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BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 2:00 p.m.

Benzie Community Resource Center-Ingemar Johansson Conference Room

6051 Frankfort Hwy.

Benzonia, MI 49616

Chairperson Gwenne Allgaier called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Dr. David Quimby – Leelanau County Member at Large

Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large-came at 2:03 p.m.

Gwenne Allgaier – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Mark Walter – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners-came at 2:52 p.m.

Len Mathieu – Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Members Excused: None

Members Unexcused: None

Staff Present:

Dan Thorell – Health Officer

Dr. Joshua Meyerson – Medical Director

Shelley Jablon – Director of Administrative Services

Michelle Klein - Director of Personal Health

Staff Excused:

Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health

Guest Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the September 23, 2026, Regular Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the September 23, 2026, BOH meeting minutes.

Seconded By: Quimby

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion By: Sauer to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Public Comment: None

Health Officer Update- Dan Thorell

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Accounts Payable

Motion By: Sauer to approve accounts payable and pay the bills in the amount of $296,305.77.

Seconded By: Mathieu

Roll Call Vote: Sauer- yea, Quimby- yea, Allgaier – yea, Kuiper – yea, Mathieu -yea

5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Immunization Fee Schedule

Motion By: Sauer moved to approve the reduction in the administration fee to $22.00 for VFC and self-pay consumers.

Seconded By: Quimby

Discussion: The administration fee was $23.00, but if someone paid by credit card, the 3% fee put the charge over the allowable amount. By lowering the administration fee to $22.00 for VFC and self -pay consumers, we remain under the allowable amount.

Roll Call Vote: Quimby- yea, Kuiper – yea, Allgaier – yea, Sauer – yea, Mathieu -yea

5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

Staff Reports:

Medical Director – Dr. Joshua Meyerson

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Personal Health – Michelle Klein

A report was distributed before the meeting. Please refer to it for details

Environmental Health – Eric Johnston

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details. Thorell presented for Johnston who was at a conference.

Administrative – Shelley Jablon

A report was distributed prior to the meeting. Please refer to it for details.

Public Comment – None

Board Comments – None

Adjourn

Motion By: Allgaier to adjourn the BOH meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Voice Vote: 5 yeas 0 nay 0 excused 0 absent Motion carried

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Gwenne Allgaier, Chair

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Sanna Johnson, Recording Secretary