



**BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

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<b>Benton</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner McKay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Zaccaria, Administrator & BOH Executive Secretary
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Delvin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Amy Person, Health Officer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wight, Sr. Human Resources Manager
<b>Franklin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Didier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Jones, Sr. Finance Manager
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Mullen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Dawson, Sr. Surveillance & Investigation Manager
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Peck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carla Prock, Sr. Healthy People & Communities Manager
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janae Parent, Administrative Services Manager
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Elsethagen, Information Systems & Security Manager
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christopher Mertens, BFHD Attorney
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Johnson, Franklin County Administrator
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Paoli, Public Relations Consultant
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peyton Jones, Administrative Temp
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bonnie Hall, Billing & Contracts Manager
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annie Goodwin, Nutrition & Injury Prevention Supervisor
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shelley Little, Public Health Nurse
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Rivera, WSNA Union Rep
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annette Cary, Tri-City Herald

**CALL TO ORDER**

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Chairman Delvin called the meeting to order at 1:32p.m.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

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**Health Advisory Committee discussion – Chris Mertens & Jerome Delvin**

1. Chris Mertens, Attorney for the Health District summarized the Interoffice Memorandum (IOM) Re: Advisory Committee, regarding creating an advisory committee for the District Health Officer. There is no statute or case law that prevents the Board of Health (BOH) from creating an advisory committee as long as it is in accordance with State requirements.
2. Commissioner Delvin brought up House Bill 1152 and how it will require the restructuring of local health boards and the creating of an advisory board of the community that should be in effect as of July 2022. Commissioner Delvin further suggested that it would be better to wait for the legislature to approve the final bill before any changes are made.



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3. Commissioner Didier questioned who appointed Dr. Amy Person as the Health Officer and when that happened. Mertens responded that the Commissioners of the Board had appointed her. Dr. Person added that she had been employed as the Health Officer since October 2011.
4. Commissioner Peck agreed with Commissioner Delvin that no action should be made until House Bill 1152 is passed because of all of the changes that have been made.
5. Commissioner Small agreed to wait until the bill has passed and also mentioned the great frustration regarding how the State controls what goes on within the counties such as COVID-19, the windmills, and now deciding who can serve on the Board. Commissioner Delvin agreed with Commissioner Small on the frustration of the legislature not doing anything to reign in the Governor from controlling what goes on within the counties.
6. Commissioner Didier agreed to withdraw the motion previously tabled until the Bill is officially passed and there is a decision on how to realign the Health District in accordance to the House Bill 1152.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Chairman Delvin adjourned the meeting at 1:47p.m.

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Commissioner Jerome Delvin  
Chairman of the Board

*Signature on file*

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Jason Zaccaria  
Executive Secretary

