# Rush County Health Board Meeting Minutes (April)

**DATE:** April 20, 2021  
**LOCATION:** Via Zoom  
**RECORER:** Julia Apple  
**CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM  
**TIME ADJOURNED:** 6:28 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Yager-Chairperson, Dr. Russell Daugherty-Health Officer, Dr. Jonathon LeSar, Vice-Chairperson, Sam Roller, Emily Ellis, PharmD, Jackie Getttinger, Geoff Wesling, Attorney

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beth West RN, Hannah Augsburger

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Julia Apple-Administrator/Environmentalist, Chuck Kemker-Preparedness/EMA, Dixie Meyer, RN, Alicia Hill, RN

## AGENDA ITEM

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<th>DISCUSSION/COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS</th>
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### 1. Review of Minutes
March minutes  
Chuck added to the Preparedness Update that he submitted an after action report. With that addition, it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### 2. Departmental Reports
March Departmental Reports  
Reports were sent by email to board members prior to the meeting for review.  
Departmental reports were approved as presented.

### 3. New Business

#### A. Office Arrangements
Sherry is on FMLA to June 18. With Sherry gone the office is down one full-time employee. Alicia was already training on office responsibilities.  
Staff members are working together to cover in her absence.

### 4. In Progress

#### A. Office Upgrades
Lighting to LED. Logo on door. New flooring in nursing office and new work stations. Upgrades funded from Dept of Health budget.  
Upgrades had prior approval of Commissioners and Council.

#### B. Dog bite Ordinance
Has been tabled.  
No activity.

#### C. Healthy Rush County
Jackie Getttinger is ready to feature Stagg's as the next local restaurant and plans to video how to use the park's new exercise equipment.  
Board is delighted Jackie is taking this on. This initiative fits with goal of a healthier county and addresses the obesity problem identified by our assessment.

#### D. COVID
Seeing more cases this month, particularly in the 20-40 yr age range. Vaccinations down but ample vaccination appointments available. J&J vaccination paused (2 local pharmacies giving) per recommendations. Three breakthrough cases after Pfizer vaccination. No hospitalizations. Rush County is currently a "Yellow" status.  
Continued work to educate, vaccinate and monitor situation. State continued to color code counties.
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<td>5. Old Business</td>
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<td>A. Stephens/Geise Case</td>
<td>Geise has not set an approved septic tank. Current tank is too small.</td>
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<td>To be sure parties are clear, Julia will draft a letter confirming the current status. Attorney Geoff Wesling will finalize the letter and send it.</td>
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<td>6. Emergency Preparedness</td>
<td>Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) signed. Had been approved, but not signed. Much added to plan as up to “L” annex. Have supplies. Mass clinic plan complete and sent to state. State has given extension on deliverables due dates.</td>
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<td>Will continue to update at monthly meetings.</td>
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<td>7. Adjournment</td>
<td>With no further business the meeting was adjourned.</td>
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<td>Date of next meeting was announced. Attendance by Zoom will continue to be an option.</td>
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Next meeting on May 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM