

**ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES | BUDGET MEETING
May 15, 2018**

The Echols County Board of Health met at the Echols County Health Department on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Evelyn Howell, Chairman		Dr. William Grow
Dianne Richardson, Vice-Chairman		Tad Williams
Brenda Corbett, Secretary		Teresa Giles
Lance Heard		Patrina Bowles
Bobby Walker		Aaron Darnell
		Rachel Rogers
		Vicky Carter

Call to Order

- Evelyn Howell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Public Comments

- Ms. Howell provided an update regarding the Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA) Meeting and Conference she attended in April.

Approval of February 20, 2018 Minutes (See attachment)

- Lance Heard made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting. Brenda Corbett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business:

Financial Information – Teresa Giles (See attachments)

- The Revenue and Expense Summary was reviewed. The budget is in good shape overall.
- The Echols County Board of Health’s FY2019 Budget was presented. There are funds left in supplies and lobby chairs are being considered. Ms. Rogers also mentioned a need to replace carpeting and to have the walls repainted.
- Evelyn Howell made a motion to approve the Echols County Board of Health’s FY2019 Budget. The motion was seconded by Lance Heard. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Health Updates – William R. Grow, MD, FACP (See attachments)

- Dr. Grow thanked Ms. Howell for attending GPHA conference.
- To update the Board, Dr. Grow announced that Senate Bill 329 did not get through legislation. The passing of this bill would have given the board sovereign immunity. The district is exploring obtaining liability coverage.

Nurse Manager’ Report – Rachel Rogers, RN

- The health department has completed 25 Ear, Eye, Dental and Nutrition check-ups for Pre-K and Kindergarten registration. Vision screening has greatly improved with the use of the new vision testing machine.
- Ms. Rogers announced her resignation as county nurse manager and expressed her great appreciation of the support the Board has given to her throughout her years of service to the Echols County Health Department.

Environmental Health Update - Aaron Darnell (see attachments)

- The Environmental Health Update for February 16, 2018 - May 10, 2018 was presented.
- Environmental fee increases have been in place since April 2018.
- Ms. Howell inquired about a complaint she received regarding staffing. Mr. Williams discussed how environmentalists are assigned to each county and how Georgia mandates rules governing septic tank requirements and why soil scientists must inspect sites with poorly drained soil before permits can be written.

Announcements

- Evelyn Howell announced the schedule for the next board of health meetings and expressed her interest in a pre-diabetic program she learned about at GPHA.
- There were no other announcements.

Adjournment

- Lance Heard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brenda Corbett. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Corbett, Board Secretary
Vicky Carter, Typist