commissioner

Donna Vantassel called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda approved as presented.

**Public Comment on any agenda items:**

There were no comments.

**Approval of Board Minutes:**

Lisa Robinson moved and Laurie Ray seconded the approval of the July 24, 2023 Board minutes.

**Public Hearing:**

No Comments.

**Personnel Announcements:**

No announcements to present.

**Announcements/Reports:**

- Reports from Departments
  - Department reports were provided in the Board packets. There was discussion with the Nurses Office staff on the number of TB testing, types of animal bites and the number of patients and vaccines given for the month of October. Sue Irvin with Family Planning informed the Board about the Fergus County Wellness Program. She also reported about the "Your Life Speaks" presentation at FHS. Bridger Giglio, SIT, continues to study for the national exam to become a Registered Sanitarian. The testing will not be available online, he will have to travel to a testing facility.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

- Election for Board of Health Chair and Vice Chair election
  - o Lisa Robinson made a motion to elect Donna Vantassel as Chair. Laurie Ray seconded. Motion passed.
  - o Donna Vantassel made a motion to elect Laurie Ray as Vice-Chair. Lisa Robinson seconded. Motion passed.
  
- New building purchased for the Health Department
  - o The Fergus County Commissioners and Department heads are actively working on design plans with the design company. The goal is to have the plans go out for bid in March.
  
- There was discussion about the newly approved RSV vaccine. The Health Department will carry the vaccine for individuals 60 years and older. There was discussion about the Health Department offering it to pregnant women in the community or be provided by their primary care provider.

**Public Comment on Non Agenda Items:**

No Public comments

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Laurie Ray seconded. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: Marlo Thomas, FCNO

Approved by: Donna Vantassel DPC Date: 1/22/24  
Secretary: Marlo Thomas Date: 01/22/2024